

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the April 3, 2019 Meeting

In attendance: Chair Jenna Rae McClure, Annabelle Andon, Helen Cohen, Robert Fleischer, Renee Grutman, Ellen Kay, Chun Majahan, Richard Quiroga, Howie Sorkin
Commissioner Howard Meltzer
Board Liason Tina Hudson

Absent: Vice-Chair Melissa Megna

Meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm.

New member to committee, Richard Quiroga, was introduced and welcomed.

Motion to approve minutes by Helen. One change to minutes: add Dania Beach to Kiwanis in section with coupon books. Approval seconded by Richard Q.

OLD BUSINESS:

Founder's Day: We made \$170 on the basket raffle, and \$12 on the Kiwanis books. Griffin Elementary was the only school that did not donate a basket. Cooper City Elementary donated two baskets, and all other schools donated at least one basket.

NEW BUSINESS:

The schedule for summer meetings will be as follows: our last meeting for this year will be in May, the June and July meeting will be cancelled, and we will pick back up August 7, 2019. Motion was made by Annabel, seconded by Renee.

New Head of Security at Broward County Public Schools: Jena Rae attended a session where the new head of Broward County Schools Security (Brian Katz) was a speaker. She said he seems to be very good. Renee suggested we kick off our year (second meeting in September) by inviting him to speak. Helen recommends that people become familiar with actual policies that need to be put in place. Cooper City schools pay for their own school resource officers, however this is not the case for all schools. Robert noted he observed the Pioneer Middle School Security Officer on his cell phone. Security is lapsing in the Cooper City schools. Jena Rae will call the new head of security and invite him to speak to our meeting. This event will need to be highly publicized. **Chun suggested to prepare or allow a Q&A with the new head of security.**

Little Free Libraries: We have four little free libraries. They are at the Community Center, the Cooper City Sports Complex on Stirling, the Cooper City Pool and Tennis Center, and Tamarind Park. The Educational Advisory Board needs to maintain the libraries. This means straightening, weeding etc. Helen will take two and Jena Rae will take two for the month of April.

Grant Application: We received one grant application that needs to be scored. The EAB scores the application and sends it into the city management to be approved or not. The fiscal year ends September 30 and grants must be scored and funded by the end of the fiscal year.

The application we received was for a refurbishment of the Cooper City High School baseball scoreboard. It was submitted by Paul Megna. We scored the submitted grant. The final number of points on the scored grant was 14. The committee questioned whether 14/35 points was a favorable recommendation. The consensus was no, however we will still submit the application. A motion to approve was made by Helen, and seconded by Ellen.

The committee was concerned that there is not enough specific information about how matching funds should be defined in the grant application to make a fair decision in terms of awarding points on the application. Next month, we will discuss criteria for the grant. We need to come up with more specific criteria and bring our ideas to the table.

Motion was made by Jena to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm, and seconded by Ellen.

One piece of important business was forgotten, so meeting was reopened at 7:44.

NEW BUSINESS:

\$182.00 will be deposited into our escrow account (money from basket raffle and Kiwanis coupon book sale at Founder's day)

Motion was made by Howie to re-adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, seconded by Helen.

Next meeting:

May 1, 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 ____/____/____