

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR CHAMBERS
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	April 2013-APRIL 2014	
		Present	Absent
Chester Ludwick, Chair	P	7	2
Edna Elijah, Vice-Chair	P	9	0
Gregory T. Boardman	P	5	4
Maureen S. Dinnen arrived 6:35	P	1	0
Trisha Halliday	P	7	2
Rochelle Horowitz	P	1	0
Jennifer L. Kimmey	P	2	0
Dr. Magdalene Lewis	A	5	4
Wayne Neunie arrived 6:40	P	4	5
Dr. Maureen Persi	P	5	4
Catherine Pliess	A	3	1
Austin Scott arrived 7:20	P	5	4
Lillian Small	A	2	7
Shelby Smith arrived 6:35	P	7	2

Appointed Members to the Board: 14
Needed to constitute a quorum: 8

Staff

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

- I. Opening – Chair Chester Ludwick**
- II. Attendance by Roll Call – Staff Liaison Junia Robinson**

Determination of quorum

As of this date, April 17, 2014, there are 14 appointed members to the Board,
Which means 8 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

Introduction of new member: Rochelle Horowitz and Maureen S. Dinnen

- III. Approve minutes (April 17, 2014)**
Motion by Mr. Boardman, seconded by Ms. Halliday, that the said minutes for
April 17, 2014 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Introduction: Jonda K. Joseph, City Clerk

Ms. Joseph provided the board with updated information on the Sunshine laws.

She said she wanted to refresh the board on the sunshine law which is provided in the handbook given to all new members. Ms. Joseph said she was going to read some of the information from the handbook and go over some of the “tricky” parts of it. She said she will leave the pages she is referring to from the handbook. Ms. Joseph said the Florida government in the sunshine law is really about a set of rules and regulations that provide the public a right to access their government and to know what’s happening in their government. Ms. Joseph said Florida has one of the most pervasive public records law in the country. She said there are very serious consequences for violating the sunshine law both intentional and unintentional. Ms. Joseph referred to the handbook to point out the violations for both intentional and unintentional. She emphasized that these types of meetings are different from personal, neighborhood or any other type of meetings. Ms. Joseph reviewed the three types of requirements to the sunshine law.

1. They are completely open to the public
2. The meetings are noticed to the public
3. The minutes are written and kept permanently forever

She expressed anytime 2 or more people from the same board communicate about any matter that may come before the board, is considered a sunshine meeting at that point. Ms. Joseph said, this could be meeting in the parking lot, face to face talking, writing via email, talking on the telephone or giving hand signals. These are all things that should not be done and would be considered as violating sunshine.

Ms. Joseph explained if the board decides that 1 member is going to talk to somebody on behalf of the board, this would be a member the board delegates; that person would be speaking on behalf of the board and representing the board. This type of meeting should be posted and noticed as well, including

minutes detailing when, where and a few bullets on what took place at the meeting. Ms. Joseph also explained that emails from other members can be accepted but members should not respond to it. She said if a board member wants to communicate something, it should be sent to the staff liaison and the liaison will share it at the board meeting under the sunshine.

Ms. Joseph read a few “tricky” examples:

Example 1 - “what if a board member comes to a neighborhood association meeting and another member is at that meeting and a matter that may come before the board is up for discussion, is there a violation of the sunshine law?”

The answer is no. Ms. Joseph explained as long as board members at the association meeting do not address each other or respond to each other’s statements during the meeting.

Example 2 - “can a member of the planning and zoning board for example, and a member of the board of adjustment talk about a matter that’s going to come before their individual boards?”

The answer is yes. She explained, since they are not on the same board the 2 individuals in the example may discuss business that may come in front of their boards, providing that they are not acting as the delegate for their board.

Example 3 – “what if 2 members of a board are also the same members of a homeowner’s association or some kind of group and an item coming before the City is being discussed; can the board members discuss the items at the homeowner’s association meeting?”

The answer is no. Two members should not discuss what business may come up before that board.

Ms. Joseph also shared the new public comment feature that is available on the internet. Any member of the public can view the agenda, and people can push that agenda button (on-line) and make a comment about any item on the agenda. Those items will then come to the board for discussion, there is a 48 hour cut-off before the meeting starts for anybody to comment.

Mrs. Elijah asked Ms. Joseph if the board should respond to the comments posted by the public on-line.

Ms. Joseph said the board does not have to respond or have a discussion about the public comment. Mrs. Elijah said her concern is the comments can be overwhelming and take up a lot of time.

Ms. Joseph clarified that the public comment is for the items on the agenda, that's what it's for.

Ms. Joseph handed out 3 pages from the handbook that covers the items she discussed.

Mrs. Elijah asked Ms. Joseph to discuss the procedure for "conflict of interest when voting".

Ms. Joseph said the Attorney was very specific on this topic at the recent training session. She referred to the Guide for Members of Boards and Committees handbook and read "if a board or committee member has a conflict, the member should announce the nature of the conflict and complete the required memorandum of voting conflict form (available on the website and on page 59 of the handbook).

Guest Introduction: Broward County School Board (BCPS) member, District 3

Mrs. Heather Brinkworth

Mrs. Brinkworth introduced herself to the new board members and welcomed them to the Education Advisory Board. She said she was appointed by the Governor and is currently serving district 3. Mrs. Brinkworth said she had the opportunity to visit several schools including a few Fort Lauderdale schools.

She encouraged the board to visit the schools and attend the SSOS (Student Success Opportunity Schools) meetings and other BCPS meetings.

Mrs. Brinkworth said the board can still abide by the Sunshine laws while attending these meetings as long as members not communicate with each other. She asked if anyone had any questions for her or feels free to contact her via email or at her office.

V. No Student Member updates

VI. BCPS update – Charles Webster

Mr. Webster introduced Fort Lauderdale High School Principal, Ms. Priscilla Ribeiro

Ms. Ribeiro thanked the board for having her and said Fort Lauderdale high school has 2100 students, 93 teachers and a total of 100 staff. She said the school is a pre-law magnet and public policy magnet. She said the school plans to have a dual enrollment program with Florida International University for criminal justice and hospitality management. Ms. Ribeiro reported that the students do a lot of charity work through relay for life, veterans and other organizations. Ms. Ribeiro said the school is under construction and a state of the art building is coming soon with state of the art equipment and technology.

She said the schools come from all over and many come from the City of Fort Lauderdale. Ms. Ribeiro said the school offers a wide variety of college preparedness classes for students.

Ms. Ribeiro opened the floor for questions.

Mr. Boardman stated Fort Lauderdale high school's 100th anniversary is coming up and the board is interested in working with the school in preparation for some sort of celebration combining the City, alumni and perhaps the new building.

Ms. Ribeiro agreed that the City and the school should work together to celebrate the 100th anniversary. She welcomed ideas from the board for the upcoming celebration.

Mrs. Elijah asked "when is the school's 100th anniversary"?

Ms. Ribeiro said the school's 1st graduating class was in 1915 and believes the school was opened prior to that. She said she is still learning the history about the school. Ms. Ribeiro said at the beginning of the year, the school will begin celebrations and will continue through graduation.

Chair Ludwick stated he spent the best 12 years of his life as an administrator at Fort Lauderdale High school. He said he is willing to work as on a committee in preparation for the 100th anniversary. Chair Ludwick said under his administration they did the 75th anniversary of the school. He said the historical society has a lot of information about the school.

Mrs. Elijah stated that she attended Fort Lauderdale high for 10th and 11th grade before becoming “a true blue”. She said her group was the first blacks to integrate the school.

Ms. Ribeiro said all of the stories should be included in the celebration.

Mr. Boardman gave an update on the status of the new building. Ms. Ribeiro reported on various projects the students participate in throughout the County.

Chair Ludwick introduced Mr. Michael Walker, Principal of Sunrise middle school.

Mr. Walker gave some feedback on what’s going on at Sunrise middle school. He said that some of the programs discussed by Ms. Ribeiro are similar to programs they are doing at the middle school. The goal of the middle school is for the students to graduate and attend high school. Mr. Walker said, sunrise is a magnet school and they offer a Montessori program. This program develops the whole child mentally, socially as well as education based. Mr. Walker said he does not have much data but the school has about 450 students with 100 out of boundary students for each grade level. He said between 60 – 70 % are Fort Lauderdale boundary kids.

Mr. Walker said a new technology course is offered at Sunrise middle school.

The school is preparing students with the skills they need for high school like courses in Microsoft. Students can take a bundle package and in 6th and 7th grade, they take PowerPoint and word and in 8th they take excel which is a yearlong course and if they take all 3 courses; they will leave the school with Microsoft adult certification. They can use it for high school credit or add to resume for a job. The school also offers foreign language classes in Spanish.

Chair Ludwick thanked Mr. Walker for stopping by to give an update on Sunrise middle school.

VII. Member updates –

Mr. Austin Scott gave an update on the city track event held on April 1st at Carter Park. He said over 700 people attended and it this is the only the only gathering that includes Public and Private schools in the City. The event included all 3 public high schools, Westminster, Cardinal Gibbons, St. Thomas Aquinas, Calvary and home school program. He said the City police, parks and recreation, park rangers and fire rescue was all on hand for the event and amazing.

Mrs. Elijah said at the Commission conference she attended with Mr. Ludwick the Mayor and Commissioners applauded the track meet event.

Mr. Boardman reported that BCPS has hired an independent third party to do a needs assessment survey for the facilities department. This will determine the schools facility needs specifically the physical plant based on 3 criteria maintenance, physical need or programmatic need. Currently, the needs assessment is in progress and will be done by September. At that point, they will be able to identify what the districts needs are in terms of dollars. He encouraged the board to present as a front to do the school facilities projects in the City of Fort Lauderdale, like Stranahan high school to get what they originally promised. Mr. Boardman suggested presenting to the City Commission to request the facilities improvement at City schools.

VIII. Current business

City Staff report:

Junia Robinson, Staff Liaison asked for board members who have not submitted their ideas for marketing city schools to do so as soon as possible.

Ms. Robinson also reported at the recent Commission conference meeting both Chair and Vice-Chair were in attendance and the Commission unanimously approved the communication to add a City schools to the website.

IX. New Future Business

Chair Ludwick said the next couple of meetings will be in workshop format to focus on the marketing on City schools.

X. Next Meeting and Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19th, 2014
City Hall, 8th floor conference room.

Fort Lauderdale High

Est. 1915 – Cambridge Programme & Pre-Law Magnet School
Ranked in TOP Schools in the Nation by US News & World Report

The mission of Fort Lauderdale High School is to prepare students academically and socially to be competitive leaders in tomorrow's global workforce

2013-14 School Profile

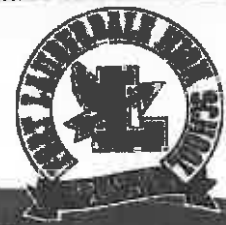
Fort Lauderdale High School (FLHS) is a Broward County public school located on 26 acres in beautiful downtown Fort Lauderdale. FLHS had its first graduating class in 1915 and has established a tradition of academic excellence for nearly 100 years.

The student population of Fort Lauderdale High represents the rich ethnic and culturally diverse community found within South Florida. Total school enrollment is 2123 students. The school offers a wide range of special programs and certifications.

- **Cambridge AICE Programme:** Features the AICE diploma, an internationally-recognized diploma accepted in 167 countries. The program offers 22 college-level courses.
- **Advanced Placement Courses** – 20 college-level courses out of 31 offered by College Board.
- **Pre-Law and Public Affairs Magnet Program**
- **Naval Junior ROTC Honor Unit**
- **Debate and Forensics**
- **Certification Programs:** Students can earn a variety of career and technical certifications including Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Certified Associate, First Responder, Food Protection, ProStart, and others.

Flying L Achievements

- **Winner of College Board Gaston Caperton Inspiration Award**
- **Designated Silver Medal School by US News & World Reports**
- **Top 1% Challenging Schools in America by Washington Post**
- **Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America**



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FLHS School Profile

2013-14



Fort Lauderdale High School Strong & True, White & Blue.

- 2013 FLHS Graduation Rate: 92%. (Broward County District Graduation Rate: 75%; State of Florida Graduation Rate: 76%)
 - Eighty-nine percent of students are college-bound with 75% attending four-year colleges and universities.
 - Class of 2013 earned nearly four million dollars in scholarships with 40% of students receiving scholarship dollars.
 - 2013 FLHS Reading Proficiency Rates: 61% (Broward County District Rate: 50%; State Proficiency Rate: 52%)
 - 2013 FLHS Math Proficiency Rate: 74% (Broward County District Rate: 53%; State Proficiency Rate: 45%)
 - Average SAT and ACT test scores of top 10% of seniors:
 - SAT Critical Reading: 680
 - SAT Math: 630
 - ACT Composite: 31
 - AP Exam Passing Rate: 59%
 - Cambridge AICE Exam Passing Rate: 62%
 - No. of AP Exams Administered in 2014: 1,217
 - AICE Exam Passing Rate: 62%
- **Ranked an A+ School by the Florida Dept. of Education**
 - **Ranked 45th out of 777 high schools in Florida by U.S. News & World Report.**
 - **Ranked 2nd in Broward County and 23rd in the nation for African American Advanced Placement exam passing rates.**

FLHS Staff

Principal: Ms. Priscilla B. Ribeiro, Ed.S.

Assistant Principals: Ms. Sara Larosa
Mr. Armando Alejo
Dr. Frank Gaines
Ms. Marie Hautigan

Guidance Director: Mr. Dwight Francis

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