

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: January 6, 2020
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room
TIME: 5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. ROLE CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raiko Knight, Ross O'Connor, Penny Butler-Schillinger, Caryn Sipersten Klein, Vivian Koppelman, Barbara Stark, Cathy Reynolds, Cheryl Haywood, Alison Kaufman, Eric Camacho

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Hough

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

A. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2019 were not ready for approval.

IV. PRESENTATIONS: Census 2020

Sandy Goodman, from the Census Bureau provided information on Census 2020. He stated there is less than 60 days before people will start receiving their envelop in the mail to be counted. The Census Bureau believes that at least 85% of people will respond to the invitation online. They believe reasons for not responding will be apathy, fear and misinformation. Last time, the County was undercounted by at least 300,000 residents most of which were children which relates to almost a billion dollar revenue lost for the County.

The Census will allow 10 days for response on-line and if there is no response a second letter will be sent to the household, and if there is still no response, a paper questionnaire will be provided and after that they will get a "knock on the door". There is a campaign to "stop the knock". The County lost about 70% of the seasonal count. The biggest group not counted were the children so this year the Census is working with the school districts to get the word out in a variety of ways using homework assignments and parent information.

The Education Board suggested that we try to coordinate a school night when all our schools will be open from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. so parents can come in and get help to be counted. Ms. Reynolds suggested March 30th and will bring it up at her next principal

meeting. There is also a strategy being put in place for Churches to host Census Sundays. It was noted the City's hashtag is #Count me in Delray!"

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Early Childhood Advocate: The Board discussed the importance of being an early childhood advocate. Ms. Butler provided her thoughts on what being an Early Childhood Advocate meant to her:

As early learning education advocates, we believe in:

- Recognizing the role of home, schools, and community organizations as they prepare and provide good preschool education for our DB children.
- Finding unique opportunities to learn about the important relationships among parents, educational professionals, and community providers.
- Working with the community and city officials to find the best resources and opportunities for our children in the community.
- Working with early learning childhood education professionals who have the knowledge, resources, and experiences to help the Board influence city and county officials in ways that others cannot.

It was stated that 40% of the children in Delray Beach schools were not ready for Kindergarten. The Board discussed the creation of a memo to the Commission informing them about the importance of early childhood readiness and that they will be promoting and supporting strategies around this goal for 2020. Ms. Butler agreed to help write the memo off-line with the Education Coordinator.

B. Early Childhood Project: This item was postponed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Education Report Framework: Eric Camacho did some research on how the report should be drafted to the City Commission and proposed a document that would include the format of 1) What is the Purpose, 2) Background, 3) Implementation or ask to move plan forward 4) effect. He felt that the the document should be actionable. However, it was noted that some could just be factual such as enrollment, shifts in programming, etc. This item will be continued to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

VII. COMMENTS BY STAFF: NONE

VIII. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

- Ms. Koppleman stated that she spoke about the Census at her SAC Meeting, and handed out a paper on the importance of leadership and their need to recognize systems injustice's.
- Ms. Knight stated that Spady was analyzing their I-Ready Scores

- Ms. Reynolds stated Plumosa School of the Arts is reviewing their I-Ready scores and they have received a 21st Century grant which helps with literacy.
- Ms. Kaufman invited everyone to attend Space of Minds Fundraiser and opening of their Community Classroom project. The name of the event is “Pub at the Hub”!
- Ms. Haywood provided information on the Wayne Barton summer camp program and some of the activities that will be provided.

IX. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: NONE

X. ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Board adjourned 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 January 6, 2020 meeting, which was formally adopted and approved by the Board on February 3, 2020.

Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator