

DRAFT
TOWN OF DAVIE
YOUTH, EDUCATION, SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6591 ORANGE DRIVE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 - 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Tim Curtin, Chair	P
Linda Wood, Vice Chair	A
Dr. Robin Behrman	A
Marcy Fallahzadeh	P
Melody Chaykin	P
Nan Gault	P
Dr. Arlene Amarant	P
Tracy Schweitzer	P

ALSO PRESENT

Evelyn Roig, Town Clerk

Charles Webster, Government Relations Coordinator, Broward Public Schools Legislative Affairs Office

Mona Laventure, Prototype, Inc.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. Roll was called and it was determined a quorum was present.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Charles Webster, Broward Public Schools

Mr. Webster recalled that last year work with a charter committee was discussed, and now Indian Ridge Middle School is getting close to calling a committee together. Chair Curtin was asked to suggest somebody to represent the Board on that committee, bringing in the school community as well as outside community. There is \$3 billion worth of need, but starting off with \$800 million, so the purpose of the committee is to go into detail as to what can be done. Mr. Webster attended one meeting where the plans were reviewed and work discussed.

Mr. Webster reported on other items:

- Attended parent engagement several weeks earlier, everybody socialized.
- Continuing conversations with the District: The Next Gen Engage is the new name and the next conference will be at Western High School, December 1.

Meetings will be held at each school board member's district.

- Magnet application window and reassignment window is opening up on December 1.

Chair Curtin wondered if every school would have a committee like the one mentioned for Indian Ridge. Mr. Webster stated every school would have one because some work needs to be done at every school, and it will be spread out over five years. The work is primarily roofs and HVAC, it is a complex process, and some of the work is underway.

Chair Curtin asked if anyone would like to be part of the Charter Committee for Indian Ridge Middle School. Mr. Webster stated that the process has already started, contracts have been signed, but the actual work is just about to begin. Ms. Fallahzadeh said she could attend the meeting at Western High School, but Mr. Webster clarified that is a public meeting, is basically for students, and is different from the Charter Committee. The only committee now needing participation is for Indian Ridge, and no meeting date has yet been set. Ms. Chaykin and Dr. Amarant agreed to be part of it, and the school will contact them when the meeting date is set. Ms. Fallahzadeh was still encouraged to attend The Next Gen meeting on December 1.

Ms. Chaykin and Chair Curtin thanked Mr. Webster for his diligence in getting this Committee information of Board-approved activities with students and groups, and for attending all their meetings.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 September 26, 2016, Meeting Minutes

Chair Curtin commented that from the presentations given at the last meeting on the half cent transportation and half cent infrastructure measures, the infrastructure measure did not pass, so neither measure would go into effect.

Motion made by Ms. Schweitzer, seconded by Ms. Chaykin to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016, meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Grant Application Update

- Fox Trail Elementary. Robotics kit to introduce students to coding. Ms. Chaykin was very impressed that the teacher who made the application had done a training workshop to learn about utilizing unique enhancements for classroom work, to code the device, and put it immediately to use. Some discussion followed on percentage of students who would benefit, two year program for ages 8 and up, and the technology necessary for the robots at Fox Trail.

Motion made by Ms. Chaykin, seconded by Ms. Schweitzer to approve the RFP in whole for Fox Trail Elementary (\$499.90). In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Indian Ridge Middle School. Hydroponic Tower Garden Year 2. Ms. Chaykin recalled how the decision for funding for new projects was to be preferred over automatically funding subsequent years of existing projects. Ms. Gault and Ms. Fallahzadeh thought this garden project for special needs students is a positive project and a lot of kids are included. Ms. Schweitzer liked that 8th Graders got to host the project, and that students who started in 6th Grade will next be the hosts. Discussion ensued about the costs of starting a tower garden and improving on it from year to

year, what it costs for seedlings, pH kits, all the way to the five proposed salad parties. All Committee Members agreed it is a positive idea. Discussion ensued on partial funding for the tower garden request for \$424.80. Suggestions included finding balance of funding from other departments, such as HomeEc, for the costs of the salad parties. Chair Curtin recommended \$325, leaving request for garden materials whole and cutting \$100 from the party budget.

Motion made by Ms. Fallahzadeh, seconded by Ms. Schweitzer to approve the grant application for Indian Ridge Middle School Tower Garden Year 2 (\$325.00). In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- Western High School. Solar Phone Charger. Chair Curtin stated Western High School wants to develop a solar phone charger. Discussion followed on the many unclear aspects of the proposal, whether other portions of needing funding are secure, etc. If agreed to approve, should make calls to the contacts to see how others are conducting the project. All Committee Members agreed it is a positive idea. As the Western High School solar phone charger can be voted on with a contingency, discussion on a larger (\$500) budget for the solar charger followed. Assuming the dollars for the rest of the expenses are secure, the grant can move forward unless and until it is found to be otherwise. Ms. Roig will reach out to clarify questions raised in the discussion and request answers in writing, and will contact each Committee Member with information prior to next meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Gault, seconded by Dr. Amarant to approve the grant application for Western High School Solar Charger (\$500.00) with the above-noted caveat. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Curtin stated that the night's total for awarding grants was \$1,325, and roughly \$11,000 remains, which is a good balance.

5.2 Chess. Chair Curtin led a discussion, beginning with the proposed chess tournament. Davie is one of the first cities to start the process. Chair Curtin asked the Mayor if there was anything the Committee could do to promote the tournament, if there are areas in need or at-risk kids, in bringing chess further into the community. Trainers are needed, so perhaps that is the route to take, starting first with Davie schools. Mr. Webster said there is a mandatory First Move Program in the 2nd and 3rd grades; not counting the pilot year it is currently in its third year. Funding for training and chess games was discussed, along with participation by schools and community organizations. Mr. Webster recommended checking with the principals to see what chess programs are being offered after school, if the programs are being used for incentives, and on up through high schools. Ms. Roig will explore which schools need what equipment and identify the schools' existing programs. Perhaps some funding could be offered for state and national championships participants. Ms. Roig said that will also be discussed with the Mayor.

5.3 Water Safety. Dr. Amarant asked about statistics of safety in the District's pools. Ms. Roig said information is available, such as programs implemented by the Fire Department, and one of the Fire Chiefs could come to speak at the next meeting if wished. Discussion about what grade levels are receiving water safety training, 2nd Grade or Kindergarten, followed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Roig reported that an email has been sent out regarding annual reports for the boards and committees which asks for what has been accomplished this year and what is anticipated for the next year. Suggestions were the grants, the chess program, safety programs with fire department. Ms. Roig will draft something for the Committee to review. Chair Curtin added the involvement with the Charter Committee at Indian Ridge.

Dr. Amarant asked about the FLACA [?] lecture she could not attend, about the people murdered in Cross Springs, and wondered if there was any feedback in Davie about the lecture? Ms. Roig replied that the Davie Road area is of most concern, and police are heavily involved in that area. Numbers have dropped and she can get that information. It was a very informative presentation and she can also get a copy of the presentation for any who wish to watch it.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Chess at schools

9. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 2017 YESAC Meetings:

Monday, January 23, 2017

Monday, March 27, 2017

Ms. Roig stated that the minute the information for the last grant is confirmed, a letter will be sent to attend that Council meeting, which should be the third Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30. But to wait until it is confirmed because sometimes the meeting times are changed. Chair Curtin said it will be a televised event and good publicity for the schools.

10. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Committee Member