

**City of Hollywood
Education Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2019**

In attendance:

Daniel Derrico, Chair
Cheree Liebowitz, Vice Chair
Mitch Anton
Donna Greene
Joel Levine
Ellen Suppa
Carol Fischer
Timi Adalakum

Also attending: Lorie Mertens-Black, Committee Liaison

I. Approval of minutes from October 14, 2019

Mitch Anton made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ellen Suppa. The minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Old Business

- 1) Joel Levine – provided an update on the initiative to gather information from local schools. He worked with Joann Hussey, Communications Manager, to develop a form which would be used by principals to submit information on accomplishments and achievements of the school, teachers and students. Committee members discussed the type of information to collect and how the information could be shared through Hollywood's various outreach tools.

After the discussion, it was determined that Lorie Mertens-Black will update the form and send out to principals to collect school achievements, student accomplishments, events, teacher accomplishment, etc., including photos.

Cheree Liebowitz suggested having a list of all public schools with links to their websites on City's education page. Committee members discussed options for promoting information received from schools. Lorie Mertens-Black will work with CMED to create a webpage to highlight education.

- 2) Broward Education Foundation (BEF) review of grants – Coco Burns advised that the grant reading is December 6, 2019. Committee members discussed the process.

Donna Greene will call Coco to clarify criteria for funding of grants between BEF and the City of Hollywood.

- 3) Annual Report – Dan Derrico will compile the report, summarize highlights, and then propose goals. Committee members should submit any individual efforts for inclusion in the report.

Dan Derrico will draft the report then send out for Committee review prior to the meeting on January 13, 2019. The report is due to the City Clerk by January 21, 2020.

- 4) Hollywood Hills High Survey. Carol Fischer asked about the status of the survey for Hollywood Hills High in light of the boundary change proposal not moving forward. Members briefly discussed the survey and when to send. Ms. Mertens-Black indicated she only had capacity for one initiative – either the survey or the outreach to collect school accomplishments. Consensus was to gather the school information and create an Education webpage.

III. **New Business**

- 1) Mitch Anton met with Patty Brown and wants to invite her to a future meeting. There was discussion on inviting high school principals to future meetings to provide an overview of their school (10 minute presentation, 10 minutes for Q&A). The following scheduled was established:

February – Hollywood Hills High

March – South Broward

April – McArthur

Lorie will invite the principals.

- 2) Carol Fischer – advised that School Board elections would be occurring on August 18. She suggested that the committee hold a candidate forum and invite all candidates for the County-wide seat being vacated by Robin Bartleman. Members discussed the initiative and suggested having the forum in May. A subcommittee was created and the following members volunteered: Carol Fischer, Ellen Suppa and Mitch Anton.

Mitch Anton volunteered to be the Moderator. – the Subcommittee will start planning in February.

Donna Greene suggested that the committee invite Pablo Calvo, Director Early Learning Coalition to provide an update on the Coalition's activities at the January meeting. She also advised that the October box top collection was \$70.80 October and was donated to Stirling Elementary. Donna also provided an update on the Little Free Library program and spoke about partnering with the Mobile Food Pantry.

IV. **Member Comments/Updates**

- Mitch Anton suggested partnering with some of the after school programs.
- Carol Fischer advised of a Teachers Union Rally supporting funding for schools. The rally is scheduled to occur on January 13, 2020. PTAs are also being asked to participate.

Cheree Liebowitz provided an update on the September South Area Advisory Committee Meeting. Topics included a discussion on the 20/21 calendar which is scheduled to be voted on by the School Board on December 10, 2019. The Committee also discussed Policy 6000.1 regarding make up work for excused/unexcused within two (2) days. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2019 @ 9am @ McArthur.

- Timi Adalakum – suggested making it easier for excused absences.
- Dan Derrico – is there an interest in having the Union President speak to Committee. Anna Fusco.
- Cheree Liebowitz – maybe later in the year. She provided the schedule for the South Area Advisory Committee, all to start at 9am and held at McArthur High School:
November 20
January 22
February 19
March 18
April 15
May 20

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm