

**CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

PEMBROKE PINES, FL

October 1, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chairman Prescott, on October 1, 2013, at 6:10 P.M. at the Charter Elementary Middle School, East Campus, 10801 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, Florida.

2013-2014 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chairman Prescott, Members Croft, Brown, Gomez, Marrero, and McGovern (6:20 PM), Valdivia; Alternate Members Madabhushi (6:15 PM) and Reyes

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Levy and Member Granda

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Charles Dodge, Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzalez, Mary Jordan, Development Director; Principals Flowers, Chance, and Libidinsky; Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

MEET THE CANDIDATES SESSION:

A Meet the Candidates session began at 6:00 PM, with four candidates being presented for vacancies on the 2013-2014 board.

The Board Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Dodge welcomed everyone and reported that the focus of the City Commission will be on state education legislation and working with Broward County District concerning sharing of capital funding. Mr. Dodge stated that the Commission is committed to the charter school system and seeking continued revenue. He thanked those that have taken up the cause of the SOS Task Force and introduced Giselle Mendieta, Co-Chair of the SOS Task Force.

Ms. Mendieta reported on upcoming events and that current pledges stand at \$316,859 with \$81,072 received to date. She also thanked all who have pledged and sent in payments.

Mary Jordan, Development Director, presented information on fundraising efforts, including how to make donations to the Save Our Schools task force, United Way contributions, Corporate matching gifts, the Spring 2014 activities, purchasing from the K12 Rewards Program. She encouraged support of the corporate sponsors and stated that to date a total of \$72,000 has been raised from corporate sponsors. Member Valdivia asked what portion of the debt the fundraising would cover and Ms. Jordan replied that only about 10% of the 3,800 families of the charter schools have responded to the fundraising efforts. In response to No Call List, Ms. Jordan stated that the law is followed, her office retains no information such as names and phone numbers unless that information has been given directly to her

office by the individual. She stated when calls are made to families that have not pledged, the calls are made from the schools and the information is not released from the school office. She also answered questions from parents concerning school photo packages and purchase of volunteer hours going to the fundraising, to which she stated they stay with the school or the PTA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Croft, seconded by Alternate Member Reyes, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting, as received, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members Croft, Brown, Gomez, Marrero, and McGovern, Valdivia;
Alternate Members Madabhusi and Reyes

NAY: None

Motion Passed

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

On a motion by Member Croft, seconded by Alternate Member Reyes, to excuse Vice Chairman Levy from this evening's meeting, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members Croft, Brown, Gomez, Marrero, and McGovern, Valdivia;
Alternate Members Madabhusi and Reyes

NAY: None

Motion Passed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Chance introduced Ms. Rodriguez, East Campus Elementary, and Mr. Walker, Central Campus Middle, who reported on the 2013-2014 School Improvement Plans for the Elementary and Middle School curriculum. Board Members asked to receive the Middle School report in writing and suggested a data comparison to show learning improvements made in past years with current projected standards.

Mr. Sithole, Chartwells representative, presented a report on the improvements in the food service that have occurred due to the new federal nutrition standards.

Board members had received via email the Elementary Proactive Discipline Guide for 2013-2014 and Mr. Castellano presented the Middle School Guide to Proactive Discipline for 2013-2014.

On a motion by Member McGovern, seconded by Member Marrero, to approve the Elementary and Middle School Proactive Discipline Guides for 2013-2014, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members Croft, Brown, Gomez, Marrero, and McGovern, Valdivia;
Alternate Members Madabhushi and Reyes

NAY: None

Motion Passed

Principal Chance reported on upcoming dates of interest at all the campuses and then spoke to the issue of assessment testing for the Common Core in light of the Governor's recent decision to not use the national PAK assessment testing. He reported that all 2013-2014 instruction and assessments will remain as planned for and scheduled. The assessment testing for 2014-2015 will be determined after the state reviews several assessment packages and makes a determination as to which will be used for Florida students.

On a motion by Alternate Member Reyes, seconded by Member Croft, to defer approval of the Elementary and Middle Schools' School Improvement Plan until the November meeting, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members Croft, Brown, Gomez, Marrero, and McGovern, Valdivia;
Alternate Members Madabhushi and Reyes

NAY: None

Motion Passed

OPEN FORUM:

Parent Sandra Grenier, who has a student in 4th grade at East Campus, stated that she is a new family to the Charter School System at the East Elementary Campus and expressed excitement and complete satisfaction with the school, staff, and teachers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Communication Report: Member Brown reported on the September Charter High School Advisory Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Member McGovern, seconded by Member Croft, to adjourn the meeting, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members Croft, Brown, Gomez, Marrero, and McGovern, Valdivia;
Alternate Members Madabhushi and Reyes.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

[Secretary's note: Due to their late arrival to the meeting, Member Valdivia and Alternate Member Reyes took the Oath of Office after the meeting with the Board Secretary.]

Respectfully submitted

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ADJOURNED: 7:37 P.M.
APPROVED: 11/5/2013