

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the October 2, 2019 Meeting

In attendance: Chair Jena Rae McClure, Vice-Chair Melissa Megna, Anabelle Andon, Robert Fleischer, Ellen Kay, Richard Quiroga, Howie Sorkin

Absent: Helen Cohen, Renee Grutman, Chun Majahan,

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Jena.

Minutes from August 2 and September 4 reviewed. Motion to approve minutes for August 2 made by Richard and seconded by Melissa. Motion to approve minutes for September 4 by Robert and seconded by Melissa. Both were approved.

Discussion was raised by Robert about whether money from EAB should go to Cooper City Charter schools. Points made were that Charter schools are corporate run, and not all students who attend are from Cooper City.

Commissioner Meltzer informed Jena that the grant money from the city to the EAB has been cut.

The EAB was given \$4000 by the City Commission and finance director for our budget.

In February, Mr. Robert Runcie will be attending the EAB meeting. We will be expecting a large turn out. Since this is the case, our anti-bullying event will need to be moved to March.

Information for anti-bullying event:

Per Howie's research, The Anti-Defamation League is working with Broward County schools. They would like an honorarium to come out and speak, but we need to give them a date. There is a form that needs to be filled out to get them to come. Another organization, Safe Schools of South Florida, also has people who will come speak. Howie knows the contact person, Robert Lupo. We are looking at approximately a one hour program to include any and all speakers.

Action items:

Jena to check with Tina on what's happening in Cooper City on the March 4 meeting date that might impact the anti-bullying event.

Howie to bring the speaking engagement request form from the ADL to the next meeting

Ellen To contact Antoni Corone or his wife for information about what programs he has to offer concerning anti-bullying.

Upcoming school events:

October 30: Walk to school

November 7: Read for the record (Readers need level 2 clearance through Broward County Schools as a volunteer to participate)

All Cooper City board members are being asked to share with the commissioner who appointed them how things are going on the board. The board members of the EAB feel the commissioners should be checking in with the appointees, not the other way around. The Commissioner's e-mails can be found on the Cooper City website.

The next meeting, scheduled November 6, will be in the Cooper City High School auditorium

Jena motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Ellen seconded.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Cooper City High School Auditorium time TBA.

The foregoing minutes were respectfully submitted by Secretary Ellen Kay and approved by Chairperson Jena McClure on date 12 / 4 / 19