

**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 7, 2019**

Present	Absent
Dr. Daniel Derrico	Mitchell Anton
Carol Fischer	Mari Khoury
Jacqueline Grant	Emily Kriger
Donna Greene	
Matthew Laskowski	
Dr. Joel Levine	
Allan Libero	
Cheree Liebowitz	
Grahm Rubin	
Ellen Suppa	
Dr. Kathy Thomas	

\*Arrived after meeting began.

**Staff**

Clay Milan – Staff Liaison

Peggy Eads – Administrative Assistant 1, Community Development Division

**Non-Members**

None in attendance

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The presence of a quorum was noted and Dr. Derrico called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Attendance was taken and it is noted above.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Derrico asked if there were any comments or changes to the November 19, 2018 minutes. Ms. Liebowitz **motioned** to approve the minutes, Mr. Libero seconded the **motion** and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice **vote**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and Action on Education Grant Proposals from Teachers for the 2018-2019 School Year**

Mr. Milan stated that the Grant Proposal Subcommittee had met to review the proposals. Also in attendance was Coco Burns, Program Director for Broward Education Foundation. He went on to note the spreadsheet handed to the members with the subcommittee's recommendations for funding to the full Committee. The recommended grants totaled approximately \$16,800.00. The remaining \$3,200 would be used to fund adaptor grants in March, or possibly sooner. Mr. Libero **motioned** to approve the funding recommendations made by the subcommittee. Ms. Liebowitz seconded the **motion** and it was unanimously approved by voice **vote**.

### **Discussion and Action on the Education Advisory Committee's 2018 Annual Report**

Ms. Greene and Dr. Levine pointed out some grammatical errors in the report, including adding the word "shared" to the November meeting summary. (Hollywood City Commissioner Richard Blattner shared his insights on the selection process). After general discussion on the Annual Report, the Committee agreed to make the following changes:

- Under accomplishments, make "Facilitated a Public Forum involving candidates for Broward County School Board District 1" the number one accomplishment.
- Add an additional objective to Goal 1: Continue to advocate for the city's financial support of expansion of the Reading Pals Program to additional schools in Hollywood.
- Under Goal 2, remove the first objective, "transmitting a letter to the City Commission urging their support of the Gifted Program", since that was accomplished.
- Under Goal 3, remove both objectives and replace with "Reestablish a subcommittee to collaborate with BCPS staff and Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr." Remove the objective regarding a PowerPoint presentation.
- Under Goal 5, objective 2, replace "create and distribute" with "advocate for", and under the same Goal, objective 3, change "on a project" to "projects".
- Under Goal 6, change punctuation back to the way Dr. Levine had submitted it.
- Ms. Fischer made a **motion** to add Goal 7: Make recommendations to the City Commission on ways to improve Hollywood public schools, with five objectives, including improving physical appearance, implementing new and innovative academic programs, obtaining more business and community support, increasing funding and providing additional positive public relations support. Ms. Suppa seconded the **motion** and it was unanimously approved by voice **vote**.
- Under the first issue, "Constraints on state and local funding for Broward County Public Schools that inhibit staffing and student achievement", change the word "inhibit" to "impact" and add "resources."
- Under the third issue, add "in schools that serve Hollywood."
- Under the fourth issue, change "local area" to "in the Hollywood area".
- Under the fifth issue, add "and how schools are evaluated at the state level".
- Change the last issue to say: The high teacher attrition rate and its impact on the education system.

Dr. Derrico suggested the Committee invite a representative from the Communications, Marketing, and Economic Development (CMED) department to come to a meeting to discuss how their department can work with the Committee to improve the quality and availability of information regarding the schools.

The Committee discussed the importance of curb appeal (first impression) of schools and the surrounding buildings and areas, especially the middle schools. They then discussed the many issues facing teachers today.

The Committee then discussed the relationship of the goals and objectives to the issues and accomplishments. Ms. Greene suggested inviting the Charter School Liaison for Broward County Public Schools to an upcoming meeting. Mr. Laskowski asked what are the trends in Hollywood related to charter schools and traditional schools. The Committee discussed this issue.

Mr. Libero **motioned** to accept the 2018 Annual Report as amended. Ms. Greene seconded the **motion** and it was approved unanimously by voice **vote**.

**Member Comments**


Ms. Fischer asked if Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr would be asked to attend an upcoming meeting. Mr. Milan replied that he would be asked.

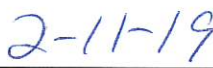
**Staff Report**

Mr. Milan reminded the Committee that the February meeting will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> and will be in Room 421. He went on to say the City had held an Education workshop featuring Superintendent Runcie and that several Committee members had attended.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Liebowitz made a **motion** to adjourn. Mr. Laskowski seconded the **motion** and it was unanimously approved by voice **vote**. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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