



City Hall Commission Chambers
3650 NE 12 Avenue
Oakland Park, FL 33334

MINUTES
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021, 5:30 P.M

The regular meeting of the School Advisory Board of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 5:30pm by Board Chair Jack Donnelly.

Due to COVID-19, precautionary safety measures were in place and access to city facilities was limited to ensure social distancing. The opportunity of public participation has been provided by email or by calling the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Jack Donnelly, Board Chair
Joshua Davis, Board Member
Coby King, Board Member
Lewis Naylor, Board Member
Daniel Peters, Board Alternate

Also Present:

Heidi Burnett, Staff Liaison
Danielle Giguere, Board Secretary

Absent: Sara Nunez, Christopher Thomas

1. Approval of Minutes

Board Member Naylor made a motion to approve the November 1, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Board Member King, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Board Chair Donnelly, Board Member Davis, Board Member King, Board Member Naylor, Board Alternate Peters

2. Public Comments

No public comments.

3. Board Member Updates

Board Member Naylor reported that he attended the SAC meeting at Lloyd Estates Elementary on November 2nd. Ms. Palonka shared a Title I survey and asked all parents to complete it. The principal reported that there were no serious incidents to report. The accountability funds balance is over \$15,300 and there is a possible future request to cover the cost of a paraprofessional to assist with the technology lab. The science boot camp e-learning bundle for 5th grade may cost \$850-\$1000 and they will be submitting

those costs to the next meeting. They had 100% attendance for the FTE week and their total enrollment is 475 students. They reported the 2021 Florida State Assessment results and ideas were presented to parents for conversations with teachers during conferences. Strategies for the School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals were discussed. Grades 2-5 already reached the goals that were set in the SIP so there may be a revision. The school has been having active assailant and fire drills for safety and they reviewed the safety plan with the area safety manager to discuss any shortfalls and best practices to handle them. Oakland Park aftercare presented their needs assessment and Lloyd Estates received a certificate for the success of the program. This is the first time in the school's history that Principal Allen is aware of that aftercare was presented with an award and Principal Allen is very appreciative of the efforts that the City of Oakland Park aftercare has performed for their school. Lloyd Estates was picked for a district accreditation and the meetings will be on December 2nd. There were several focus groups and Board Member Naylor was chosen to sit on the Parent and Community Partners group. Broward County was accredited and is one of the largest fully accredited school districts in the nation. Board Member Naylor was unable to attend the December 8th meeting and has requested the minutes which he will share with the School Advisory Board.

Board Member Naylor reported that he attended the SAC meeting at Floranada Elementary on November 18th. Two open positions were filled: Board Member Naylor was appointed as Community Partner Member and the Pre-K parent position was filled. Principal Balchaitis reported the 20-day count of 712 as their total enrollment and 367 of those are on reassignment from outside the school boundaries. The balance of the school accountability funds is a little over \$13,000. They were provided \$80,000 in ESSER dollars which are dollars from the Federal COVID funding package. \$40,000 of those are already been submitted for grants and approved. There was no Title I update. Floranada's free and reduced lunch percentage is 52.5% versus 62% district-wide. The School Improvement Plan data was reviewed. 48.2% of students are currently on track. In terms of demographics, female students are shown to be 25% more likely to be on track than male students. Kindergarten through third grade data showed annual progressions in student improvement as measured by the benchmark assessment. For example, Kindergarten showed 47.5% of the students were on track according to the benchmark assessment and third grade showed 66.7% of the students were on track which is a testament to the efforts of students and the school in helping the students achieve that success level. The aftercare provider was voted on which is self-staffed and self-administered, and it was approved unanimously. Their pre-COVID aftercare enrollment was 245 students, but their current enrollment is only 107 with 160 on the waiting list. They are limited by staffing and budget constraints, partially caused by the state mandated wage increases which were not included in the school's budget. There was an update on the roofing project and it is expected to be completed by the end of winter break. They made mask policy changes to be aligned with the county's policy, which is aligned with the state's policy. The school offered vaccinations for students ages 5-11 and vaccinated 85 students. The December meeting was cancelled so Board Member Naylor has nothing to report for that meeting.

Board Member King reported that the November SAC meeting for Oakland Park Elementary did not have a quorum, but they did discuss a few things. They talked about the school accountability funds which has a balance of a little over \$11,000. They didn't have a School Advisory Forum so Board Member King volunteered. There was no Title I updates. Board Member King also attended the SAC meeting on December 7th which also did not have a quorum. On the table for discussion was Generation Genius, which is a math and science support system. There was a student incentive program which they are calling the Eagle Store. They are hoping giving the students Eagle Bucks to spend in the store will get the students more energetic and enthusiastic about learning. They are also trying to get a popcorn and sno-cone machine for the Eagle Store. Recess equipment was a key topic. There is not enough recess equipment for all classes to share at recess. There was an individual from the secondary learning who talked about a 0.5 credit that will be implemented into schools in Broward County for high school students that deals with financial literacy. This will start next year. Board Member King would like to get Oakland Park Elementary's kids more involved with financial literacy as well. There was a Title I report and a party that will be occurring in February so they are in need of food and looking for sponsors. Title I came out and talked about their resource bus and they attend different community and school events.

Board Member Davis reported that he attended the SAC meeting at North Andrews Gardens on December 1st. During the previous meeting, they had discussed purchasing headphones for the students, which they ultimately did, leaving a balance of \$8.26 in their accountability funds until the next deposit. On December 9th, they had a literacy night and book drive. The principal reported that there were no serious incidents. Their School Improvement Plan is on the website. Board Member Naylor asked if they discuss the School Improvement Plan at the meetings and Board Member Davis confirms that they do not go into great detail, but continue to remind SAC attendees that it is on the website and is being updated.

Board Chair Donnelly reported that the December 14th SAC meeting at Rickards Middle School was cancelled that afternoon. He did drive by the Rickards campus and the portables are looking nice and he is hoping that they will be completed by the deadline.

Board Chair Donnelly reported that he attended the November 29th SAC meeting at Northeast High School. The magnet coordinator, Ms. Flynn, talked about a Cambridge Brace event that was held on November 15th. It was not well attended because it was not advertised that way, so another one will be held at a future date. There was a college application planning solutions meeting on November 19th which deals with scholarships and financial aid options for parents to look at. The magnet application cycle opens on December 1st and ends sometime in the middle of February. The school had an open house on December 19th for the magnet cycle. The Guidance Director, who is new, spoke at length about a Thanksgiving food drive they did and they gave 10 families holiday meals. Report cards are being done through virtual counselors so they are no longer printed. Some seniors are not meeting the requirements for graduation. The Brace Advisor, Ms. Perantis, talked about state financial aid for any student wishing to go to a

Florida school. The only issue is that the students need to have a social security number to apply and there are a number of students there who do not have one. FAFSA funds from the federal government are based on the financial status of the families. Dreamers applications are available and they are pushing the ACTs and SATs for these students. Technical schools and military service is available and athletes can look at the NCAA clearing house for what to do after their life at Northeast High School. Principal Valachovic said they just hired a new assistant principal for the 10th grade, Dawn Sales. ACTs for the juniors will be held in March or April. Graduations dates have to be approved by the School Board. They have rented the Broward Center for graduation. Each student will have 6 tickets because of the size of the venue. Board Chair Donnelly provided a construction update. The roof is being worked on and student bathrooms are being torn apart and redone in the North building. A/C chillers are going to be installed. The culinary space in Building 3 is almost completed. The new building will host 24 classrooms and a small auditorium will break ground in January or February. A discussion occurred among the parents that no one has seen the inside of the brand new weight room. Student Member Cayao reported that she has been inside of it and it is being used for practice. The next SAC meeting will be held on January 24th.

Board Alternate Peters gave a brief update on the status of Rickards Middle School and its new portables. January 9th is the expected completion date and there are 32 portables set up. The cafeteria will be an outdoor one and new metal picnic tables were purchased. There will be a tarp over each walkway so if it rains, nobody will get wet. The school is still looking for a contractor to knock down the old building.

4. New Business

The School Advisory Board's student member attended the meeting, though she was not sworn in yet. Ms. Aiana Cayao introduced herself and she is a senior at Northeast High School. Ms Cayao was nominated by her JROTC her instructor Colonel White to pursue this Advisory Board position. The Board Members introduced themselves to Ms. Cayao and let her know which schools they represent. Staff Liaison Burnett told Ms. Cayao that her roll on the School Advisory Board is to bring back any information from Northeast High School that she thinks the City of Oakland Park should know. Ms. Cayao provided some more information about her involvement with the school and that JROTC has been helping Northeast with their events as well as representing the school outside. She is originally from the Philippines and moved to Florida and started at Rickards in 8th grade. Board Member Naylor asked why she is involved with the JROTC. Ms. Cayao was recently promoted to commander and has been with the program since freshman year. She is working on applications with service academies and is also considering enlisting. She finds JROTC to be very rewarding.

Newly appointed Board Alternate, Daniel Peters attended the meeting and introduced himself to the Board. He used to work at Rickards Middle School in the aftercare program and did some IT work as well. He was a student at Northeast High School and

then worked for the City. Now that he no longer works for the City, he wants to be involved again.

5. Staff Liaison Report

Staff Liaison Burnett reported that the City is moving forward with Local Government Academy despite the City not doing many other indoor programs. There are some modifications, like using the larger meeting rooms at Jaco or Collins Community Centers in order to provide social distancing measures. Ms. Burnett is also working with Angel Gomez, in the Government Affairs Office at Broward County, to start a conversation about the different information streams available. Ms. Burnett thinks it's valuable to receive information from different sources.


6. Other Business/Next Meeting

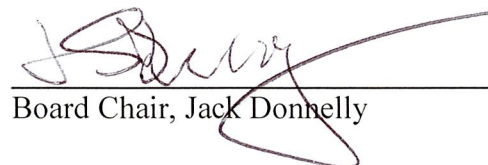
The next School Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2022, which falls on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the February 21, 2022 meeting falls on Presidents' Day, both of which are City holidays. Staff Liaison Burnett said she will reach out to the Clerk's Office to find out which other dates the Commission Chambers are available and told the board members that the next two meetings may have to be on a day other than a Monday. Staff Liaison Burnett will be in touch with the board members with date options.

Board Chair Donnelly asked Staff Liaison Burnett what is going on near the Urban Farm. Ms. Burnett said they are working on a parking project but is unfamiliar with the details.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.


Danielle Giguere, Acting Board Secretary


Board Chair, Jack Donnelly