

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Commissioners
THRU: Charles F. Dodge, City Manager
FROM: Katherine Borgstrom – Board Secretary
DATE: November 18, 2024
SUBJECT: Charter Elementary/Middle School Advisory Board Regular Meeting
November 12, 2024

S U M M A R Y

2024-2025 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chair Siddiqui, Members Baptiste, Carrero, Spence, Osorio, Yen-Chu, Antelo, Govaria, Alternate Member Levy

ABSENT: Vice Chair Estevez, Members Sands, Phillips, Alternate Member Ali and Lopez

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant City Manager, Nalini Sohit-Vazquez, Controller, Principals Chance, Castellano, Augustin and Maraj; Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY ONLY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING. DETAILED MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla welcomed everyone and encouraged participation by parents in the meetings and fundraising efforts.

Nalini Sohit-Vazquez presented information on fundraising efforts, including the parent pledge, corporate sponsorships, dress down events, and restaurant events. She also spoke about the Florida Pre-Paid Scholarship Raffle that goes through December 10. Tickets are \$100 each. The Enrollment Lottery will begin on January 2 and goes through February 15. All current students planning to attend next school year will need to enroll through the lottery.

Jennifer Marin, Chartwells representative, gave an update on the refresh for the campus kitchen, reporting that all school now have ovens and warming stations so that the meal are prepared on campus, instead of being brought in each day from the central kitchen. She also showed photos of the new equipment and the serving areas at each campus. She spoke about the different ideas being used to engage the students, such as bring in a food truck to serve lunch from, having cooking and nutrition classes with students, introducing new choices and taking feedback in order to add variety to the menus. She took questions from parents.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Augustin introduced Joan Wallen who presented the Elementary 2023-2024 A+ Funds Distribution Committee final results and the board approved the plan.

Dana Cole presented the Middle School 2023-2024 A+ Funds Distribution committee final results and the board approved the plan. Both will be sent to City Commission for final approval.

Ms. Fernandez gave a presentation on the bullying policy and how it is implemented in the Charter schools. She also presented an addition to the 2024-2025 Elementary and Middle Schools' Pro-Active Discipline Guide on bullying and the board approved the amended guide (it had been approved in September 2024).

Principal Augustin also spoke about middle school sports, including the boys golf team, cross county and basketball. She reported there will be a Jaquar Pointer Presentation on November 18. Parents are encouraged to log on to the seminar in order to earn volunteer hours.

OPEN FORUM

There was a question about homework over the winter holiday. The principals responded that they will remind the teachers there should be no assignments given over the holidays, unless they are for extra credit. Parent also asked about the next assessment dates and the response was that the dates have not yet been set by the state

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Motion passed to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024 meeting as received.
- Motion passed to excuse Vice Chair Estevez, Members Sands, Phillips, Alternate Member Ali and Lopez
- Motion passed to approve the 2023-2024 Charter Elementary School A+ Funda Distribution Committee report as presented.
- Motion passed to approve the 2023-2024 Charter Middle School A+ Funda Distribution Committee report as presented.
- Motion passed to approve the revisions to the 2024-2025 Charter Elementary and Middle School Pro-Active Discipline Guide as presented.

PLEASE NOTE: The next Regular Meeting of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board is scheduled to be on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the Charter Central Campus Cafeteria, 12350 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33026.