

**CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD
PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

September 12, 2022

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD** on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., in the SW Regional Library Meeting Room, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Chair Reynoso called the meeting to order. All stood for the pledge. Board Secretary called the roll and declared a quorum.

2022-2023 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chair Reynoso, Vice Chair Gill, Members Razza, Dawkins, Porven and Nair

ABSENT: Members Pitter and Porvon

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant Public Services Director, Principal Bayer and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant Public Services Director, spoke about fundraising, reporting that almost \$300,000 was raised last year from SOS and fundraising events. He encouraged parents to participate in the parent pledge and restaurant events. The middle school will have dress down days during the year for fundraising.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Member Razza, seconded by Member Porven, to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes as presented passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A motion by Member Dawkins, seconded by Member Nair, to excuse Member Pitter from the September meeting, passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Bayer spoke about this being the 23rd year for the Academic Campus for the high school and the 25th year the Charter Schools have been in existence. He stated that this year is also an academic assessment year though the accreditation system and more information will be coming in the following months. The assessment will be made in February when the schools host the accreditation team. He reported the fall sports teams are off to a good start and that the gymnasium bleachers will be under renovation this year. Interim reports are out this week and there is a Charter Study day on September 22nd (an early dismissal day for students), giving the faculty a half day for continue learning instruction. The representatives from Chartwells are in the audience, if there are questions and Mr. Bayer thanked them for a very smooth start in the cafeteria this year, due to their training of staff. Mr. Bayer presented the Parent Student Handbook.

A motion by Member Razza, seconded by Member Nair, to approve the Parent Student Handbook and send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

An election timeline to fill the high school alternate position and the middle school alternate position on the board was discussed and approved by the board.

A motion by Vice Chair Gill, seconded by Member Dawkins, to approve the Election Timeline as presented to fill the two remaining alternate positions for this board year passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

The discussion from the May meeting concerning consideration of a different color of slacks or shorts for the high school students was reopened. Members

discussed and directed the board secretary to contact the head of Planet-T uniforms. It was requested the representative of the uniform company could come to a meeting to address this situation and if possible, could bring samples of proposed colors that could be added to the high school uniform selection for both males and females. It was noted that the different color pants does assist staff in differentiating between middle and high school students (middle wears dark blue pants, high school wears beige/kaki pants). Parents asked about schedule changes and how the class schedule is accomplished. Mr. Bayer spoke to the hybrid class schedule that currently is in place and appears to work for most students. The students have six classes on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Tuesday and Wednesday the students have three classes (of the six) on one day and the other three on the second day. This allows for longer class time that is effective for classes that are more project directed or extended learning time at least once a week. Scheduling classes for 2000 students between 150 teachers over six periods each is a massive feat. They do start at the end of the prior year working with the matrix, but it cannot be completed until a week before school due to staff changes, student's attendance changes, and the population in general situation. They do try to accommodate changes if possible, asking parents and students to have patience with the reassignments. The morning high school situation with students crossing Sheridan Street to go to get food at the shops and there being no crossing guard is of concern to many parents. Jonathan Bonilla stated the City is attempting to fill the position, but as of the meeting date, they have not found a person to fill the position. He will continue to monitor the employment situation and report back at the next meeting on progress. It was stated that parents cannot volunteer for such duty, as students would not give

respect to parent not empowered to give them direction and that the SROs are needed in the building in the mornings, so cannot provide that crossing guard position. If a person cannot be hired soon, there is consideration to ask for additional officers at the crossing area. Code Red alerts were discussed and Mr. Bayer stated there has been more training for staff and teachers, that every room has a panic button and that he hopes they are not needed this year for unplanned drills. Dual enrollment classes on campus were discussed, but staffing is the main issue at this point. There has to be a qualified teacher for the course on campus teaching in order to offer a dual enrollment class on campus. Emails announcing club sign ups were discussed and will be looked into.

OLD BUSINESS:

The members discussed the Joint Communication with the Charter Elementary Middle Advisory Board and signed up to attend one meeting during the year. Chair McGovern from the Charter Elementary Middle Advisory Board spoke about their September 6 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Secretary announced that Mr. Kahn has announced his resignation as the education representative, as his teaching assignments at FIU now require him to teach a Monday evening class for the year. Board Secretary spoke to how parents could apply to fill the position that is an appointment by the City Commission.

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Adjourned: 6:50 PM
Approved: 10/10/2022