

**City of Hollywood
Education Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021
Via WebEx**

In Attendance: Chair Dan Derrico, Jacqueline Grant, Donna Greene, Joel Levine, Vice Chair Cheree Liebowitz, Kypps Poliard, Ellen Suppa, and Kathy Thomas

Absent: Grahm Rubin and Gabrielle Short

Staff: Anthony Grisby, Liaison
Peggy Eads, Administrative Assistant 1

Non-Members: Angel Gomez
 Carol Fischer
 Jennifer Valiere

1. Call to Order

Dan noted the presence of a quorum at 6:06 p.m. and roll was taken.

2. Review of minutes from April 19, 2021 meeting

Ellen **motioned** to approve the April minutes. Jacqueline seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

3. Acknowledgement of BCPS personnel in attendance

Angel Gomez, Governmental Affairs Director for Broward County Public Schools, joined after the meeting had started.

Anthony reviewed the timeline for the upcoming board and committee appointments. The virtual meeting will be on Wednesday May 26th at 3:30 pm. He promised to send a meeting link to the Committee and told the members they could submit an online comment prior to the meeting that would be read into the record. Dan and the other members expressed support for the two current members who are up for reappointment, Cheree Liebowitz and Ellen Suppa.

4. New Business

- **Discussion of Hollywood School Web Pages**

The Committee discussed the assignment of schools to each committee member as a contact for the schools webpage. Kypps Poliard volunteered to be a contact for Driftwood Middle School, Bethune Elementary and Sheridan Park Elementary. Sheridan Technical Center, which was assigned to Jacqueline, was removed from the list because it is a college and McNicol Middle School was removed from Cheree's contact list and will be assigned to another member.

The following is a recap of school assignments:

Dan Derrico – BridgePrep Academy, Orange Brook Elementary and McArthur High School

Jacqueline Grant – Colbert Elementary, Attucks Middle School and Sheridan Hills Elementary

Donna Greene – Hollywood Hills Elementary and South Broward High School

Joel Levine – Driftwood Elementary, Stirling Elementary and West Hollywood Elementary

Cheree Liebowitz – Beachside Montessori Village, Apollo Middle School and Hollywood Hills High School

Kypps Poliard – Driftwood Middle School, Bethune Elementary and Sheridan Park Elementary

Ellen Suppa – Boulevard Heights Elementary, Hollywood Central Elementary and Olsen Middle School

Kathy Thomas – Hollywood Park Elementary and Oakridge Elementary

The remaining schools will be assigned when the new members come on board.

5. Old Business

- **Discussion of 2021 Goals and Objectives**

Donna Greene talked about the crisis in early childhood education due to a lack of qualified workers, in part because of so many new regulations for preschools. She suggested modifying or eliminating Goal 3, “Continue to support and promote the funding for accreditation of Early Childhood Centers in Hollywood”. The Committee decided to table the discussion until the June meeting.

6. Member Comments

None

7. Staff Report

Anthony had no comments since he had briefed the Committee on the board appointments earlier. Angel spoke about the Cares University, a summer program focused on students who haven’t shown adequate progress during the pandemic, which is one quarter of the district’s students. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Angel will forward the information to Peggy and she will share it with the Committee members.

8. Adjournment

Jacqueline made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Dan seconded it. It was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next scheduled committee meeting is at 6:00 pm on Monday June 21, 2021, at Hollywood City Hall, Room 215.