

MINUTES
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall Municipal Center, 9705 East Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Attendance: Diane Quick, Josh Clarin, Ana Othon, Rafael Villalobos, Harry Nerenberg, Olga Cadoval (staff liaison). Excused: Katie Landsea and Michelle Nicolini.

Guests: Robert Treadwell and Glorida Rodriguez, Cassandra Ramjit (resident arrived at 7:20). Mayor Karyn Cunningham joined as well at 7:24, and Katherine Leiva.

1. Dianne welcomed everyone and names were exchanged by the panel.
2. No minutes were available to be approved.
3. During Public Comments, Olga Cadoval introduced Robert and Gloria. She explained that they would be handling the public announcements. Dianne mentioned that we would need to update the brochure to recognize the new name changes.
4. Updates
 - a. Regional Superintendent for South Date Villalobos introduced himself and explained his background and priorities. He stated the Region has 116 schools and over 83,000 students.
 - b. District: Martha provided an update as to her information via document, and Ana provided additional information. (see attached from MDCPS Office of Schools Facilities) Mr. Villalobos spoke to the Police Department interactions and the meeting convened by Mayor Cunningham. He complimented the gathering and the importance of getting our officers together and understanding each other's roles. Open House 9/14 CRES & HD, Perrine 9/15, Southwood 9/1 and MPSH 9/22.
 - c. School Board: Ms. Leiva mentioned the Capitol Plan and how Perrine will be getting funding for improvements. She will bring that report next time. The Teacher Referendum will be coming up and Ms. Santos would like assistance and community involvement for the November election/ballot. She also recognized the job the District/Region/School did in communicating with parents, as their office did not get inundated with inquiries.
 - d. PTA/PTSA: CRES VP Advocacy conveyed two questions from parents.
 - i. First, the parents would like to know if additional police officers would be possible. If so, how would the additional expense be able to be split between the PTA and Palmetto Bay. Mr. Villalobos provided his understanding of the officers (SSOs) present, and Mayor Cunningham asked for clarification. Ana offered to communicate with the principal

- and have her speak to the security committee on the CRES PTA, and share her contact information.
- ii. Second, Cell Phone reception continues to be poor, and while WiFi boosters do exist, they do not do a sufficient job. Mayor Cunningham asked for that question to be forwarded to her, and gave a bit of background as to improvements that are in process already. We can do some inquiry as to ATT updates, and our plans as well. Mr. Villalobos addressed capacity of the school guest WiFi systems. Ms. Leiva referenced Board Member Santos' conversations with the IT department and how District 9 has some of the oldest routers in the school district.
 - e. Village Council/Liaison: Vice Mayor Tellam reported that the Village is speaking of activating the Foundation, and that part of her interest in the Foundation is to determine if the school system could use some assistance in developing programming that would help schools, students and staff come out of these school-based incidents with less mental impact or trauma. Mr. Nerenburg asked why school alerts are not shared with students, and Mr. Villalobos indicated he would take that back for consideration. Mr. Villalobos instructed the group as to Fortify Florida, Safer Watch and other programs that are implemented as additional tools for safety and security.
5. Old Business: was referred to New Business.
6. New Business:
- a. Scheduling was covered and Dianne clarified that we would be meeting the 4th Tuesday at each month, 7:00 Village Hall.
 - b. Calendar of Events & Planning Schedule was discussed and Harry pointed out a few items.
 - i. The State of the Village will be December 1st, so the Rosemary Fuller Award and Principal of the Year (Greg Zawyer) Award would be started in process.
 - ii. The principals' breakfast will have the Principal of the Year award in October. Harry mentioned that the nomination form was on the website, and the PTA/PTSA were informed. October 11th or 18th have been proffered for the breakfast per Olga Cadoval.
 - iii. For Monthly recognitions, we will move forward with custodial recognition in the month of October. Discussion was held as to how to identify the "role model" for recognition, and Mr. Villalobos suggested we could ask the principals to identify one on their lists that they would like to recognize. Ana volunteered that she would provide Chair Quick with a list of custodians at each school in the Village and Palmetto Senior. The committee informally decided they would vote on the focal person in September as well.

- c. Chair Quick discussed various methods for publicizing the efforts of the Education Committee and sending messaging out to the community. Ms. Cadoval asked that the committee review the website and offer any suggestions they would like to see made by her department. Vice Mayor Tellam made the point that special emails were previously sent out for monthly recognitions, and that the new PIO would have scheduling ideas as well. An additional idea would be an end of the year event. Mr. Nerenberg had the idea that perhaps we could sponsor an event for new parents in the community. Vice Mayor Tellam suggested this could be a Town Hall sponsored by the Mayor, and others suggested electronic polling as to what new parents need to know.
7. Recommendations to Council: none.
8. List of Agenda Items for Next Meeting:
 - a. Vote on Principal Award
 - b. Discuss plan for recognizing custodians
 - c. Discuss Rosemary Fuller Award timeline
9. Next Meeting Date will be September 27th.