

**City of Hollywood  
Education Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2021  
6:00 pm  
Via WebEx**

**In Attendance:** Mitch Anton, Dan Derrico, Ellen Davis, Carol Fischer, Jacqueline Grant, Joel Levine, Chair Cheree Liebowitz, Sofia Mukamal, Vice Chair Catherine Palmer, Ellen Suppa, Rod Velez

**Absent:** Larry Perez, Kypps Poliard, Roxana Tumbaco

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

**Non-Members:** Angel Gomez, Governmental Affairs Liaison, Broward County Public Schools  
Michel Resnick  
Gabrielle Resnick  
Shaakira Hardy

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Cheree Liebowitz called the meeting to order. Roll was taken and is noted above.

**2. Review of minutes from September 13, 2021 meeting**

Mitch **motioned** to approve the September minutes. Ellen Suppa seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**3. Acknowledgement of BCPS personnel in attendance**

Cheree noted the presence of Angel Gomez. Angel notified the members that the new Interim Superintendent, Dr. Vicki Cartwright, had begun meeting with schools in the district and that a meeting had been set for District 1 at Hollywood Hills High School on December 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 pm. He then spoke about the redistricting

process the county is going through which happens every ten years and requires public input. Angel then spoke about the Parent University virtual event to be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The event will focus on the dangers of social media and will allow attendees to ask questions that are answered online. He then mentioned the Ed Talk happening on November 6<sup>th</sup>, another virtual event which is held every year. Catherine asked how redistricting affects the District 1 representation on the school board. Angel recommended that the EAC members look at the redistricting information on the school board website. Cheree asked about school counts and Angel said that both 10 day and 20 day counts are done during October and February, and student funding allocations are made on the information attained during those counts. He said the district is approximately 10,000 behind where they were last year. Ellen Davis asked how students who have contracted Covid or students who are in quarantine has affected the school counts. Angel answered that those students are not counted as absent for the school counts. Cheree thanked Angel for being at the meeting and updating the committee.

#### **4. New Business**

None.

#### **5. Old Business**

- **Update on Schools Web Page Progress**

Cheree turned the meeting over to Joel to discuss the schools web page progress. Joel asked Anthony to give a quick update on how soon the website would be available to view. Anthony said that the school narratives and principals messages are beginning to be inserted into the website. He went on to say that he would have an update soon on the interactive map. He also reminded the committee that the City's website would be transitioning to a new format and it's yet to be seen how this will affect the schools web page.

Joel went on to say that eleven schools have submitted narratives and/or principal's messages and nineteen schools have designated a liaison for the project. He said that although the submissions have been slow in coming, progress is being made. He spoke about the

opportunity to link the progress being made with the web page to the goals and objectives, including having teacher grant award winners on the web page. Carol said she thinks the committee should put the teacher grant information on the website and not burden the principals with doing so. Dan agreed. Under challenges and recommendations, Joel noted that there are 22 schools that have not submitted narrative or principal's message information. He asked the members to communicate to Peggy the challenges they are facing in getting information submitted for the web page. Joel then spoke about the word count parameters for submissions. Cheree asked if the EAC contact could help edit the submissions and Joel said the EAC contact could let the school know that the submission is too long, and then could offer to help them edit the submission. Catherine said it depends on the cadre director and their punch list for information coming from the school.

A general discussion ensued on the best way to handle submissions that are over the specified word count. Also, the best way to get engagement from the schools on the project. Cheree asked the members to communicate with Peggy on their progress in working with the schools. Dan said that he had success with keeping in phone contact with the liaisons and being persistent in following up with them. Mitch said that he thinks the best way to engage the schools is to meet with them personally and establish a close working relationship. Catherine questioned the goals and objectives regarding charter schools.

Angel offered help in facilitating meetings with the schools regarding the schools web page project. He also said that anything on a school's website is public record so the members should feel free to use that information.

## **6. Member Comments**

Catherine spoke about under enrolled schools in Hollywood and how to keep schools open and funded. Angel spoke about the boundary process.

Joel brought up the meeting calendar for 2022 and Peggy said she would be setting up the calendar in the next couple of weeks.

Mitch mentioned the candidate forum for 2022.

Dan asked that the goals and objectives for 2022 be put on the agenda for the November meeting.

Cheree asked that each member be prepared to report on their progress for the web page project at the November meeting.

## **7. Staff Report**

Catherine asked for Anthony to notify the committee on arrangements for the fallen officer in Hollywood. He said he would do so. Rod said there would be a prayer vigil for the officer on Thursday.

## **8. Adjournment**

Joel made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Dan seconded it. It was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

**The next scheduled committee meeting is at 6:00 pm on Monday November 15, 2021.**