

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the May 21, 2019 Meeting

In attendance: Chair Jenna Rae McClure, Annabelle Andon, Helen Cohen, Robert Fleischer, Ellen Kay, Richard Quiroga,

Commissioner Howard Meltzer
Board Liason Tina Hudson

Absent: Vice-Chair Melissa Megna, Chun Majahan, Renee Grutman, Howie Sorkin

Guests: Angel Gomez (SBBC Government Affairs Coordinator), Gail Silig (Principal, Griffin Elementary), Deborah Chmura (Reading Coach, Griffin Elementary), Robert Becker (Principal, Embassy Creek Elementary), Matthew Scott (Science teacher, Pioneer Middle School)

Meeting called to order at 6:21pm by Jenna.

Minutes were read and reviewed. A motion to approve minutes from April 3rd with revisions was made by Helen and seconded by Richard. A motion to approve minutes from May 1st was made by Helen and seconded by Ellen.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Angel Gomez introduced himself to the committee. He is the acting principal at Piper High School, as well as Government Affairs Coordinator for Broward County Schools. He will send his information to Tina for the board to access. He is our liaison to the school board. He will answer questions through Tina and Melissa so we can all remain informed. His email is Mr.Gomez@browardschools.com. If you email him he sure to tell him your name and that you are on the Cooper City Education advisory board in the email.

Grant applications:

Questions were asked by the board members to Ms. Silig and Ms. Chmura about the grant applications that were submitted by Griffin elementary school. The district does not pay for iReady. iReady is used for promotion criteria, as well as remediation in reading and math. Mr. Becker from Embassy Creek was also available to ask questions about his school's grant application for iReady. With iReady, there has been growth

shown in students with disabilities. iReady is flexible to the needs of the children, and it changes every year.

Tina asked the schools if they would be able to raise funds if we could not fully fund their grant. The schools responded affirmative.

Annabelle stated there is no Clearinghouse data concerning iReady. Principal Becker stated that iReady offers a great deal to his school.

The committee questioned Mr. Scott from Pioneer Middle about his grant application. According to Mr. Scott, there was no additional funding besides the school general budget for his application. Pioneer went to the district and state Robotics competitions. He explained that students design robots to do what the competition requires. Pioneer received a grant through the district to fund the original robots for the program. Mr. Scott also explained that individual parts can be purchased if needed. There are 70 students in the robotics club, and he is trying to introduce Robotics into his classes. Parts for robots can last for up to 10 to 15 years, except for the batteries. This is part of the STEM curriculum.

Principal Becker requested that Jenna send him the EAB agenda, because he wants to get a principal involved with the EAB.

As of today's date, we have \$24,600 left in our budget. It is the responsibility of the city manager to decide which grants get funded and how much.

Application #1: Embassy Creek iReady:

Total score: 18.6

The committee voted to give the application a favorable recommendation.

A motion was made to send the application to the city manager by Anabelle, and seconded by Helen.

Application #2: Griffin Elementary Airphone

Total score: 18

The committee voted to give the application in favorable recommendation.

A motion was made to send the application to the city manager by Helen, and seconded by Richard.

Application #3: Griffin Elementary iReady

Total score: 19.1

The committee voted to give the application a favorable recommendation.

A motion was made to send the application to the city manager by Robert, and seconded by Ellen.

Application #4: Pioneer Robotics

Total score: 18.5

The committee voted to give the application in favorable recommendation.

A motion was made to send the application to the city manager by Annabelle, and seconded by Robert.

The board voted favorably for all four grant applications. All four applications will be submitted to the city manager. Funding will be distributed in the order of applications received, with partial funding for the last application.

At 8:01 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Richard, and seconded by Helen.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, August 7, 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 ____/____/____