

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

Monday
November 14, 2022
7:00 PM

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members Present:

Kathy Sullivan
Jennifer Montgomery

Debbie Green
Francesca Case
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Selena Hodgers

Staff Present:

Debra Ruesga

Board Members Absent:

Christina Brownlow
Leah Castillo
Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Council Present:

Steve Breitreuz
Jim Allbritton
Gary Jablonski
Bob Hartmann

Call to order at 7:07pm. A quorum was established.

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes from October 24, 2022. Page Giacin seconded. The motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to remove the "Letter of Recommendation" requirement from the 2023 SEAB scholarship application. Francesca Case seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- Debbie Green gave the treasurer's report: \$8,178.38 is in the account. The amount includes a \$1500 donation from Sunshine Ranches HOA and a \$500 donation from the family of Vince Falletta.
- The Board discussed new guidelines for earned volunteer hours. The following recommendations were suggested:
 1. "Flamingo Flocking Rule" 2 Hours per flock.
 2. Actual hours worked are earned with a minimum of one (1) hour for travel time.
- The Board discussed the scholarship application essay question and suggested to have numerous topics to choose from to write about. The following essay topics were suggested:
 1. If you focus on one feature of Southwest Ranches that has had an impact on your life, what would that be? (ORIGINAL QUESTION)
 2. Please explain how the scholarship will positively impact your life and help you achieve your dreams.
 3. What are (3) three characteristics that define you?
 4. Name (3) three things you love about Southwest Ranches. If there was something you could change, what would that be and how would you go about making that change?
 5. Describe how living in Southwest Ranches has impacted your life?
- The Board discussed removing the "Letter of Recommendation" requirement from the scholarship application.

- The Board recommended that the scholarship application be a fillable pdf document on the Town's website.
- The Board set the calendar for the following upcoming events:
 1. Flamingo Flocking – Starts February 12th through the end of March.
 2. Barn Dance – March 11th
 3. Unity in Diversity 5K – April 1th. The Board would like to meet with SYA to create student teams.
- The Board spoke about the Food Truck Event held November 5th, 2022. The SEAB made \$190 from the petting zoo. *Note – the Board to start utilizing budgeted funds for supplies, such as a tent and extension cord.*
- Items for the January 9th, 2023 SEAB Meeting:
 1. Planning for the Barn Dance.
 2. Planning for budget expenditures.

The meeting concluded at 8:21pm.