

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**THRU:** Charles F. Dodge, City Manager  
**FROM:** Katherine Borgstrom – Board Secretary  
**DATE:** September 10, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Regular Meeting - Charter Academic Village Advisory Board, September 9, 2019

### S U M M A R Y

#### **2019-2020 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cruz, Vice Chairman Rundell, Member Reynoso, Alternate Members Sao and Leitner

**ABSENT:** Members Costa, Levy, Padron and Kahn

**ALSO PRESENT:** Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzalez, City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla, SOS Parent Representative, Principal Peter Bayer and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

**THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY ONLY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING. DETAILED MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

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

Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager welcomed the parents to a new school year and gave a brief description of the role of the City Manager in relation to the advisory board and the parents. He spoke about the legislative initiative of the City for the next session of the state house and senate. The City is has approved a bill, which is still in need of a sponsor, that will cause the Broward School District to share with all municipally run not-for-profit charter schools the county collected school millage. This includes both the annual 1.50 mil property tax for the district schools and the recently created 1.5 mil tax for the Secure Next Generation referendum. Mr. Gonzalez stated that if the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School was given their fair share of these locally secured taxes, the system would net close to 7 million dollars. Currently City of Pembroke Pines homeowners are taxed these school taxes, but the City of Pembroke Pines students who attend the City Charter Schools do not have that tax money follow them to their school. He acknowledged this will be a challenge, not only in the legislature but also with the Broward School District. He took questions concerning his information.

Julio Garrido, SOS Parent Representative, spoke about the SOS program, giving a brief summary of the purpose of the program. He introduced a new Corporate Sponsor, Just Salads, who have provided salads this evening at the end of the meeting and explained their up-coming fundraising activities with the charter schools. He explained that September 15 through 17 Just Salads will be giving 25% of all sales to charter school identified customers. They will also provide through their ordering app the same 25% of sales to charter school identified customers throughout the year.

Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller, spoke to the current fundraising activities for all charter campuses. The dress down pre-pay just closed for this semester, but will be open in January for the second semester pre-pay. Parent pledges have already reached \$30,000 and he provided a calendar of fundraising events for parents to take.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Bayer spoke about the opening of school and new security features for the Academic Village Campus. These include new gates, being installed tomorrow, updated 150 security cameras, bell, intercom system, and panic buttons. There has already been an unplanned code black (campus evacuation) due to a bomb threat that was discovered to be a hoax and a planned code red drill (campus lockdown in place). Both drills went good, students and staff cooperated well, things are learned at each drill for future knowledge. Both had the backing of the City of Pembroke Pines Police, Fire, and Rescue Departments.

Principal Bayer also spoke about the climate of the campus, that staff is working to provide a climate where students feel comfortable about going to an adult and telling them either of a concern or threat they have seen or heard or their personal concerns or stresses. There are student clubs focusing on encouragement for students, one called "Start With Hello" is being lead this year by Senior Carissa Kaminsky (daughter of board member Mark Kaminsky).

Principal Bayer addressed the issue of dress down days on the Academic Village Campus and stated they will not happen this year. The main reason is security, as last year many non-students were able to come on to campus on dress down days, because there was no uniform dress policy for those days. This became a security issue for staff. Also, the monies raised by the Academic Village Campus for dress down days was minimal, as there was not enough participation.

Principal Bayer went over the Code of Conduct in the Parent Student Handbooks, noting the uniform policy, the requirement to wear ID badges at all times, the new restriction on hood type of jackets, unless they are school uniform imprinted, and the one ear bud policy, so that if student is listening to music, they would still be able to hear an alert or drill code. He spoke about vaping, which is an automatic expulsion from school and use of unauthorized substances in vaping pens. A new program, Senior Privilege, was started this year. This program required all seniors interested to attend a seminar provided by the school on a current issue. This issue at the beginning of this school year was vaping. The physical, medical and legal side effects of vaping were covered in detail at this seminar, which all the seniors did attend. As a reward, seniors have a special colored badge and do not have to report to school until the end of homeroom at 7:53 AM on school days. There will be a seminar at the beginning of the second semester for seniors to earn this privilege again.

Principal Bayer spoke about Charter Study days (four early release days in addition to the district early release days) which allow for staff to have a training day together with all campuses, the October 26 Parent Workshop, and the sports teams that are currently under way.

## **OPEN FORUM:**

Parents' concerns focused on security, if the fencing is high enough, are there ways to share the training students have received for code red drills with the parents and community, zoning that has allowed a vaping shop right across the street from the school, crowded bus

route, Stop The Bleed training for staff (which has been conducted twice at Academic Village Campus), recognition of ID badges compared to last year by staff, wearing of hooded jacket for sensory spectrum student and how to obtain additional graduation tickets.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Members signed up for the Joint Communication with the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board and the Education Advisory Board for the board year. Member Crute of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board did attend the meeting, but that board did not have a September meeting due to the threat of Hurricane Dorian.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- Motion passed to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular meeting as received.
- Motion passed to excuse the absence of Members Costa, Levy, Kahn and Padron.
- Motion passed to accept the 2019-2020 Charter Academic Village High School Parent Student Handbook as presented and to recommend the approval of the City Commission.
- Motion passed to accept the 2019-2020 Charter Academic Village Middle School Parent Student Handbook as presented and to recommend the approval of the City Commission.

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**The next 2019-2020 Regular Meeting of the Charter Academic Village Advisory Board will be on October 14, 2019, and will begin at 6:00 P.M., in the Southwest Regional Library Class Room, 17235 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, FL.**