

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

March 9, 2015

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD** on March 9, 2015, in the Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Vice Chairman DeArmas 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: Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Members Garrido and Goldstein

ABSENT: Chairman Richmond, Members Pacini and Brookner

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant City Manager Gonzalez related information concerning ongoing talks with the Broward District School Superintendent Runcie, the budget process for the 2015-2016 is underway and he reported great success of the "Can We Make A Deal?" fundraiser, which raised close to \$20,000.

He spoke about upcoming events in March and April for fundraising which include the City Fair and the Mayor's Golf Tournament. He encouraged parents to volunteer for these events as a great way to earn their parent donation hours.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Cruz, seconded by Alternate Member Goldstein, to accept the February 9, 2015 minutes as received, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Members Garrido and Goldstein

NAY: None

Motion passed

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

On a motion by Member Schieren, seconded by Member Cruz, to excuse Chairman Richmond and Member Pacini from this meeting and Member Brookner and Alternate Member Goldstein from the February meeting, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Members Garrido and Goldstein

NAY: None

Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer announced the Teacher of the Year for both middle and high school and the non-instructional employee of the year. There are: Diana Bivona, Academic Village Middle School Teacher Of the Year; Jennifer Alongi, Academic Village High School Teacher Of the Year; and Alicia Torres, Academic Village Non-instructional Employee Of the Year.

Mr. Bayer reported on the activities for the coming month for all students. He reported that the baseball team will have the opportunity tomorrow to play an exhibition game against Mater Academy on the Miami Marlin's stadium field and about 200 students will be participating in that field trip. He gave a brief update on the FSSA testing situation and reported it appears to be getting the problem ironed out for the computer based testing. Mr. Bayer also gave an update on the school grade appeal, stating that state has reviewed the appeal and have revised the school grade to an A. Mr. Bayer presented the 2015-2016 Advisory Board Election Timeline to the board and asked that they approve it to go forward with elections of advisory board members for next school year. The timeline is as follows:

Charter Academic Village Advisory Board
Advisory Election Timeline
For Advisory Board to serve 2015-2016

March 10, 2015 Email Nomination Form

April 2, 2015 Nomination forms submitted by 3:00 pm.

- April 13, 2015 Meet the Candidates Session at Advisory Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
- April 15, 2015 Email Ballots
- May 1, 2015 All Ballots must be received at the High School and Middle School by 3:00 pm.
- May 11, 2015 New Board Announced
- June 8, 2015 New Board Members sworn in at start of meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

Parent Nemo Foss has an issue with his 11th grade daughter being able to use the weight training facilities. She is on track team and the issues are arising due to the misbehavior of the boys. Mr. Bayer requested he send an email with the information so it can be handled between the parents, teacher, and administration.

Parent Marisabel Reballabo has an issue with grades and assignments not being posted by some teachers in a timely manner on Jupiter Grades and also how the teacher assigns group projects. The parent expressed concern that some students do not participate at the same level as other and the geographic barriers that can prevent students from gathering together to work on the project. Mr. Bayer requested she send an email with the information so it can be handled between the parents, teacher, and administration.

Alternate Member Goldstein asked about reports of recent vandalism to the turf on the football field and Mr. Bayer stated they are working with the manufacturer of the turf to obtain the best solvent to use, in order to not damage the turf material.

Vice Chairman DeArmas requested Mr. Bayer addresses the requirements to pass FSSA in order to advance to the next grade, which he did, also stating that these requirements can and will mostly change each year as the End of Course Exams and the FSSA testing phase out the FCAT testing. Parents Julia Harris also inquired about FCAT vs FSSA requirements for graduation and Mr. Bayer stated the best course of action was to get in contact with the guidance counselor, who could best navigate the requirements for that particular student.

Parent Fiona Harris requested Mr. Bayer address the reasoning behind the addition of the middle school to the academic village campus.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015-2016 Advisory Board Election Timeline

On a motion by Alternate Member Goldstein, seconded by Member Cruz, to approve the 2015-2016 Advisory Board Election Timeline as presented by administration, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Members Garrido and Goldstein

NAY: None

Motion passed.

Joint Communication:

Member Brown of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board was present and reported on that board's March meeting, with additions from Vice Chairman DeArmas, who also attended the meeting. Mr. Bayer addressed the athletic team situation for the middle school students at the Academic Village, stating those middle school students fall under the same school number, assigned by the state, as the high school and thereby, can participate in varsity level sports. Due to the high numbers of students who want to participate in team sports, these teams are being re-evaluated at the middle school level in order to give as many students as possible the opportunity to participate in team sports. This issue had been brought up in the Elementary Middle School Advisory Board meetings, also.

Members were reminded about the Annual Report to the City Commission and that if they have items for inclusion in the report they should send them to the board secretary no later than March 31 for approval of the report at the April 13 meeting.

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

On a motion by Alternate Member Goldstein, seconded by Alternate Member Garrido, to adjourn the meeting, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Vice Chairman DeArmas, Members Cruz, Reynoso, Schieren, Alternate Members Garrido and Goldstein

NAY: None

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 P.M.
Approved: 04/13/2015