

**City of Hollywood
Education Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021
6:00 pm
Via WebEx**

In Attendance: Mitch Anton, Dan Derrico, Carol Fischer, Jacqueline Grant, Joel Levine, Sofia Mukamal, Vice Chair Catherine Palmer, Kypps Poliard, Ellen Suppa, Roxana Tumbaco, Rod Velez

Absent: Ellen Davis, Chair Cheree Liebowitz, Larry Perez

Staff: Anthony Grisby, Liaison
Peggy Eads, Administrative Assistant

Non-Members: None

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Catherine Palmer conducted the meeting in Cheree's absence. Roll was taken and is noted above.

2. Review of minutes from October 18, 2021 meeting

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

3. Acknowledgement of BCPS personnel in attendance

None in attendance.

Dan noted the 2022 meeting schedule that Peggy had emailed to the members. Mitch made a **motion** to approve the calendar. Carol seconded the **motion** and it was approved unanimously.

4. New Business

2021 Annual Report – Goals and Objectives

- Ellen spoke about Goal 1, Support and promote student literacy and opportunities for student growth, Objective 1b - Continue EAC Recycle Books program to provide used children’s books in Hollywood schools. Catherine said she felt that middle and high schools needed the program more than elementary. Carol asked if books are vetted before they are put on the shelf to make sure they’re appropriate. A general discussion ensued on how the books are deemed appropriate. Ellen Suppa volunteered to contact former member Donna Greene to see how many books are still available for distribution. Joel made a **motion** that the word virtual be added to Goal 1, Objectives A and C. Carol seconded the **motion** and it was unanimously approved.

Goal 2 - Support and promote the safe return of students and faculty to Broward County Public Schools during the pandemic. The committee agreed to keep the goal as written.

Goal 3 - Continue to support and promote the funding for accreditation of Early Childhood Centers in Hollywood. The committee agreed to keep the goal as written.

Goal 4 - Advocate for additional funding, grants, and donations for Hollywood schools. After general discussion on the difficulty of soliciting funds as a city committee, the committee agreed to keep the goal as written.

Goal 5 - Inform and involve Hollywood families and help to attract new families to Hollywood by promoting Hollywood schools. Joel discussed the schools web page project. Catherine spoke about the possibility of getting on the I-Zone meeting agenda to communicate directly with school principals. The committee agreed to keep the goal as written.

Goal 6 - Support and promote Hollywood schools that want to make commitments to replicate innovative educational programs and activities, such as STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), Coding, Career Exploration, Critical Thinking/Problem Solving, Active and Self-Directed Learning, Social and Emotional learning, and other programs that are based on

successful research and may be supported by grants. Such programs have demonstrated student success in Broward County, in Florida, and nationally. The committee agreed to keep the goal as written.

Goal 7 - Make recommendations to the Hollywood Commission on ways to advocate with the Broward County School Board on ways to improve Hollywood public schools. Dan said we need to do more of this. Catherine suggested appointing 1-3 subcommittees to work on specific goals and objectives, especially goal 7. Rod suggested a subcommittee to do exterior improvements and offered to be on the subcommittee. The committee agreed to keep the goal as written.

The committee discussed the Issues section of the report. After general discussion, the committee agreed to keep the Issues section as is. Carol made a motion to accept the Goals and Objectives and Issues section with the minor word changes as discussed. Dan seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

5. Old Business

- **Update on Schools Web Page Progress**

Catherine turned the meeting over to Joel Levine, Schools Web Page Subcommittee Chair. Joel urged the member to continue reaching out to school liaisons for their principal's message and school narrative. He asked Anthony to update the committee on web page formatting and marketing. At the previous subcommittee meeting, Joel had asked for format changes to make the school name bolder and more noticeable. Anthony said this had been done. Anthony said the CMED department would like quarterly updates from the EAC contact person for each school to be included in print and electronic marketing. Anthony went on to say that schools who had not responded to the emails were given to Angel so that he might be able to help in getting them to respond. An email went to EAC contacts regarding word counts. Joel said BEF grant winners for 2019 and 2021 would be on the schools web page. Coco was having a problem getting the 2020 list. The consensus of the committee was to go ahead and put the 2019 and 2021 winners on the page.

6. Member Comments

None.

7. Staff Report

Anthony let the committee know that a Citizen Needs Assessment meeting would be held on December 8th at 6:00 pm at the Lippman Center. This would be a joint meeting of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and the Community Development Advisory Board, to solicit public response on the allocation of 1.5 million in CDBG funds, 500 thousand in HOME funds, and an extra allocation of 1.9 million in HOME ARP funding for homeless issues.

8. Adjournment

Mitch made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting and Dan seconded it. It was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

The next scheduled committee meeting is at 6:00 pm on Tuesday January 25, 2022.