

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 2, 2020
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: South Office Complex
TIME: 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2020 were before the Board for consideration. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Jonsons. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business:

A. Learning Loss Recovery Challenge:

Ms. Meeks briefed the Board on the Learning Loss Recovery Challenge Presentation that she would be presenting to the City Commission on November 17, 2020. She explained the 4 focus areas: Awareness, Attendance, Learning Pods and Parental Involvement. These 4 areas were selected based on data and areas noted as concern. The Board had a short discussion about the presentation. Each Board member was assigned a focus area to research and provide feedback at the next meeting on ways that the City can address the focus area. Ms. Meeks stated that she could send links with back-up information for the focus areas for Board members to get started.

Assignments: Awareness: Penny and Kae; Attendance: Ross and Beck; Learning Pods: Kristen and Barbara; Parental Involvement: Cathy and Debbie.

B. Delray Reads Day Follow-up:

Ms. Jonsons gave a summary of Delray Reads Day. The program was conducted virtually this year. The City in conjunction with the Delray Chamber Education Committee distributed over 1,600 books for the elementary schools so each child in pre-k, kindergarten and first grade could take a book home. The Mayor read the book and it was posted on the City's Facebook page. There were also a few community members that read the book and posted their video on Facebook during the day and Page Turner Adventures hosted their storybook hour at 4:00

p.m. The Library posted their storybook hour at 6:30 p.m. and it has generated over a 1,000 views. She hopes that next year, Delray Reads Day will be back in person.

C. Digital Inclusion Initiative:

The School District presented the Digital Inclusion Presentation to the City Commission and was looking for matching grant dollars to purchase the Wi-Fi Extenders. The Community Redevelopment Agency agreed to fund a portion of the project as a majority of the households that needed the service was located in their boundaries. The funding agreement between the City and the CRA is now going through the process. The extenders should be distributed in January or February 2021.

V. New Business:

A. Social Media Platform Strategy:

The Board was asked to submit 3-4 education slogans to be considered from the last meeting. After a short discussion, the Board created a short list of their top 3 for consideration. After a majority vote of the Board, the slogan "Elevating Education in Delray Beach" was selected. Ms. Meeks will work with the City's Public Information Office to create a logo and framework for the Education Board to have a greater presence on Social Media.

- VI. **COMMENTS BY STAFF:** Ms. Warren indicated that she will need 45 minutes at the next meeting to provide a Sunshine Law Presentation. She also inquired if the Board had review their by-laws in the past 2 years and the Board answered yes.

VII. COMMENTS BY BOARD: NONE

VIII. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC: NONE

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 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 2, 2020 was formally adopted and approved by the Board on December 4, 2020.

Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator