

**CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD
PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

February 8, 2016

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD** on February 8, 2016, in the SW Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Chairman Richmond called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board Secretary called roll and declared a quorum.

2015-2016 CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chairman Richmond. Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Pacini (6:15 PM), Costa, Cruz, Horan, Reynoso, and Kahn; Alternate Member Garrido

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla, Erik Gutierrez, Lead Registrar Principal Peter Bayer and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla spoke about fundraising. He reported on dress down days and parent pledges to date. He spoke about the up-coming events, including the Taste of Pines on February 18 at SW Focal Point Center, the Mayor's Golf Tournament on March 25 at Pembroke Lakes Golf Course, and the 5K run on April 3 at Flamingo Park. He reminded parents they can receive credit for their volunteer hours if they assist in any of these fundraiser events.

Mr. Bonilla introduced Erik Gutierrez, Lead Registrar. Mr. Gutierrez reminded the parents that the enrollment Lottery will be open until March 20 and as of February 8 59% of the enrollment is filled. He also reminded parents 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 but these must be made by February 20.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Cruz, seconded by Member Costa, to accept the January 11, 2016 minutes as received, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Chairman Richmond, Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Costa, Horan, Cruz, Pacini, Reynoso, and Kahn; Alternate Member Garrido

NAY: None

Motion passed

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

There were no requests for excused absences.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer stated that eight spring sports teams are already playing or will begin by the end of this week and there is great excitement among the students. He reminded parents that on Thursday, February 11 there will be a recognition ceremony at the River of Grass Auditorium for all the campuses of the Pembroke Pines Charter School System for the Teacher of the Year and Non-Instructional Employee of the year. Parents and students are welcome to come and recognize these individuals for their achievements. Mr. Bayer spoke about testing coming up, with most of it falling in the fourth quarter of the school year. Due to the success of the block schedule and the testing scheduling demands that were evident last school year during testing, the fourth quarter will see the block scheduling go to four days per week. This means there will be one day with the six-class schedule and then two days of the even-class schedule and two days of the odd-class schedule. Staff believes this will enable test scheduling to

plan and run more effectively and efficiently. This will enable more students to be in a testing situation at the same time and will allow for a lighter proctor load for teachers, as more test times can be consolidated due to the block schedule. He also emphasized this block scheduling is still under study and at the end of the fourth quarter students and parents will again be offered opportunities for feedback, in order for staff to make decisions about next year's class scheduling.

Mr. Bayer introduced Mr. Alvarez, who was at the meeting representing Chartwells. He spoke briefly, informing the parents and board members about the continued work Chartwells is doing to provide excellent food choices, where information about menus and feedback information could be found.

OPEN FORUM:

Parent Maryann Diest-Zieman, who has a child at West Middle, asked about the high school level of out of state field trips. She raised the concern that not all of the eighth graders at West Middle were able to participate in the Washington DC trip and wanted to know if there was a Washington DC trip offered at the high school level. Mr. Bayer answered her concerns, indicating that there are many grade level field trips and opportunities at the high school level, both in academic interest and in sports and club areas. Damian Eiletz asked if the block scheduling will continue next school year which Mr. Bayer replied is still to be determined. Shabana Ame asked if the school recommends any particular private SAT and ACT prep classes to the parents to which Mr. Bayer suggested talking with other parents for recommendations, getting together a group to take it at the same time and place therefore perhaps they might offer a discount, and that there are flyers in the front office for several companies offering the prep courses.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Communication Effort: Member McVey of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board is in attendance tonight and reported on their February 2, 2016 meeting. Member Pacini also attended the meeting.

June Regular and Budget Meeting:

On a motion by Member Cruz, seconded by Member Pacini, to move the June 13, 2016 meeting to June 6, 2013 for the 2016-2017 Charter School Budget presentation from the City Manager's Office, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Chairman Richmond, Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Costa, Cruz, Horan, Pacini, Reynoso, and Kahn; Alternate Member Garrido

NAY: None

Motion passed.

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned at 6:41 P.M.
Approved: 3/14/2016