

February 5, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Vice Chairman McGovern, on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 6:03 P.M. at East Elementary Middle School Campus, 10805 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, Florida. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Secretary Borgstrom called roll and declared a quorum.

2018-2019 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Vice Chairman McGovern, Members Crute, Pfeiffer and Martinez-Reyes Osorio, Razza and Garcia; Alternate Members Baranwal, Dawkins, and McVey

ABSENT: Chairman Martinez, Members Gill and Sylvester; Alternate Members Hernandez and Russell

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Ortis, Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzalez, City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla, Principals Augustin, Chance, Castellano and Libidinsky, Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Frank Ortis thanked parents and board members for their continue involvement in the Charter School System. He spoke of recent concerns in the City that the Commission is working on with the State and other governmental groups. He talked about the Peace Day at the Dream Park, attending Honor Roll Ceremonies at various campuses, and the great turn out for the Light Up the Night event just the prior weekend. He spoke about the vigil that will be held at Charles F. Dodge City Center on Thursday, February 14th, beginning at 6:30 PM remembering the students, families, and staff of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School on the one year anniversary of the mass shooting on that campus. He encouraged everyone to attend and to continue to

speak with their students and any concerns, fears, or problems they may have in continuing to process this event.

Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzalez, spoke also about the vigil, stating that information was going out through the school system emails. He spoke about the continuing 2019-2020 budget process, the need to watch for now what the new governor will propose for school funding, and asked the board to be prepared to meet with him on Tuesday, June 4, to hear the budget presentation. He also encouraged everyone interested in the financial reporting of the charter system to visit the City website and find the quarterly report for the charter system. He did state that currently the budget to actual is basically balanced. Mr. Gonzalez mentioned that an RFP will be going out to vendors for a GPS system that will be placed in the charter system school buses. The purpose would be for a home based tracking app that will allow parents to know that their child has boarded the bus for morning or afternoon delivery. The system would have the student swipe a card when they enter the bus and then the parent would have assurance the student was on the bus headed either for school or home. Questions from parents concerned if the app would have a cost to the parent and how soon would it be implemented. Mr. Gonzalez stated both those areas are part of the RFP and it would be based on the vendor's response, recognizing the vendor would have an equipment cost to put on the buses, so he cannot give an answer to those issues until the vendors have replied with their proposals.

Mr. Gonzalez also wanted the parents to be aware that the City has lobbyists at the state and federal level and they do work on legislation that will benefit schools. He also stated that the security capital project at the Academic Village should be complete

in a few months and then the FSU and West campuses should be completed by September. The Central and East campuses will have work begin shortly after that. Questions from parents concerning school bus fleet and the capital outlay funds from Broward County were answered by Mr. Gonzalez. He stated the bus fleet has been well maintained and that there have not been need for replacing a large amount of buses, but that is always in the future planning. On the capital funds issue, Broward did release the fund after the 2018 legislature passed a bill requiring they share those funds and this year the state has taken control over these funds and will be dispersing them statewide.

Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller, spoke about enrollment lottery for 2019-2020 that will continue through March 10 and reminded parents they will need to use the lottery system before March 10 to reenroll their students for the fall. Due to the fact that the Charter System does not receive the same capital funding percentages as traditional district schools, Mr. Bonilla spoke to the importance of continued fundraising. He gave results of parent donation letter, dress down days, the recent Walk A Thon, restaurant donation events, and the business community donations to date. He also encouraged everyone to purchase their tickets for the Taste of Pines.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Member Pfeiffer, seconded by Member Dawkins, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting as received, passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A motion by Member Osorio, seconded by Member McVey, to excuse the absences of Chairman Martinez, Members Russell, Sylvester, Hernandez and Gill, passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Augustin introduced Giselle Rodriguez and Pearl Hoden, who presented a report on technical training courses being added to the curriculum in elementary and middle school level, looking to future employment paths for students. They took questions from board members and parents concerning their report.

Principal Augustin spoke congratulated the FSU campus for having the largest number of parents and students involved in the Light Up The Night event last weekend. She also spoke about the February 14 vigil and that the schools are focusing on kindness and service. She stated study dates for FSA testing will be sent out soon.

OPEN FORUM:

Member Osorio had questions concerning security specifically for the February 14th date at the schools and it was stated that the principals would be meeting with Mr. Dodge and the Chief of Police this week to discuss additional security for that day. Alicia Crute had a question about mental and emotional issues brought on by this anniversary are recognized and there is a list of resources for parents in the information going out about the vigil.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Communication: There was no member of the Charter Academic Village Advisory Board present and no member of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board attended the January meeting of the Academic Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman McGovern adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

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ADJOURNED: 7:15 P.M.
APPROVED: 03/05/2019