

Town of Southwest Ranches
School Education Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Monday

Town Hall

May 9th, 2022

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members Present:

Staff Present:

Council Present:

Kathy Sullivan

Debra Ruesga

Bob Hartmann

Christina Brownlow

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Francesca Case (via call)

Mayor Breitkreuz

Jim Albritton

Debbie Green

Board Members Absent:

David Kuckzinski

Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Jennifer Montgomery

Selena Hodgers (via call)

Leah Castillo

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

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes from February 7, 2022. Priscilla Prado-Stroze seconded. The motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes from March 7, 2022. Priscilla Prado-Stroze seconded. The motion carried.

Priscilla Prado-Stroze motioned to table the discussion on scholarship award amounts until the June 13, 2022, meeting. Debbie Green seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- We can have members call-in, and accept votes, as long as we have quorum.
- Our treasury has \$52, 653 available. What should we keep in the balance for the next year after scholarships are awarded? Discussion went back and forth on how much to give and how much to hold for the following

year as a “buffer.” Scholarship applications are due on May 27th. Although 15 applications have been received to date, we do not know how many applicants we will have by the deadline so deciding an amount is hard right now. It was motioned and accepted to discuss the award amount at our June meeting since we will know the exact number of applicants. Applicants could potentially apply eight years in a row for the scholarship (per the application guidelines). No monies went unreceived last year (response to Mayor Breitzkreuz). There is a tax form which must be completed upon receipt of funds.

- Russel and the Sikh Youth have overseen everything per the Diversity Run/Walk. The younger members need to learn and carry the torch. The Sikh’s need help getting the Run/Walk information into the schools. For next year, there will be two student/parent volunteer pairs to assist with this event. Kathy would like to present the Sikh’s with a certificate on the night of the scholarship presentations.
- The Hindu temple on Griffin Road would like to collaborate on a backpack giveaway. Priscilla will contact them.
- Lewis Gregory would like to partner with us in order to assist the scholarship fund.
- Our board’s expense budget is good...sufficient to meet our needs (response to Vice-mayor Jablonski).
- Some of the flamingos are stored at Equestrian Park.
- The cost and expenses of the Barn Dance are in the complete treasurer’s report.
- Let’s collaborate further with WBHS for a bigger and better “Cow Pie Bingo” event.
- Councilman Allbritton congratulated the board on another great year.
- Items for next meeting: scholarship allocations; review of applications; July hiatus; food truck event with Hawke’s Bluff Elementary.

The meeting concluded at 8:00pm.