

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: November 5, 2018
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
TIME: 5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Camacho, Kae Jonsons, Raiko Knight, Sarah Hough,
Marjorie Waldo, Edward Whalen, Laurent Kushneriva,
Hope Sargent, Ross O'Connor
MEMBERS ABSENT: Alison Kaufman, Barbra Starks, Cheryl Haywood, Penny
Butler-Schillinger

I. HEALTHIER DELRAY BEACH

Lauren Zuchman, Healthier Delray Beach (HDB) introduced herself and gave a short overview of the mission of Healthier Delray Beach. She stated that HDB is a behavioral health and wellness initiative that is funded through Palm Health Care. The Community determined which area of health they wanted to work on and behavioral health was a top priority for Delray Beach Residents. Palm Health Care provided a million-dollar grant to start the initiative and the money is allocated at \$200,000 a year for 5 years. They are in their 4th year of funding. The program is run by a steering committee that has 17 members and 4 work groups with 35 people from the community. This is a resident driven program. HDB has been determining who and what they are through a series of community meetings and it was the consensus of the community that the priority area for HDB to focus on in the City would be the same geographical area of "The Set". HDB conducted a survey that 500 people responded to and the information was ranked with 4 resulting areas of focus: Awareness, Equity, Access, and Community Capacity Building.

HDB is also focused on Trauma Informative Care and will be providing "cozy corners" in several schools to help children deal with stress. Materials will be provided such as pillows, books and toys for children to comfort themselves. The program will also provide training the teachers. If it is successful, they will provide this service to all schools. They also have a teen program at Atlantic High school and Village Academy. She invited everyone to attend their upcoming community meeting.

II. ED-VENTURE CHARTER SCHOOL

Barbara Fitz introduced herself as the principal of the school. They specialize in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) for students that don't quite fit into the traditional school setting. The class sizes are small and the ESE students are ages 15-22. They provide vocational training while at school. The school helps with math and reading skills and they graduate with a regular diploma. They help students with disabilities to become responsible and productive citizens. Ms. Fitz provided the Board with several

testimonials from her students and she brought cookies that were made by her students. She also mentioned that they have a catering service.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. **Sac Reports:** It was determined that SAC reports take too long at Board meetings and that member should send their reports to Janet to compile on Friday before the Board meeting.
- B. **Subcommittee Reports:** It was determined that sub-committees were not effective due to Board time commitments. In the future, the Board will select their top 3 to work on at the regular scheduled meetings. The GLR group presented their preliminary information and flow chart they were working on. Ross was working on creating an excel sheet for the afterschool gaps chart, and the Family engagement group talked briefly on how to proceed with their assignment. They will be coming back in December to report on how they feel the \$5,000 should be spent.
- C. **One the Table/GLR Recap:** The Board agreed that both events were great and everyone learned a lot. There was some interest in possibly hosting another education conversation sometime in the next year. Ron Fairchild really helped to refocus the group around the importance of doubling down on early childhood and to make sure that we were aligning and scaling our programs. The National Campaign is creating a new data base that everyone can share their best practice.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ADJOURN: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Education Board, and the information provided herein constitutes the Minutes of the Meeting of said body, for which Board on November 5, 2018 was formally adopted and approved by the Board on January 7, 2018.


Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator