

**City of Hollywood
Education Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020
Via WebEx**

- In Attendance:** Mitchell Anton, Peggy Cannis, Chair Dan Derrico, Joel Levine, Vice Chair Cheree Liebowitz, Kypps Pollard, Graham Rubin, Gabrielle Short and Kathy Thomas
- Absent:** Jacqueline Grant, Donna Greene, Allan Libero, Diana Marrero, Ellen Suppa
- Staff:** Anthony Grisby, Community Development Manager
Peggy Eads, Administrative Assistant 1
- Non-Members:** Angel Gomez, Governmental Affairs, Broward County Public Schools
Mark Howard, Principal, Hallandale High School
Coco Burns, Program Director, Innovative Teaching, Broward Education Foundation
Carol Fischer

I. Call to Order

Chair Dan Derrico noted the presence of a quorum at 6:05 p.m. and roll was taken.

II. Review of Minutes from the 7/20/20 Meeting

Peggy said that Cheree Liebowitz had suggested some clarifications/edits to the July minutes. Cheree gave her thoughts on why they needed to be made. After a brief discussion, Peggy said she would send the minutes including Cheree's comments to the members for their consideration. The July minutes will be voted on at the October meeting.

III. Acknowledgement of BCPS personnel in attendance

Dan welcomed Angel Gomez, Mark Howard, Coco Burns and Carol Fischer to the meeting.

IV. New Business

- **Update on 2019-2020 Teacher Grant Awards by Coco Burns, Program Coordinator, Broward Education Foundation**

Coco discussed the timeline for BEF Teacher Grants. She said that because of the Pandemic, some teachers who were awarded grants had bought supplies but had not been able to act on their grant proposals. However, they will do so when they are able. Coco then shared a video with teachers expressing their thanks to the donors of the program and showing supplies that were purchased. Cheree said that one of the FAQs on the application link stated that teachers were only eligible to apply for one type of grant, when actually teachers can apply for any grant offered but will only receive one grant award. Coco said that she would look into changing the wording. She also promised to send Peggy the Teacher Grant flyer and booklet for dissemination to the members. Anthony said he will have the Teacher Grant information added to the City's website. The teacher grant proposals for the coming year will need to be submitted by November 20, 2020.

Dan thanked Coco for her update.

- **Presentation by Mark Howard, Principal, Hallandale High School**

Principal Howard shared the following information about Hallandale High School:

Enrollment is approximately 1200. Out of those, about 350 students live in Hollywood. The school's theme this year is "Leading the Charge". The "school choice" initiatives have placed more emphasis on recruiting from the area middle schools. 87% of their students qualify for free or subsidized lunch. The school has several magnet programs and has been named a Magnet School of Distinction with six magnet pathways. One of the new magnet programs is Hospitality and Tourism. This year they added the Cambridge International Program. They have over 50 clubs. They had a 98% graduation rate this past year. They have mentor programs, including the "5000 Role models", and other organizations.

Joel asked about training for teachers in on-line learning. Mr. Howard said that this has been extensive, with a few skilled teachers on his staff taking the lead to train other teachers. Mitch asked about cooperation between Hollywood and Hallandale to assist Hallandale High School. Mr. Howard said that he communicates with people from both cities, and now with both the Hallandale and Hollywood Education Advisory Committees to solicit support. Angel Gomez complemented Mr. Howard on his efforts to market his school and to improve student success and graduation rates. Dan Derrico thanked Mark Howard for his presentation and expressed the Committee's willingness to help him and his school in marketing their programs and in other ways that might be requested.

- **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

- The EAC voted to appoint/reappoint the Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Mitch nominated Dan Derrico as Chair. Cheree seconded the nomination and it was approved unanimously. Dan nominated Cheree Liebowitz as Vice Chair. Mitch seconded the nomination and it was approved unanimously. Cheree and Dan asked Peggy to research where they stood as far as term limits are concerned. Peggy said she would do that and share the information with the Committee.

V. **Old Business**

None.

VI. **Member Comments**

There were no member comments.

Angel Gomez shared information with the Committee including the latest developments concerning when and how the teachers and students will return to schools. Some students will remain at home taking their courses on-line. One issue is how teachers will interact with both groups of students - in the classroom and on-line from home. The School Board meeting scheduled for September 22 starting at 10:00 am is expected to make decisions as to when and how this will be accomplished.

Cheree shared a link with the other members regarding options for school start and end date and Thanksgiving holiday options for the coming year.

VII. **Staff Report**

Anthony shared information with the Committee regarding a city program to provide learning pods for elementary age school children to be provided by the Parks and Recreations Department in conjunction with various city and county agencies. These learning pods will provide a safe place for children to do their online school work under supervision. The locations include several City community centers including MLK and Driftwood. The contact person for the program is Joaquin Arellano, Parks Manager at PRCA.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Cheree made a **motion** to adjourn, which was seconded by Graham. Following a unanimous voice **vote**, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next scheduled committee meeting is on Monday October 19 at 6:00 p.m. via WebEx.

The last meeting of the 2020 year will be on Monday November 16 at 6:00 p.m.

There will be no December meeting.