

Town of Southwest Ranches
School Education Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Monday

Town Hall

March 13th, 2016

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members Present:

Kathy Sullivan

Christina Brownlow

Debbie Green

Rosina Marrapodi-Bove

Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Staff Present:

Ivette Solera

Members Absent:

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Leah McDonnell

Gwen Weekley

Council Liaison:

Gary Jablonski

Guests:

Dr. Lori Canning

Veronica Sclafani

Call to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Priscilla Prado-Stroze motioned to approve the minutes, as amended, for February, 2017. Debbie Green seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Green motioned to excuse the absence for the members listed above. Rosina Marrapodi-Bove seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Green motioned our advisory board make a resolution to send to Council promoting the *Broward Reads* program. Priscilla Prado-Stroze seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Priscilla Prado-Stroze motioned to accept revisions to the scholarship application. Debbie Green seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Priscilla Prado-Stroze motioned to move the April 11th meeting to the 17th. Rosina Marrapodi-Bove seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- The SEAB members would like a letter (to give to donors) which specifies our IRS charity classification (including tax id #), thus reflecting our non-profit status.

- Dr. Canning presented on the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (*Broward Reads...* packet provided to all members present). Would we participate as a city? Sign a proclamation? Cities participating: Weston, Parkland, Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale. 55% of Broward County 3rd graders are reading at, or above, grade level. Next city delegate meeting is 3/30, at 9am, by Commercial & Sawgrass, chaired by Lauderdale VP and lasts about 2 hours...meetings are every other month. Libraries will have huge reading programs coming! Questions from us: Create mobile libraries in town? Have reading pals with our volunteers? Kathy would like to reach-out to the Council for a resolution. The program has a goal of giving 20,000 books to kindergarteners. Debbie will be our liaison with Priscilla as back-up.
- Great reviews were received for our Ranchers of Distinction event.
- June-make purchases for next year's board needs.
- Thank DRW for coverage.

The meeting concluded at 8:40pm.