

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the September 4, 2019 Meeting

In attendance: Chair Jena Rae McClure, Robert Fleischer, Renee Grutman, Ellen Kay, Chun Majahan, Richard Quiroga, Howie Sorkin
Board Liason Tina Hudson

Absent: Vice-Chair Melissa Megna, Anabelle Andon, Helen Cohen,

Guests: Principal Jackson Self, Renaissance Charter School of Cooper City

Meeting called to order at 6:23 pm by Jena.

Jena stated she understood that monies we have were only meant for the five public schools and do not include the charter schools. This does not include the grant money, which is specifically designated for the five public schools. We need to clarify whether the monies we have outside of the grant money applies to the five public schools or the five public schools and can include the two charter schools.

Action items: Jena to find out whether monies we have outside of the grant monies can be used for the charter schools as well as the public schools.

Chun sent an email to Tina in response to her email. She would like to change last months minutes to state we requested \$3000 instead of the customary \$5000.

Chun motion to approve last months minutes pending changes. Ellen seconded. Motion was passed.

Principal Self from Renaissance Charter personally brought and read a thank you letter in response to the check for the lunch delinquency fund that was donated to his school. EAB be received emails in response to all checks from every school.

We received a thank you from Mr. Becker from Embassy Creek Elementary for the grant for iReady.

Budget follow up: Jena will attend the September 10th commission meeting to submit the budget request for \$3000.

Board focus:

One of our major focuses has been our grant. What do we do if our grant money is cut? We would like to focus on teacher appreciation luncheons (divide money proportionally among the schools)

Renee suggested we do a theme. Chun suggested health education. Howie suggested bullying awareness. The committee thought that concentrating on bullying awareness was a great idea.

Chun suggested creating a survey to determine school needs. Principal self stated that the schools already had this in place. It was suggested that we attend SAC/SAF meetings and find out what the schools need.

Action item: Jena will go to SAC/SAF meeting

Principal self reached out to Nick Vujicic as a possible speaker for an event we may have later in the year. We discussed having an anti-bullying event in February or March. Venue in Cooper City is to be determined depending on the number of people that will be attending. Cooper City High auditorium, Pioneer Middle cafeteria, and Cooper City Hall were all discussed.

Action items:

Ellen to reach out to Antoni Carone for anti-bullying program

All to come back with any programs and costs, speakers, or content about anti-bullying.

Howie to find out about organizations that could set up tables at the event.

Chun brought up grant applications. She stated that we need to work on reshaping the grant proposal and clarifying and defining for people who are filling it out. There are many things on the grant proposal that are unclear and need to be defined. This is to go on a future agenda if grant funding is approved. Principal self suggested considering allowing grants to be extended to the Cooper City charter schools.

Jena motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Ellen seconded.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Cooper City Hall at 6:15 pm

The foregoing minutes were respectfully submitted by Secretary Ellen Kay and approved by Chairperson _____ on date ____/____/____