

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017– 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	April 2016- APRIL 2017	
		Present	Absent
Austin Scott, chair	A	12	4
Towana Bonaparte	A	08	8
Dr. Ciara L. Bostick	A	08	8
Maureen S. Dinnen	P	12	4
Dale Fulton	A	03	2
Jennifer Gordon	P	10	4
Spencer Jenkins	A	01	6
Deniece Jones	P	11	5
Jennifer L. Kimmey, vice chair	P	12	4
Dr. Maureen Persi	P	11	5
Betty Shelley	P	07	6
Dr. Barbara Signer	P	06	1
Dr. Stefan Weiss	A	02	3
M. Elaine Wilson	P	09	5
Natasha Wilson	P	01	0
Lauren Wood	A	04	9

**Appointed Members to the Board: 16
Needed to constitute a quorum: 9**

Staff

Junia Robinson, Staff Liaison

Charles Webster, Broward County Public School Liaison

I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chair, Jennifer Kimmey

II. Attendance by Roll Call – Vice-Chair, Jennifer Kimmey

- **New Board Member Introductions:** Ms. Natasha Wilson

Determination of quorum

As of this date, March 16th there are 16 appointed members to the board, which means 9 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

III. Approve minutes (February 16, 2017)

Motion by Dr. Maureen Persi, seconded by, Ms. Elaine Wilson that the said minutes for February 16, 2017 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Current Business

A. Board discussions/member updates

Dr. Persi announced that she attended the National Conference on Education in New Orleans and came across a company with a program called Star Academy. She said they are not quite yet in Broward but they possibly have three sites that they are going to get in BCPS. Dr. Persi continued by saying “what they are actually about is they are nationally recognized for drop-out prevention.” While talking with the group, Dr. Persi said she read some statics that she would like to share with the board “64% of students who fail one grade eventually drop out of school, every 9 seconds a student will drop out of school throughout the United States, a student who is failing 9th grade there’s a 75% probability that child will drop out.” Dr. Persi asked if the board would like a presentation from the group. She said she asked and they said they would be interested in presenting for the board. If the board choses, Dr. Persi said she would reach out to them for the April meeting to learn more about drop-out prevention and find out what sites in Broward County they will be getting involved in. Dr. Persi said she could send Ms. Robinson the information. Ms. Robinson said “your April meeting is full because you are having speakers from the Realtors Association, perhaps your May or June meeting”.

Dr. Signer shared that she attended the Coalition of Advisory Board meeting on March 2nd. She said “there’s some new legislation that now a student can go anywhere in the State the governor signed it and now it takes effect 2017-2018 school years but the school has to have space to accommodate for the youngsters.” She continued by saying “this is from the school choice legislation specifically and this is the week when parents are notified March 13th of their choice of school and they have until March 27th to fill out a response to accept it then it goes over to the new round and that goes over until March 31st.”

In terms of the legislation in Tallahassee, Dr. Signer announced “some interesting changes that I didn’t know about the end of course test are going back to paper and pencil testing and they are eliminating some of the test geometry, algebra II, history and civics. The funding are of most concern, the legislation will be cutting funding and although the Governor is saying we are spending more per student, it’s because of increases in tax revenue but they’re actually going to propose budget cuts. The Senate is focused on higher education and the House is adamant from rolling back monies and looking into sharing revenue with charter schools.

Ms. Betty suggested inviting a State Legislature give a presentation on “what they are working on” at a future meeting.

Ms. Kimmey handed out notes (see attached) from the Stranahan Next Engage meeting that was held on March 09th. She said the meeting was facilitated by the senior class President and the Student government. Ms. Kimmey continued by saying “the panel consisted of Superintendent Runcie, District III School Board member Heather Brinkworth, Commissioner Rogers and school Police officer Justice.

B. Charles Webster, BCPS Liaison, Coordinator Legislative Affairs

Mr. Webster began his announcements stating “one of the things we are proud of is that we received the district accreditation for five more years, we also received an award for great district for great teachers, by the National council for teacher quality. He also shared information about the future career fair; Mr. Webster said “this was done in partnership with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and several business and municipalities held at the BB&T center”. He said what they did was they brought in potential employers with booths set-up and it was really like a recruiting fair for high school juniors. Mr. Webster said “students from all high schools participated and I was impressed with how they presented themselves”.

Mr. Webster announced that the project charter meetings are coming up and we will need to have one person to attend for each school.

Mr. Webster also shared “we took 44 high school kids to Tallahassee on Monday and I got back at 1:30am this morning. He reported that the kids did really well and they did not have any issues.

Mr. Webster stated “one of the good things that happened while being up there was a lot of the Legislatures wanted to do something about the testing situation and that teachers need to be paid more”.

C. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association – Ms. Betty Shelley

Ms. Betty reported Mr. Bobadilla, Chief Facilities Officer and Mr. Rob Corbin, Program Director with Broward County Public Schools were in attendance at the Council meeting for updates about the SMART program. She stated “Mr. Bobadilla had a lot of graphs and spoke in detail about his children who attend public schools in the district. She continued by saying “lots of information and millions of dollars and which category each school is in but not any specifics”.

Ms. Kimmey added that “Dr. Rosiland Osgood asked me to be on the discipline task force she is starting. The first meeting is on the 20th and I am not sure how many people are on this committee but we will be meeting at Plantation on Monday, March 20th to look at some oversight on discipline”. Ms. Kimmey said “I look forward to working on this task force and bringing back information to you cover discipline and issues that are affecting students”.

D. City Staff – Junia Robinson

Ms. Robinson said she reached out to Dr. Rosiland Osgood’s office regarding attending a future EAB meeting. She said, “Dr.Osgood is not available for the April meeting however; she will follow-up for a meeting during the summer.

Ms. Robinson also announced that the City purchased a table for the EAB to attend the BCPS Caliber Awards scheduled for Wednesday April 05th.

V. Communication to Commission

VI. New/Future Business

VIII. Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017

City hall, 8th floor conference room