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EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

April 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the **EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chairman Babcock at 7:02 P.M., Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center, 301 NW 103 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, Florida.

Present: Chairman Babcock, Member Davis and Dreilinger

Absent: Vice Chairman Mansfield, Member Martinez, Alternate Members Puco and Jones-Ferguson

Also present: Dr. Libidinsky and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

Secretary called roll and declared a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Davis, seconded by Member Dreilinger, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting as received, the following vote was taken:

AYE: Chairman Babcock, Members Davis and Dreilinger.

NAY: None

Motion passed.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

On a motion by Member Dreilinger, seconded by Member Davis, to excuse the absence of Vice Chairman Mansfield from this meeting, the following vote was taken:

AYE: Chairman Babcock, Members Davis and Dreilinger.

NAY: None

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Babcock presented a report on the visit to the CTACE program at Flanagan and West Broward High Schools in February. As a result of the Board members' visit, Chairman Babcock was able to offer assistance in securing mannequins for the clothing design program at Flanagan. This will allow the students to have a model for their designs when attending

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competitions. The need for proper sink and plumbing at Flanagan stadium refreshment stand was also brought to the members' attention. Overall, the students and faculty presented a strong and positive display of the CTACE program and left Board members quite impressed.

Dr. Libidinsky reported that Chairman Babcock's article had been published in the April/May issue of City Connect and Chairman Babcock stated it had been published in the Century Village paper as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Babcock presented a draft of the Annual Report and it was amended by members to include April activities and new member Dreilinger.

On a motion by Member Dreilinger, seconded by Member Davis, to approve the Annual Report to the Commission with the additional comments and to have Chairman Babcock present the report at the June 4, 2014 City Commission meeting, the following vote was taken:

AYE: Chairman Babcock, Members Davis and Dreilinger.

NAY: None

Motion passed.

Members introduced themselves to new member Dreilinger and she gave brief background information on herself.

Chairman Babcock and Dr. Libidinsky presented information from a meeting they held recently with Mayor Ortis. The discussion centered on how to have students more involved in City government. Board members discussed many aspects of this venture and will continue to work through the process of inviting students to participate, how students will apply to participate, the logistics of student involvement, planning schedule for students to be shadowing commissioners, and other ideas for this program at the May meeting.

Summary of the ideas discussed:

Items discussed:

- Giving the program a name – "Student Ambassadors" was one suggestion

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- Opening the program to 11th grade students only, with two appointed by each commissioner and two by the mayor – for a total of ten students
- Criteria – grades will not be major factor in consideration, suggested essay to present why student would find the program influential in their academic/personal experience
- What the student would do in this program – shadow a commissioner for a specific time period, attend commission meeting, take tour of departments within City Hall to see workings of whole City.
- How to become part of the program – apply – discussed a deadline of September 5, 2014, short essay to show desire to learn about government. Board could go through the applications and bring forward three or four best to submit to each commissioner and have the commissioners choose the students from their district.
- How to get the information into the schools – email/mail information to each high school, see if application can be put on website, have information out early August so students can be exposed to it as new school year begins
- When to have a shadow day – try to schedule one day – perhaps in November – when all students would meet with their commissioner, tour City Hall. Discussed how students would get to City Hall and back to school or home in afternoon, parental permission slip.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom
Board Secretary

AJOURNED: 7:50 P.M.