

Town of Southwest Ranches
School Education Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Monday

Town Hall

August 22, 2022

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members Present:

Kathy Sullivan

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Francesca Case

Debbie Green

Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Selena Hodgers

Jennifer Montgomery

Staff Present:

Debra Ruesga

Board Members Absent:

Christina Brownlow

Leah Castillo

Council Present:

Steve Breitzkreuz

Gary Jablonski

Jim Albritton

Bob Hartmann

David Kuczenski

Call to order at 7:004pm. A quorum was established.

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes from August 22, 2022 with the following addition, "To approve the scholarship award amount of \$2500.00. Francesca Case seconded. The motion carried.

Selena Hodgers motioned to table the scholarship discussion of hours and essay prompt to the September 14, 2022 meeting. Priscilla Prado-Stroze seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- Debbie Green gave the treasurer's report: \$43017 raised in FY22, with Flamingo Flocking being the biggest fundraising event at \$18,105.00, SYA "Unity in Diversity" 5K at \$10,000.00, and the Barn Dance at \$8097.00. 13 scholarship awards of \$2500 each were paid. 5 applicants left. After all scholarships are paid out there will be \$6,178.00 left for FY23. Expenses paid out for FY22 \$1065.45.
- The board will research and review the SEAB inventory and purchase need supplies for upcoming year.
- Bonus Awards – Discussion on awarding a prize amount for most volunteer hours raised, however the Board felt that it would not be a good idea.
- Regarding the essay portion of the scholarship application, Board members suggested MLA requirements, and changing the essay question going forward. Offer the applicant a choice of one (1) out of four (4) essay questions to complete. A motion was made to table the discussion to the September 2022 meeting. (See above).
- A book drive will be held from August, 2022 to December 1, 2022 to collect new and gently used books to donate to schools. The Drop-off will be at Town Hall.

- The Board is unable to meet on their scheduled date of September 12th due to the Town's Budget meeting. The new date for the meeting is September 14th.
- The Board discussed the Grand Jury recommendations regarding the Broward County School Board.
- The Board agreed not to hold the SWR Pageant.
- Items to be discussed at the next meeting: revamp the scholarship application requirements including volunteer hours and essay questions, back to school food truck events and purchasing supplies for the upcoming year.
- Board Liaison Ruesga advised the Sikh Youth Association has reached out to begin planning the 2023 "Unity in Diversity" 5K. Chair Sullivan stated she has a student volunteer liaison selected.

The meeting concluded at 8:08pm.

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