

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

April 12, 2021

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD** on Monday, April 12, 2021, in the City Clerk's Conference Room at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida. The Charter Academic Village Advisory Board is holding a "virtual" meeting using communications media technology ("CMT"). City hall is currently closed to the public due to the Covid 19 coronavirus pandemic and health alerts from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Governor Ron Deantis' executive order 20-316 extended the Florida state emergency Order for another 60 days effective December 29, 2020. The City of Pembroke Pines utilizes the Cisco WebEx virtual platform. This will be a **VIRTUAL** meeting for all attendees. The City will provide a WebEx link for all individuals to attend the advisory board meeting virtually and for parents to qualify for the volunteer hours.

Chair Padron called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. Board Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum. All stood for the pledge.

2020-2021 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chair Padron, Vice Chair Pacini, Members Levy, Reynoso, Kahn, and Razza, Alternate Member Cairo (all via WebEx)

ABSENT: Members Costa and Guzman, Alternate Member Arik

ALSO PRESENT: City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla, Principal Bayer (via WebEx) and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller, spoke about fundraising efforts and thanked the parents for their continued support through the parent donation. He reported that the Just Salads promotion will continue each Sunday through the first Sunday in May,

noting that 25% of all orders that date will be donated to the charter foundation, plus parents can receive one volunteer hour credit for each receipt. There will be a restaurant fundraiser on May 12, from 3pm to 9pm at the [Ishilima Restaurant, in the Costco plaza](#). Mr. Bonilla reported that the lottery closed on March 10, registrars have been verifying information and the lottery will be run for possible new students later this week. The results will begin to be announced next week. The Charter Foundation has announced and is running a raffle for a Florida Pre-paid College Scholarship with a value of \$28,000. There are 1000 tickets available for \$100 each to be included in the raffle. The raffle will end on May 14 and the winner will be announced on May 19 at the City Commission meeting. This is a great way to support the foundation and multiple family members are eligible to purchase the raffle ticket. There is a link on the school website and the ticket can be purchased online.

MINUTES:

A motion by Vice Chair Pacini, seconded by Alternate Member Cairo, to approve the March 8, 2021 minutes as received passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A motion by Member Levy, seconded by Alternate Member Cairo, to excuse the absence of Vice Chair Pacini from the March meeting passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer spoke about the state FSA testing has begun. There are basically 12 students per classroom and teachers are proctoring tests and teaching classes. He acknowledged their extra efforts for testing and thanked the teachers for their cooperation.

He showed a slide of Senior Activities:

- Jersey Pickup will be April 15, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the gym.
- Senior Awards will be virtual, May 8, 6:30 PM, school website
- Senior Sunset will be May 15, 7:00 pm to 10:00 PM (this is prom) outside on campus, there will be food, games, photos, senior crown, music. Dress is semi-formal
- College tradition – ringing the bell upon college acceptance – any morning in May at 8:00 AM. There is a sign up available
- Cap and Gown Distribution will be on June 1 and 2, time to be announced. Students pick up their cap and gown, throw senior jersey in tree (photographers will be on hand for this) drop off textbooks and laptops, and pick up yearbook
- Graduation will be June 4 at Charles Dodge City Center – time to be announced

On the matter of graduation, Mr. Bayer stated that Broward traditional schools are using the outdoor stadium in north Ft. Lauderdale and only allowing two tickets per student, but they did not include the charter school in this schedule. There is concern that this venue would be very hot and/or rain would occur during the scheduled ceremony at an open stadium. He stated they had searched for a venue, but none were available or adequate for the size needed to have students and two tickets for parents. The City Center auditorium management offered a seating chart, going by CDC guidelines and it would only allow for students, school chaperones, and City leaders to have appropriate spacing. Mr. Bayer stated he spoke with senior class student leaders

and many expressed they would like to have one time together as an entire class, even if it meant there were no parents in the room. The school will provide a live-stream of the entire ceremony that can viewed live and downloaded later to save.

Mr. Bayer addressed a safety alert from the prior week and stated that the Pembroke Pines Police Department had handled the situation and there was no continuing problem. Mr. Bayer asked the board to approve the Election Timeline for the 2021-2022 Advisory Board, which will begin next week with nomination forms being sent out to parents and Meet the Candidates session at the May 10 meeting.

A motion by Vice Chair Pacini, seconded by Alternate Member Cairo, to approve the Election Timeline for 2021-2022 Advisory Board members passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Parents spoke in the forum about their disappointment concerning the graduation event and asked for a second look at other venues and/or having several ceremonies in order to have at least two parents able to attend the ceremony. Parents are to email hpena@pinescharter.net to report attendance at this meeting. The recent state information concerning FSA testing impacting student assessment was discussed. Mr. Bayer addressed homework on weekends, taking FSA writing test on computer (typing), if the EOC testing will still count as 30% of the final grade and AP class teacher availability. He also confirmed that Broward District had informed all schools that seniors had to attend school through June 4, due to the number of hours for class required by the state, but that senior exams would still be given as previously planned, the last week of May. Those who spoke were Cheryl Camara, Member Levy, Vice Chair Pacini, Rami Onole, Carmen Velazquez, Leslie St. Surin, Barbara Mansfield, Ingrid

Zovluk, Henry Sever (Senior Class President), Lunaee Alvarez-Lasarte, Humberto Pacini, and Christy Williams.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 P.M.
Approved: May 10, 2021