

May 3, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Vice Chair Dawkins on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:20 P.M. at the Central Elementary Middle School Campus Cafeteria, 12350 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida. All stood for the pledge. Secretary Borgstrom called roll and declared a quorum.

**2021-2022 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:**

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Dawkins Members Baptiste, Osorio, Phillips, Gill, Nicolas, Oliver, Baranwal and Perez. Alternate Members Sylvester, Cambry and Siddiqui

**ABSENT:** Chair McGovern, Alternate Member Htiet

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla; Principals Augustin, Castellano, Chance and Dr. Sporillo; Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

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**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jonathan Bonilla spoke about the lottery, stating that the notices concerning placement on the lottery to parents are going out. Other fundraising events coming up include SOS Dress Down Day, restaurant days at Jeremiah's Italian Ice and the spring Florida Prepaid Scholarship Raffle, which has just a little over a week left for raffle ticket purchase. He thanked parents for participating in fundraisers and stated that over \$70,000.00 has been raised this year from the fundraising activities. He reminded the parents that the June 7 meeting will include the presentation of the 2022-2023 budget.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion by Member Oliver, seconded by Member Siddiqui, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting as presented, passed unanimously.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

A motion by Member Gill, seconded by Member Nicolas, to excuse the absence of Chair McGovern and Alternate Member Htiet from the May meeting, passed unanimously.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal Augustin reminded the parents of Teacher Appreciation Week at the schools and thanked the teachers for their dedication and hard work.

The nominees for the 2022-2023 Advisory Board were presented with a brief introduction of themselves or read by the Principal of their campus.

Principal Augustin spoke about the Focus Parent App that will be up very soon for all elementary and middle school parents and she spoke about the benefits of the app, which will provide centralized information on school activities, information that parents need to know about classroom updates and will allow parents to view their student's grades and attendance.

She also gave a middle school sports update.

Principal Augustin announced the upcoming Jaguar Pointers Workshops. The Middle school parents are encouraged to log on Monday, May 9 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM and the Elementary parents should log on Tuesday, May 10, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Parents will receive volunteer hours for watching the workshop. The focus of the workshop will be social media and learning.

Parents were reminded that May 20 is the last day for volunteer hours to be reported for this school year and that there is a requirement of 30 hours per household.

Parents were given a calendar of events for the system and each campus for the month of May.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Concerns of parents focused on teachers replying to parent emails in a timely manner.

The effects of the recent State legislation on parental rights for kindergarteners through third graders as to textbooks, mental health responses, restrictions on teachers and library books was questioned. Parents were assured that the mental health professionals will continue to be available to students with any concern. The ordering of textbooks for next school year was mentioned, Principal Castellano stated that the math textbooks were slated to be replaced and that the textbook chosen by the charter school and Broward County District Schools was on the list of textbooks the state is taking out of circulation due to this legislation. The school has not been notified as of yet if the textbook will be revised or if another must be chosen, but the school cannot order until July 1, so there is time to make that determination.

FSA testing dates were confirmed and the principals related they had just received some information from the state concerning the replacement testing next year for the FSA. It was stated that going forward there will be several assessments during the school year where student progress will be measured. The dates and type of data required during the assessments has not been established by the state yet.

Third graders not passing the reading FSA this year will have the opportunity to attend summer Third Grade Reading Academy at their campus, but this will be the only summer school offered by the Charter Schools, except for the FSU campus offerings. If

a third grader needs to attend the summer academy in order to promote to fourth grade, the parents will be notified by the school with further information. It was also stated that there will be information sent home for all students to continue learning over the summer through technology sites, a reading plan and a math plan that will be grade level appropriate.

The correlation of the Iready software with the classroom curriculum was discussed. Principals stated the Iready does not affect the classroom grades, but does track the student's use of the program. The program is a universal software that does not match the classroom curriculum, but it does adjust to the student's ability and progress. If a student is not meeting success in the program, it will take the levels of advancement slower to encourage success for the student. If the student is struggling with the program, the parent can reach out to the teacher for assistance. The program is most likely very similar to what the state is going to approve for the assessments going into next year.

Parents asked that the school remind students and parents that individual technology devices should not be used in the classroom, unless instructed by the teacher to log on to a specific site and that they are distracting in the classroom for other students. The charter system is working to have a 1 to 1 ratio of computer/devices in every classroom, at the present time it is a 2 to 1 (student to device) ratio.

Those who spoke were Members Siddiqui, Cambry, Gill, Perez, Baptiste, Nicholas, and parent Kimberly Person.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A motion by Member Gill, seconded by Vice Chair Dawkins, to ratify the appointment of the Central Elementary and Middle School nominees, Imran Siddiqui, Ron Osorio and Edward Sylvester to the 2022-2023 Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board passed unanimously.

[Secretary note: East Elementary, West Elementary, and West Middle Schools will have elections for their 2022-2023 Advisory Board members, to be announced at the June 7, 2022 meeting.]

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Members discussed the 2021-2022 Annual Report as presented by Chair McGovern.

A motion by Member Gill, seconded by Member Phillips, to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Report as presented to forward to the City Commission for the Annual Board night on June 1, 2022, and to have Vice Chair Dawkins present the report, passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chair Dawkins adjourned the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine Borgstrom

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ADJOURNED: 7:22 P.M.  
APPROVED: 06/07/2022