

**Town of Southwest Ranches**  
**School Education Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Monday

Town Hall

January 11th, 2016

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

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**Board Members Present:**

Rosina Marrapodi-Bove

Christina Brownlow

Debbie Green

Manon Stevens

Kathy Sullivan

**Council Present:**

Gary Jablonski

**Members Absent:**

Gwen Weekley

**Staff Present:**

Russell Muniz

**Guests:**

Mindy Cunningham

Steve Frazier

Aster Knight

Melissa Massa

Charles Webster

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

Manon Stevens motioned to approve the minutes for November 9<sup>th</sup>. Rosina Marrapodi-Bove seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Brownlow motioned to excuse Gwen Weekley. Kathy Sullivan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Manon Stevens motioned to nominate Kathy Sullivan as Chair for 2016. Rosina Marrapodi-Bove seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Sullivan motioned to nominate Manon Stevens as Vice-Chair . Rosina Marrapodi-Bove seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Sullivan motioned to nominate Chris Brownlow as Secretary of 2016 . Manon Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion Items**

- Poker night at Landlubbers on the 21<sup>st</sup>; we will do a 50/50 as well.

- The food-truck fundraiser with Hawke's Bluff Elementary is on the 29<sup>th</sup>; we are raffling baskets; DJ and petting zoo will be present.
- We will discuss a fish fry and the April 23<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser at the next meeting.
- Chris will check with Primo's again concerning the wine tasting.
- Mr. Webster said grad rates are up; there is a boundary meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>; school choice is open.
- We discussed the role of our board for our guests.
- We partner with Hawke's Bluff Elementary (HBE) and would like to do likewise with Silver Trail Middle School (STMS) and West Broward High School (WBHS).
- Goal to develop and give scholarships.
- Ms. Cunningham mentioned the partnership with the Town since 2000; feeder pattern with STM & would like to see SWR kids all in this feeder pattern; they are still working with providing to non-native speakers via interaction & comingling within classes.
- Mr. Frazier received SWR kids 4 years ago; he knows middle school is a big transition!; Ms. Cunningham says the relationship between HBE and STM is very good; enrollment is up; large PTSA; many instructors ask for reassignment to STMS; most clubs and events meet right after school due to ages & necessity for rides, but would like to partner with our board for events; has a lot of parent volunteers; like Ms. Cunningham, he complimented our students; he was a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, now a principal, in middle school for a total of 26 years now!; has worked in lower socio-economic zip codes; STMS scores are highest in district!; speaks well of his teachers; Q: Why aren't there textbooks? A: District-wide workbook for now as new books being prepared to align with new standards.; Parents are concerned for the elementary-to-middle transition so he offers Saturday classes (pays teachers); Does he need student tutors from our kids who could then log hours needed for scholarships?; Q: Do the math teachers work together? A: Yes, off-team approach too, utilize PLC's (common planning) for math courses.; FSA using scientific calculators, but not all teams are using them (member comment); have consistent grading scale for the kids (comment); he audits his teachers' websites for current content; 7<sup>th</sup> grade is the "weaning period"; has had some new hires; Kathy Q: Will our students take FSA on computer, and is there training? A: Ms. Cunningham-yes, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/Mr. Frazier-yes, Language Arts & Math; he has laptop carts in all rooms but Social Studies and Science, so folks loan & work together & there are labs; kids have great technical skills, but not necessarily computer skills; STM is working well with WBHS.
- Franklin Charter School within SWR (Pembroke Pines jurisdiction) August 2016; Griffin access only; elementary/middle/high; about 5,000 capacity; Council is opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.