



City Hall Commission Chambers
3650 NE 12 Avenue
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

MINUTES
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016, 5:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the School Advisory Board of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Naylor.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Lew Naylor, Chair
Narciso Cherson, Vice Chair
Jack Donnelly, Board Member
Jameson Mercier, Board Member
Jonathan Owens, Board Member
Summer Cortes, Student Member

Also Present:

Heidi Burnett, Staff Liaison
JoeAnn Laura, Board Secretary

1. Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2016 and August 22, 2016

Student Member Cortes moved to approve the minutes from May 23, 2016 as written. Board Member Donnelly seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following votes:
YES: Vice Chair Cherson, Member Mercier, Member Owens, Member Donnelly, Student Member Cortes, Chair Naylor.

Vice Chairman Cherson moved to approve the minutes from August 22, 2016 as written. Board Member Mercier seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following votes:
YES: Vice Chair Cherson, Member Mercier, Member Owens, Member Donnelly, Student Member Cortes, Chair Naylor.

2. Public Comments – At this time any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City Business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

Public arrived after this time and had comments after Liaison Updates.

3. Items to be Considered Board Member Assignments

1. The two new members Jonathan Owens and Jack Donnelly introduced themselves and were welcomed to the board.
2. School Coverage Assignments were determined as:
 - Chair Naylor will provide coverage for North Andrews Gardens Elementary and Northeast High school.
 - Vice Chair Cherson will provide coverage for Floranada Elementary School.
 - Board Member Mercier will provide coverage for Lloyd Estates Elementary School.
 - Board Member Owens will provide coverage for Oakland Park Elementary School.
 - Board Member Donnelly will provide coverage for Rickards Middle School.
3. Election of Officers
Each member is eligible to become either Chair or Vice Chair of the School Advisory Board and it will be determined at the meeting on October 24, 2016.

4. Board Member Reports

Student Member Cortes reported on Northeast High School:

1. Homecoming Game is Friday September 30, 2016, with the dance the following Saturday October 1, 2016.
2. September 14, 2016 the Band held a fundraiser at Tijuana Flats raising \$337.00. September 23, 2016 Student Government held a fundraiser at Chipotle raising \$789.00.
3. On October 6, 2016 Instant Decision is being held on campus. Colleges will provide an instant admission to their schools to students who qualify.
4. Student Government is hosting a raffle fundraiser and concession sales at the homecoming football game, to raise money for the Honor Flight which sends Veterans to the Memorial in Washington DC.
5. They have a new 8 block instructional schedule that allow for 7 classes and a study hall. Both Students and Teachers have positive feedback about the new schedule.

Vice Member Cherson reported about Floranada Elementary School:

1. The first School Advisory Council meeting was well attended, approximately 60% parents. Election of officers took place, where Mr. Cherson will act as a part time School Advisory Forum Member representing the exceptional students.
2. The School Improvement Plan was discussed: parent input will be covered at the next meeting as well as; improvement of the cafeteria, dismissal plan, student interviews and student parent contract.
3. Floranada is now rated a "C" school based on the new State of Florida guidelines. New initiatives to work with the lower 25% are being implemented such as parent involvement and training as well as the possibility of the assessment tools; Learning Literacy Initiative & Accelerated Reader.
4. Parent-Teacher Association, PTA, kick off was September 8, 2016, they are expected to be very active and involved.

5. The book "Don't Forget Your Homework" by Principal of Rickards Middle School Washington Collado was brought up and is a concise explanation of the process of student to educator to district level of Broward Schools.
6. A successful Educational Drumming Program was hosted on September 26, 2016.

Board Member Mercier reported on Lloyd Estates Elementary School:

1. School Advisory Council meeting was held on September 20, 2016.
2. Now rated a "C" school based on new State guidelines, 44% of the school made gains.
3. Discussion is taking place for the allocation of Plus Money given to the school based on rating improvement.
4. Enrollment is at 579.
5. Parent input on the final two options for the bond money allocation was sent out.
6. Inspections for the roof and fire system taking place, as it may need to be addressed as a part of the bond money.
7. A motorcycle cop on campus to assist with parking and dismissal is present, however parents complaining about being cited.
8. District released new APP where you can track your child on your phone and you can see not only their grades, but what they had for breakfast and lunch and well as other pertinent information.

Chair Member Naylor reported on Northeast High School:

1. The school will receive 15 million in bond dollars, however it is taking an extreme amount of time to see any of the money put to use. Chair Naylor and Mayor Lonergan met with School Board Member Brinkworth and expressed the displeasure, they were told the bids have gone out and contractors are being selected, so the improvements should be moving forward.

Chair Member Naylor reported on North Andrews Gardens Elementary School:

1. School Advisory Council meeting took place on September 22, 2016.
2. Discussed last year's plan and results. They dropped to a "C" rating, due to low scores in 5th grade science.
3. Digital 5 and Digital 4 School, laptops for each child in the 5th and 4th grades, where 5th graders can take them home, however 4th graders leave them on campus. This allows the children to partake in the Microsoft 365 opportunity, where each child can use the program on 5 different devices.
4. Chair Naylor is pushing for a way to provide Microsoft 365 Program information to all students, as it is not being utilized, as well as an instructional night for the parents.
5. The partnership with the Urban Farmer is continuing.
6. Enrollment budgeted at 908, currently enrolled at 915, with 200+ students out of boundary.

NOTE: Chair Naylor advised our new members to attend the School Advisory Council of their assigned school and obtain information like they heard from the other members this evening and to form a relationship with the school principal to receive any important information if they should be unable to attend a meeting.

5. Staff Liaison Updates

Liaison Burnett:

1. Shared with new members the important roles as a Board is to serve as a presence of the City of Oakland Park in our schools and encouraged them to see her at any time to discuss.
2. The 12th Annual Oktoberfest will be this weekend, September 30th- October 2nd, partnering with Funky Buddha, Central Bark, Switchbox, Kelvin 3200, and Big Dog Saloon, to create a true Oakland Park event.
3. Student of the Quarter is an initiative where each school selects a student to be recognized by the Commission and will begin in October along with Character Counts initiative created by the City of Oakland Park After School Program.
4. Bruce Garrison the Volunteer Program Manager has created programs for our local schools:
 - a. Vision Works- Will screen the entire school and students who are in need. They will receive a voucher for a full screening at one of their locations and if determined they need glasses, they will be provided at no cost.
 - b. Shear Brilliance- Free Hair Cut vouchers from Oakland Park barbers and salon will be given as a reward to those students who are in most need.
5. School Board members have been invited to the December 14, 2016, Commission Meeting to talk about the bond money updates.
6. Crossing guards throughout Oakland Park are the same as years past, as well as the school resource officers of Northeast High School and Rickards Middle School, with no change in funding.

NOTE: Liaison Burnett reminded the new members that the School Advisory Board meets every 4th Monday of every month with the exception of June and July, as school is not in session so the board does not meet

6. Other Business/Next Meeting Next meeting, Monday, October 24, 2016

The board asked about a Mobile Wi-Fi bus to provide free internet to the community. Liaison Burnett informed the board that they are extending the Wi-Fi availability into the city parks and public buildings.

The Board asked about bringing the city afterschool programs and staff into the school campuses rather than in their own buildings. Liaison Burnett informed the board that our current program is very robust and extremely affordable, and even provides transportation from our surrounding schools to our sites.

The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2016.

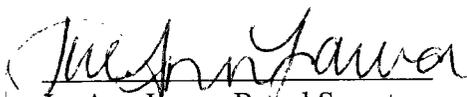
Chair Naylor recognized Mrs. Sharon Steven-Buitrago to update the Board on Oakland Park Elementary

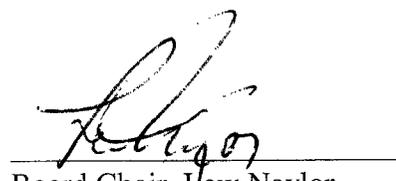
- Mrs. Sharon Steven-Buitrago, 5th grade teacher at Oakland Park Elementary School gave the following update:
 1. Oakland Park Elementary is a Digital 5 school and each 5th grade is provided with a laptop for students to take home.
 2. Each classroom has been retrofitted for a stronger Wi-Fi signal.
 3. School is now rated “F” due to new state guidelines which resulted in the extended school day.
 4. Literacy initiatives are focused and the extra hour is on phonics.
 5. Ms. Steven-Buitrago is the School Advisory Council Chair for 2016-2017.
 6. Parent-Teacher Organization is going to be revamped and revitalized.
 7. Attended the Gifted Symposium took place at Pompano Beach High School, to help meet the needs of the gifted students to help with the school rating.
 8. Learning.com is a new training program on October 11, 2016, that the teachers bring back to the schools.
 9. School City Assessment to help with the lower level students.

- The Board requested that Principal Garcia of Oakland Park Elementary School come to the next School Advisory Board meeting to explain any causes or new initiatives due to the new rating of “F” so the Board can better serve as ambassadors of our schools in the community. Liaison Burnett agreed and will reach out to Principal Garcia.

ADJOURN

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at: 6:06 p.m.


JoeAnn Laura, Board Secretary


Board Chair, Lew Naylor