

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 4, 2021
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting - Teams
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, Debbie Tanner, Barbara Stark,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristen Cairns, Caryn Siperstein-Klein, Cathy Reynolds

GUEST: Sandra Edwards, Nadia Stewart, Jackie Bolivar (Carver Middle School)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2021 were before the Board for consideration. Ms. Tanner made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Stark. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION:

Principal Sandra Edwards presented to the Board information on Carver Middle School. She stated that she has been at Carver for 3 years. Carver Middle was named after George Washington Carver and is an IB school. This year they are partnering with Atlantic High School and working with their AP and Principal to enhance the IB program at Carver. They also have a strong AVID program that helps students with college and Career paths. They also promote STEM programming. All programs work together and complement each other.

Carver was recognized this year for the first time as a 5 Star School. Greta Britt, the Community Outreach staff member made that happen. They are currently teaching to students Virtually and Brick and Mortar. There is approximately 170 kids on campus. Carver wants to participate with the Board more often and build a relationship and communication is essential. Ms. Steward wanted to know what the City's interest is and how Carver can help.

Mr. O'Connor asked how middle school enrollment was this year? Ms. Edwards answered that they have approximately 60 students less this year from the year before but that is somewhat normal. He also asked if there are any teaching gaps to be filled? Ms. Edwards tries to hire the right teacher to work with ESOL students and teachers that meshes with the students. How can the City help you? Ms. Stewart needs help with marketing Carver and "retweet" their social media posts. They need help in recruitment for their school as they have several choice programs. Carver needs a music teacher but don't have the money to fund the position. Ms. Stark stated that Milagro had a partnership with Carver and the City several years ago with a dance program and maybe she could reach out to the city to see if they could create a partnership for a music

teacher and Milagro has the teachers. Carver has limited electives. No resource for music so students who play an instrument in elementary school gets skipped in middle school and has to be picked up again in high school. Ms. Jonsons asked about the competition with middle school slots with Village Academy which has a competing program. What is the average absenteeism rate. What are you experiencing? Their Deans are working with the students and do daily drawings for prizes such as door dash lunches. The City could help to incentives. It was suggested that the attendance campaign focus at students versus focused towards parents for middle school students. Some students are failing, and the school will be sending letters to parents this week asking them to send their child back to school.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Social Media:** Ms. Jonsons stated that the Board should e-mail Ms. Meeks with ideas. We can have 2 social media posts a month and we should try to promote each school which is 8 posts a year plus advertising the beginning and end of school year so it doesn't take long to fill all the spots. Mr. King stated that logo's have been developed by the PIO. The Board voted on the second logo which is 3 books stacked with the tag line to the right. A schedule of post a few months out would be good.
- B. **Attendance:** No additional information at this point. Its up to the parents to get their children to school and creating a learning pod is not going to help. We might want to consider working with private entities to work on attendance. He wished there was extra resources.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SAC Reports:

- **S.D. Spady** - Ms. Tanner stated that their SAC discussed the data and test they were taking and will start tutoring later in the day virtually to help with attendance.
- **Village Academy** – Ms. Johnsons stated that Village SAC discussed the new programming at the Historic Carver site that was presented by Dr. Robinson. She suggested that Ms. Meeks send out the PowerPoint that discussed the larger footprint and curriculum which will include a heavy emphasis on STEM.

- VII. **COMMENTS BY STAFF:** Mr. King stated that he enjoyed meeting everyone and wished everyone a happy new year!

- VIII. **COMMENTS BY BOARD: NONE**

- IX. **COMMENTS BY PUBLIC: NONE**

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.