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## CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD PEMBROKE PINES, FL

December 10, 2018

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ACADEMIC VILLAGE ADVISORY BOARD** on Monday, December 10, 2018, in the Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Chairman Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2018-2019 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cruz, Members Levy, Kaminsky, Padron and Reynoso, Alternate Member Prescott

**ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Rundell, Members Kahn and Costa, Alternate Member Simko

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Frank Ortis, Commissioner Iris Siple, Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzalez, City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla, Principal Peter Bayer; Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mayor Frank Ortis began the meeting with a few words of praise for the Charter schools administration and staff. He remarked that many new businesses coming into the City have indicated one of the items that attracted them to Pembroke Pines was the Charter School system and its recognition for high scholastic standards. He thanked all the parents also for their continued support of the school system.

Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, spoke about the 2017-2018 budget true-up due to the City and Charter Schools being self-insured, that has resulted in a positive final budget, leaving some monies in the reserves. He also spoke about the 2019-2020 budget process beginning in January 2019 with input from school administration and staff for the coming year's program needs. He will present the 2019-2020 proposed budget to the advisory board and parents on June 10, 2019. He also reported that the

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Charter System has received over \$850,000 in grants this last year. The largest of these is for school security, which the City has already begun with the hardening of all campus entry ways and stepped up security systems.

Commissioner Iris Siple spoke about the community that has developed in the Charter System due to the many volunteer hours given by parents. She also spoke about the security improvements and praised the administration and staff for their loyalty to the Charter System. She also wished everyone greetings of the season and a safe new year.

Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller, gave a fundraising update, indicating that donations through the parent letter have raised \$33,659.00 to date, with another \$23,000 raised from SOS activities, such as the dress down days. He spoke about upcoming fundraising dates including the Cream (ice cream shop) fundraising nights, the Walk-A-Thon on January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor's Golf Tournament scheduled for March 22, Light Up Pines Night on February 2, and the Taste of Pines on February 21<sup>st</sup>. He reminded all parents that they can earn volunteer hours by volunteering to work at any of these fundraising events. Also, on the school website, parents can pay in advance for the dress down days for January through May, 2019. Mr. Bonilla also spoke about the enrollment Lottery that opens on January 10, 2019 and runs through March 10, 2019. All currently enrolled students must re-enroll for the 2019-2020 school year through the Lottery system.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion by Member Levy, seconded by Alternate Member Prescott, to accept the November 20, 2018 minutes as presented passed unanimously.

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## **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

A motion by Alternate Member Prescott, seconded by Member Padron, to excuse the absence of Members Kahn and Costa passed unanimously.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Mr. Bayer spoke about the upcoming exams including mid-term, end of course and AP classes. He reminded parents about options for students maintaining all A and/or B grades in classes and that they are able to opt out of three exams based on their grades. He also spoke about the soccer and basketball teams' activities. Mr. Bayer introduced Dr. Libidinsky who presented the 2018-2019 Wellness Policy and the Board members accepted the report, to send to City Commission for final approval. Mr. Bayer spoke about the American Heritage Drama Competition. This was the first year the Charter High School had participated and the school had been well represented, taking three best in show awards and three second place awards.

A motion by Member Levy, seconded by Alternate Member Prescott, to accept the 2018-2019 Wellness Policy as presented, passed unanimously.

## **OPEN FORUM:**

Parent concerns focused on traffic flow credit hours clarification and no SRO or crossing guards at the 172<sup>nd</sup> entrance for the high school students, and Mr. Bayer answered all of the parent questions.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

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## NEW BUSINESS:

**Joint Communication Report:** Mr. Hernandez, member of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board gave a brief report on their December meeting.

## ADJOURN THE MEETING:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom  
Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 P.M.  
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