

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Commissioners
THRU: Charles F. Dodge, City Manager
FROM: Katherine Borgstrom – Board Secretary
DATE: November 19, 2024
SUBJECT: Charter Academic Village Advisory Board, November 18, 2024

S U M M A R Y

2024-2025 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Members Razza, Thompson, Dawkins, Sylvester and Bell

ABSENT: Chair Reynoso, Vice Chair Fitzgerald, Members Pitter and Proven

ALSO PRESENT: Nalini Sohit-Vazquez, City Controller, Peter Bayer, Principal and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY ONLY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 REGULAR MEETING. DETAILED MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.

ACTING CHAIR:

Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, Member Razza swerved as Chair for the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nalini Sohit-Vazquez presented information on fundraising efforts. She reported on the parent pledge, corporate sponsorships, dress down events, and restaurant events. There will be a restaurant event on November 20, at Ceviche Bar. A flyer on the sign in table will have instructions on how parents can participate and parents can also get hours by registering their receipt from their order that day. She encouraged parents to enter the Florida Pre-Paid Scholarship Raffle, which opened November 4 and will go till December 10. Tickets are \$100 each. She reported that the Enrollment Lottery for 2025-2026 will open on January 2 and go through February 15. All returning students must re-enroll through the lottery system, as well as any new siblings or others interested in attending the Charter System.

Ms. Sohit-Vazquez introduced Jennifer Marin, Chartwells representative who gave a presentation on the new equipment in the kitchens of all the campuses and showed slides of the improvements in the food service areas. She also spoke about ways Chartwells is using different methods to encourage the students to be involved in good nutrition.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported to the parents that for the entire week of November 25-29 there will be no school. None of that week will be used to make up for storm days in October. The first day of school, though has changed and will be Monday, January 6 and Friday, January 10 will be a teacher work day – no school for students. This will extend the 2nd semester one week, make up the storm days and provide for a work day for teachers to record semester and end of semester grades. Finals for all students will still take place Wednesday through Friday, December 18 through 20. Any needed make up finals will be taken during the week of

January 6. He also reported there are at least six different sports active at this time, so there is a game for everyone to attend.

Mr. Bayer gave the report of the A+ Funds Distribution Committee and the Board approved the report and will send to City Commission for final approval.

OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Bayer was asked by a Board member to elaborate on the incident the prior week. There was an incident of a fight, but after the students were ramped up and at each class change so students were yelling “fight” and causing more disruption of classes. Administration decided to have all the students remain in their fifth period class for the remainder of the day and students were reminded of the consequences of not just fighting, but also causing an unneeded disruption of class. All students had already had lunch, so no one went without eating and the students settled down for the remainder of the day.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business. Parents were adjourned.

FLORIDA SUNSHINE AND RECORD RETENTION LAW PRESENTATION:

Assistant City Attorney Paul Hernandez made a presentation on the Florida Sunshine and Record Retention Law for the Board and took questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Motion passed to approve the Minutes from October 14, 2024 meeting as corrected
- Motion passed to excuse Chair Reynoso, Vice Chair Fitzgerald, Members Pitter and Porven from the meeting.
- Motion passed to approve the Charter Academic Village A+ Funds Distribution Committee results for 2023-2024 school year as presented

The next 2024-2025 Regular Meeting of the Charter Academic Village Advisory Board will be on Monday, January 13 2025, and will begin at 6:00 P.M. Meeting location will be at the SW Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, 33028.