

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR CHAMBERS
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	April 2013-APRIL 2014	
		Present	Absent
Dr. Magdalene Lewis, Chair	P	1	0
Gregory T. Boardman	P	1	0
Heather Brinkworth	P	1	0
Idan Eckstein	P	1	0
Edna Elijah	P	1	0
William Exemar	A	0	1
Elaine Fiore	A	0	1
Trisha Halliday	P	1	0
Susan L. Ledbetter	P	1	0
Chester Ludwick	A	0	1
Wayne Neunie	A	0	1
Dr. Maureen Persi	P	1	0
Austin Scott	P	1	0
Angela Sebaly	P	1	0
Lillian Small	P	1	0
Shelby Smith	P	1	0

**Appointed Members to the Board: 16
Needed to constitute a quorum: 9**

Staff

Junia Robinson, Neighbor Support and Staff Liaison
Charles Webster, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)

I. Opening - Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Attendance and Roll Call

Determination of quorum

As of this date, April 18, 2013 there are 16 members to the Board, which means 9 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

III. Approve minutes (March 21, 2013)

Trisha Halliday provided voice corrections to the board prior to approving the February minutes.

1. **Motion** by Mrs. Elijah, seconded by Dr. Persi that the said minutes be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Presentation: Rivana C. Stadlander, City of Fort Lauderdale Office of Sustainability

Mrs. Stadlander gave a presentation to introduce the Green Year Routine (GYR) Sustainability Portal project. She asked the Board for their input and suggestions as it relates to children. Mrs. Stadlander gave a tour of the home page and then detailed how the "At School" menu is envisioned to function.

Mrs. Stadlander distributed material to the Board pertaining to the GYR project. She explained that the project came about through a grant from Broward County. The focus of the grant is single stream recycling.

V. Current Business

1. Board member Idan M. Eckstein introduced a student from the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) who gave a presentation about this leadership organization. Student speaker "Mia", shared her experience with the Board and how she encourages other Students to get involved with this organization.

Mr. Eckstein addressed some questions from Board members regarding the cost of the HOBY program. The cost is three hundred and fifty dollars and it changes yearly however; Mr. Eckstein explained that some of the cost is funded through fundraising/sponsorship. He added if a student wants to go; money should not be a factor, HOBY will help with ideas for fundraising. Mr. Eckstein said if a student from Fort Lauderdale wants to attend, he would sponsor them.

2. Ms. Robinson gave an update on the student application process. Ms. Robinson asked the Board to select the students from the list of applicants. Once the selections have been made, she will contact the students and Principals to invite them to the May meeting. Principals and Parents have expressed interest in attending the May meeting with the students.

Applications for student members were received from the following schools:

- Dillard High School
- Fort Lauderdale High School
- Stranahan High School
- Cardinal Gibbons High School
- Pine Crest School
- Saint Thomas Aquinas High School
- Westminster Academy

Angela Sebaly asked, “What is the role of the students to the Advisory Board”? She said before it’s decided on the number of students needed, “we must talk about what they will be doing”.

Dr. Persi said she had some concerns with the number of students to the Board.

Austin Scott says the students will add to the discussions and will be a valuable tool.

Ms.Brinkworth says there should be a format as to how the students give updates/reports to the Board.

Ms. Smalls suggested that the Board include the students in discussions like the Sustainability topic in the presentation earlier or other methods of participation. In addition she also suggested having a mentor/liaison from the board to reach out to them as needed.

Mr. Smith agreed with utilizing as many schools/students as possible for input and suggestions. He also mentioned that it is very easy to have the students at the meetings but he believes they must have a task.

Dr.Persi asked “ what is our plan for the May meeting”? She made a few suggestions for the May meeting that focuses on the students and not have any guest speakers for

the May and June meeting. She hopes the students will return after the summer break.

Mr. Eckstein says he would like to see the students move forward.

Ms. Ledbetter said the meeting location is “awkward” and would like to see the meeting moved to a different location. Mrs. Robinson gave an update on the meeting location.

Ms. Ledbetter also suggested training for the Students from the City.

Motion by Mrs. Elijah, seconded by Mr. Eckstein that all eleven student candidate applications be approved.

In a vote by roll call, the motion was unanimously passed.

Motion by Mr. Boardman, seconded by Dr. Persi to allow each student three minutes to introduce themselves.

In a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

Ms. Robinson gave a few announcements regarding upcoming events including the April 24th training session hosted by the City’s Clerk’s office.

VI. New/Future Business

VII. Next Meeting and Closing

Location and Date: City Hall, May 16, 2013