

**CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD
PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

February 9, 2015

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD** on February 9, 2015, in the Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Chairman Richmond called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board Secretary called roll and declared a quorum.

2014-2015 CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chairman Richmond, Members Pacini, Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Member Garrido

ABSENT: Vice Chairman DeArmas, Member Brookner, Alternate Member Goldstein

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dodge, Assistant City Manager Gonzalez, City Comptroller Bonilla, Principal Bayer and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Dodge gave an overview of the upcoming legislative session. He reported that the 2015-2016 State Budget has provided for an increase in the per student monies, which will see an increase of state funding to the charter school system of approximately two million dollars for next school year. He also indicated that the City representatives and the Superintendent of Broward Schools are in continuing talks, which Mr. Dodge is hopeful will bring a new level of cooperation between the charter school system and the district system.

Jonathan Bonilla gave a brief update on the Save Our Schools fundraising efforts. He provided some printed materials with information on upcoming events and the current status of the funds for the board members and parents. He also encouraged all parents to seek volunteer opportunities at the upcoming spring events, not only to help raise funds and to enjoy the events, but also as a means by which parents could obtain their required volunteer hours.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Cruz, seconded by Member Picini, to accept the January 6, 2015 minutes as received, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Chairman Richmond, Members Pacini, Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Member Garrido

NAY: None

Motion passed

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

On a motion by Member Picini, seconded by Member Schieren, to excuse Vice Chairman DeArmas from this meeting, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Chairman Richmond, Members Pacini, Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Member Garrido

NAY: None

Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported on the activities for the coming month for all students and gave an update on teams involved in state and district finals. He reported spring sports teams are now also involved in training and games. Mr. Bayer announced that the Teacher of the Year ceremony will be on Thursday, February 12, at the River of Grass auditorium and that the Academic Village High School and Middle School winners will be presented at the next board meeting. He reminded parents about using the on-line lottery for registering for the next school year and that the SPAR report is available on the school website. Mr. Bayer spoke about the recent lockdown situation and emphasized that due to the nature of the alert, being at 6:30 AM, as students were on the way to school, the staff is redoubling their efforts toward effective communication with parents. Setting up a phone text alert process for parents has already been suggested, in addition to the email system already in place. His emphasis was on the fact that the concern for the alert spreads so quickly through social media but it still takes time to be sure if a concern or threat is real, thus that may not allow for total explanation of situation as quickly as parents would prefer. Chairman Richmond and Members Schieren and Garrido praised Mr.

Bayer, the school staff, and the Pembroke Pines Police Department for their quick response and continued recognition that the safety of all staff and students as the paramount standard for use of caution. Chairman Richmond also asked for an update on the school grade appeal. Mr. Bayer stated that the appeal was sent to the county and Broward County District Schools have forwarded the appeal to the state and hopefully there will be an answer before spring break.

OPEN FORUM:

Michael Hew, parent of high school student, asked about the re-enrollment process and how information had been sent. Mr. Bayer replied it had gone out the Jupiter grades and emails, and that reminders would continue to be sent. Members Cruz and Pacini both reported the lottery system is user friendly and that the parents should receive a confirmation that the enrollment was processed.

Steve Pressman, parent of high school student, spoke about the Health Fair information he had received that requested donations of coffee, high sugar snacks, and donuts. His concern, as a parent and business owner of Pill Box Medical, was the request for such unhealthy snacks, with the awareness of childhood obesity in the nation. Mr. Bayer responded that the requested snacks were actually for the workers of the health fair and not for the students. Mr. Pressman stated he is looking into providing healthy snacks for the school system.

Rose Forbes, parent of high school student, praised the charter school system for the experience her student has received because of dedicated staff and administration.

Aetmira Roquebert, parent of high school student, reported that her daughter, who graduated from the charter school system in 2012, is having great success in college, due to the teaching and preparation she received through the charter school years, and will be continuing to get her PhD in the future.

Julia Harris, parent of high school student, requested the deadline for re-enrollment, which Mr. Bayer stated is March 20.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Communication:

Member Bucknam of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board was present and reported on that board's February meeting. He also reported that the board members are working to increase parent awareness of making donations to the SOS fund.

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

On a motion by Member Cruz, seconded by Member Schieren, to adjourn the meeting, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Chairman Richmond, Members Pacini, Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Member Garrido

NAY: None

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 P.M.
Approved: 3/9/2015