

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BOARD
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

R E G U L A R M E E T I N G

MEETING DATE: July 1, 2019
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
TIME: 5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Knight called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Staff liaison Mrs. Meeks took Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raiko Knight, Ross O'Connor, Eric Camacho, Kae Jonsons,
Cheryl Haywood, Sarah Hough, Penny Butler-Schillinger,
Barbara Stark

MEMBERS ABSENT: Laurent Kushneriva, Marjorie Waldo, Alison Kaufman,

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

- A. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2019 were before the Board for consideration. Mr. Camacho made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Stark. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PRESENTATION: None

IV. SAC Reports: None

V. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. **Banyan Creek – Family Engagement Pilot Project:** Mrs. Hough stated that Banyan Creek had approximately 80 parents attend their Kindergarten round-up. This year they changed their process and included a parental involvement component. They handed out the summer reading bags and explained how they are to be used over the summer to prepare their child for school. They asked the parents to work on 25 sight words. They will see if the bags were successful as they will test the students on the site words and use Reading Running Records.
- B. **Summer Schedule:** The Board discussed possible meeting dates for August and determined Wednesday, August 7, 2019 to be the best date to obtain a quorum.

VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Workshop Education Board Direction for FY 2019/20

Ms. Meeks introduced a list of priority areas for Board consideration that aligns with goals and policies of the Education Element of the Comprehensive Plan. She requested that the Board consider which ones are the most important for the Board to focus on for next school year. The Priority Areas are:

1. Work towards increasing 3rd grade reading proficiency
2. Produce a trained workforce
3. Increase the attractiveness of schools in City of Delray Beach
4. Work with School District to help schools to help students improve learning and grow emotionally
5. Provide opportunities for the community to engage on educational efforts

After a short discussion, the Board determined that Items 1 and 2 above were the most important areas for the Board to support. The Board listed the following Goals and action steps to work on for this upcoming school year. Ms. Meeks stated that she would bring this item back at the next meeting to discuss and finalize. She also suggested that the Board prioritize the list which will determine topics of discussion for upcoming meetings.

Goal 1: Reduce the number of students absent from school

- a. Work with Area Office to establish attendance is a key priority for the Delray Beach schools
- b. Host a Principal Roundtable meeting to discuss attendance and best practices
- c. Reintroduce the Perfectly Punctual Campaign at the elementary schools
- d. Create Partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.
- e. Participate in the National Attendance Works Awareness Campaign "Attendance Matters".
- f. Track longitudinal data over 3 years to see if progress was made.

Goal 2: Increase the number of children ready for Kindergarten

- a. Explore how to expand on Delray Reads Day to include pre-school programs
- b. Explore opportunities to expand V-PK and early childhood programs

Goal 3: Continue to stem summer learning loss for low-income children and increase the number of children making reading gains.

- a. Host a Kick-off to Summer Journey's Reading program
- b. Host an end to summer event to celebrate Journey's summer reading program
- c. Create Journey's video vignette's for art projects and reading to help support new camp counselors
- d. Create a summer rubric for fidelity for implementation
- e. Continue to track data

Goal 4: Support programs for social and emotional wellbeing of students

- a. Host Education Board presentations which focus on agencies who are providing services for social and emotional wellness.

- b. Investigate the new program the School District is implementing entitled Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child.
- c. Implement peer mentoring programs at several elementary schools
- d. Advocate for all schools in Delray Beach can be selected for the social emotional curriculum that builds "connectiveness".

Goal 5: Increase number of children attending an afterschool and/or summer camp program

- a. Investigate "academic" transportation for families to and from summer camp and field trips (Palm Tran, Trolley, City)
- b. Determine if there is capacity in the afterschool and summer camp programs and if there is a demand to provide additional programming
- c. Finalize gap analysis for Afterschool programs of services being provided

Goal 6: Increase number of parents participating in their child's education

- a. Track results of pilot program at Banyan Creek to determine if the learning bags provided to parents over the summer helped with sight word recognition.
- b. Engage the Community Class-room Project to provide family engagement programs open to the public and how the Education Board could assist.

VII. COMMENTS BY STAFF: None

VIII. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

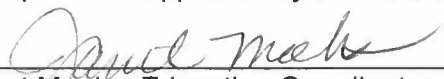
Ms. Jonsons stated that she was looking for sponsorships for the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Education Breakfast which will be held on August 8th at 8:00 a.m. at the Golf Course. The featured Keynote speaker Tony Carvajal will be talking about early childhood and workforce readiness and how the two relate to each other.

IX. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Hoskinson stated that he was going on a few site tours to monitor the Journey's reading program. He wants to what he can do to enhance the program for next year such as producing video's to show how the crafts are made for the less seasoned councilors.

- X. ADJOURN:** There being no further business before the Board, Mr. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10.

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Education Board, and the information provided herein constitutes the Minutes of the Meeting of said body, for the July 1, 2019 meeting, which was formally adopted and approved by the Board on September 9, 2019.


Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator