

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: October 5, 2020
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting - Teams
TIME: 5:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Penny Butler-Schillinger, Kae Jonsons, Ross O'Connor, Rebecca Andre, Caryn Siperstein Klein, Kristen Cairns, Barbara Stark, Debbie Tanner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Reynolds,

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes for the March Meeting were not ready for approval.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Meeks introduced herself and asked the Board members if they would take a minute to introduce themselves. It was noted there are two vacancies that will need to be filled, and we were glad to have several new Board members added this year!

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

By the majority vote of the Board:

- **Chair:** Penny Butler-Schillinger
- **Vice-Chair:** Ross O'Connor
- **Second Vice-Chair:** Kristen Cairns

VI. SCHOOL SAC ASSIGNMENTS:

One of the duties of the Education Board is to be assigned a school to sit on the schools – School Advisory Council (SAC). The purpose is to create relationships and exchange of information.

Atlantic	Penny
Carver	
Banyan Creek	
Orchard View	Ross
Pine Grove	Kristen
SD Spady	Debbie
Plumosa School of Arts	Cathy
Village	

VII. STATE OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION:

While the Board had created a strategic plan over the past year to implement this year, COVID-19 requires a new discussion. While we were working on making measurable progress we are in a new era of “Covid-19 slide” and “learning loss recovery” mode. The needs to shift its focus based on the what the new information and data is telling us.

Enrollment is down in our public Schools. There is a total of 6710 students that are attending a Delray Beach Public School and of that number 4037 students live in municipal boundaries. This is approximately 400 less students enrolled from last year. Of the 4037 students living in the boundaries 3649 or 90% are on the Free and Reduced lunch program and 1428 or 35% are not connected to the internet or live in an area of the city that has reliable internet connectivity. The School Districts web site provided the following attendance of students that had logged on for distance learning as of the September 14th (2 weeks after school started).

School	Attendance %	# children	Total School Enrollment
Atlantic	79%	440	2101
Carver	91.2%	80	913
Banyan Creek	89%	96	897
Orchard View	84%	84	550
Pine Grove	79%	76	375
SD Spady	80%	112	554
Plumosa School of Arts	90%	59	576
Village	78%	161	744
Total:		1108	6710

The Board also discussed data that the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading Learning Loss Recovery information and if children did not have in-class instruction before January 2021:

HOW BAD WILL IT BE?

In June 2020, McKinsey & Company estimated that, if in-class instruction does not resume until January 2021:

- **All students will lose ground** — 3–4 months if they receive average-quality remote instruction, 7–11 months if they receive lower-quality instruction and 12–14 months if they receive no instruction.
- **Low-income students will lose the most** — more than 12 months.
- **Children of color will lose more learning than white children.** Black students are likely to lose 10.3 months and Hispanic students 9.2 months. McKinsey estimates that these losses will exacerbate existing achievement gaps by 15–20%.

SOURCE: www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-and-social-sector/our-insights/covid-19-and-student-learning-in-the-united-states-the-hurt-could-last-a-lifetime

The Board had a short discussion regarding the information presented. It was discussed that approximately 50% of the students would be coming back to campus – bricks and mortar. The school day is a “belled schedule” meaning it’s a full school day. There are issues with connectivity, but distance

learning will continue with in-class learning as well. The Board discussed the need to focus on 2-3 strategies to help with learning loss recovery that are attainable and should be presented to the City Commission at some time in the near future. Ideas included better branding and marketing, internet connection, pod learning, community involvement and working closer with the Chamber of Commerce. The Board determined that they would continue their discussion on specific strategies at the next meeting and would individually do some research on their own.

- VIII. **COMMENTS BY STAFF:** School District will be presenting the Digital Divide Inclusion project at the City Commission Meeting of October 6th and they are encouraged to watch it at 4:00 p.m. .
- IX. **COMMENTS BY BOARD:** The Board requested the next meeting to be conducted virtually, but move the time to 5:00 p.m.
- X. **COMMENTS BY PUBLIC:** NONE
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M.