

**CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

PEMBROKE PINES, FL

January 5, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chairman Prescott on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:06 P.M. at Charter Elementary Middle School, West Campus, 18500 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, Florida. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Secretary Borgstrom called roll and declared a quorum.

2015-2016 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chairman Prescott, Members McVey, Sylvester, Razza and Granda;
Alternate

Member Francis

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Levy, Members Rundell, Garcia, Madabhusi and McGovern,
Alternate Members Dawkins, Reyes and Bucknam

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller; Erik Gutierrez, Lead Registrar;
Principals Bass, Chance, Castellano and Libidinsky; and Board Secretary
Katherine Borgstrom

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jonathan Bonilla reported for the City Manager. He reported the 2014-2015 Charter School System Budget Audit is now available to be viewed on the City website (ppines.com) under the Finance/Charter School System. He also spoke about preparing the 2016-2017 budget and requested the board to meet on Tuesday, June 7 for the presentation of the budget, so it can be approved by the City Commission on June 15.

Mr. Bonilla introduced Erik Gutierrez, who has been hired to be the lead registrar. Mr. Gutierrez will oversee the Lottery for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Gutierrez informed the parents that the enrollment Lottery will be open from January 20 through March 20 and that currently enrolled students must be re-enrolled on line through the lottery. For each student re-enrolled a family will receive one hour credit for their

volunteer hours. He also spoke about re-assignments being based on need and availability and that all re-assignment requests would now also go through the on-line registration process.

Jonathan Bonilla spoke about fundraising. He reported that the “Can We Make A Deal” fundraiser in December has netted \$40,000 for the school system and that dress down days continue to be popular, having raised \$9,600 to date this year, and the SOS pledges total \$39,000. He reminded parents they can receive credit for their volunteer hours if they assist in any fundraiser event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Granda, seconded by Member Sylvester, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 Regular Meeting, as received, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members McVey, Sylvester, Razza and Granda;
Alternate

Member Francis

NAY: None

Motion Passed

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

On a motion by Member Rundell, seconded by Alternate Member Bucknam, to excuse Vice Chairman Levy, Members Rundell and Garcia, and Alternate Members Bucknam and Ryes from the January meeting, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members McVey, Sylvester, Razza and Granda;
Alternate Member Francis

NAY: None

Motion Passed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Castellano spoke about testing dates and parents were given a sheet listing all upcoming testing dates for elementary and middle school students. He spoke about the A+ Funds and that although the school grade had not been issued, a committee is working on the voting by staff to determine the distribution of the funds when they are awarded. He stated that next Monday, January 11, at 5:00 PM in the SW Regional Library the Elementary Middle School Advisory Board will have a special called meeting to approve the vote by the elementary and middle school staff, that will be presented to the City Commission on January 12, 2016 for final approval, which must come before February 1, 2016.

Mr. Castellano also went over the January events for all campuses and announced the Teacher of the Year and Non-Instructional Employee of the Year for each campus. They will be recognized at a ceremony on February 11 at the River of Grass.

OPEN FORUM:

Parent Brent Swanson related his concerns about the September 11 curriculum that was presented to his kindergarten level student. His concerns centered around the curriculum being what he considered too graphic for a young child and may cause fears in the children, especially if they have parents who fly often to travel. He asked that staff reconsider their curriculum for that remembrance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Communication:

Vice Chairman DeArmas of the Charter Academic Village Advisory Board was in attendance and reported on their December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Member McVey, seconded by Member Granda, to adjourn the meeting, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members McVey, Sylvester, Razza and Granda;
Alternate

Member Francis

NAY: None

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted

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ADJOURNED: 6:45 P.M.
APPROVED: 2/2/2016