

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Commissioners
THRU: Charles F. Dodge, City Manager
FROM: Katherine Borgstrom – Board Secretary
DATE: December 6, 2023
SUBJECT: Charter Elementary/Middle School Advisory Board Regular Meeting
December 5, 2023

S U M M A R Y

2023-2024 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chair Huckabee, Members Baptiste, Sands, Levy, Longoria, Osorio, Akkaya, Estevez and Phillips

ABSENT: Vice Chair Siddiqui, Member Ottenwalder and Alternate Member Nicolas

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant City Manager, Principals Castellano, Augustin, Chance and Sporillo; Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY ONLY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2023 MEETING. DETAILED MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla updated parents on fundraising activities, include dress down days, restaurant nights and corporate partnerships. He informed the parents that the enrollment lottery will begin in January and that all returning students must be enrolled through the lottery process, as well as those seeking to receive a grade placement for 2024-2025.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Augustin introduced Curriculum Specialists Ms. Farinella, Ms. Adorno, and Ms. Lesmes, who presented the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plans for the Elementary and the Middle School. The presentation included recent test scores, showing gains and over all improvement, plus areas of curriculum that will be the focus of this year to help students increase their reading, math and science knowledge for future testing. Overall scores show students in the Charter System scoring above the local district and state scores. Students with Disabilities will also be a focus, as their gains were just below the state required gains and curriculum will focus on their increased reading skills, which in turn complement other curriculum understanding. They took questions from the board members and provided answers. The board approved the School Improvement Plans for 2023-2024.

Dr. Sporillo presented the 2023-2024 Wellness Policy, thanking Chartwells representative and board member Esteves for participating in the review of the policy. For this year, the only change is the date, as the state has not issued any new guidelines for student meals. The Board approved the policy.

Principal Augustin spoke about the sports for middle school and presented a calendar of activities at each campus for the month of December. She also presented information about the A+ Funds Committee, including board members Longoria and Baptiste representing the board on the committee and briefly explained the function of

that committee. The final results will be presented at the January 9, 2024 meeting for approval of the board.

OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers during the Open Forum.

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 3, 2023 meeting as received.
- Motion passed to excuse the absences of Vice Chair Siddiqui.
- Motion passed to approve the Elementary School Improvement Plan 2023-2024 and to send to Commission for final approval.
- Motion passed to approve the Middle School Improvement Plan 2023-2024 and to send to Commission for final approval.
- Motion passed to approve the 2023-2024 Wellness Policy and to send to Commission for final approval.

PLEASE NOTE: The next Regular Meeting of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board is scheduled to be on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the Charter Central Campus Cafeteria, 12350 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33026.