

Town of Southwest Ranches
School Education Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Thursday

Town Hall

September 10th, 2020

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members Present:

Kathy Sullivan

Jennifer Montgomery

Christina Brownlow

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Debbie Green

Francesca Case

Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Staff Present:

Debra Ruesga

Leah Castello

Rosina Marrapodi-Bove

Council Present:

Bob Hartmann

Gary Jablonski

Board Members Absent:

Guests Present:

Steve Breitzkreuz

Jim Albritton

David Kuczinski

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

Francesca Case motioned to excuse the absences listed above. Jennifer Montgomery seconded, and the motion carried.

Page Giaicin motioned to accept the minutes from May 25, 2020. Debbie Green seconded, and the motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes from June 15, 2020. Jennifer Montgomery seconded, and the motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to change the last paragraph, page two, of the scholarship application to read, "Scholarship monies will be awarded once attendance has been confirmed in a University, College, Vocational/Technical Institution, or Community/Junior College." Priscilla Prado-Stroze seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion items:

- Congratulation letters were sent to scholarship recipients. Kathy said the scholarship ceremony went very well!
- The Board discussed ideas for fundraising while dealing with pandemic restrictions: ask for the usual donations from recurring donors; hold a virtual wreath designing workshop and auction/sell products; paint and sell mason jars; email solicitations vis the town's website, Face Book, and our own social media; create/sell Halloween decorations; ask local growers to donate from sales profits; solicit our local HOAs (David will ask SRHOA).
- Dade County is proposing opening schools in October. We need to proponents for our kids, and a voice to the school board...kids need to be in school, but whether it is virtual or face-to-face is a choice.
- Reimbursing scholarship recipients has become an issue again...why? We have discussed this as a board at length. Jennifer made an initial motion to amend the scholarship application, but withdrew in favor of Debbie Green's, which eliminates wording from the last paragraph on page two. This is cited in the above motions.
- Board expenses need to be submitted by September 30th. We are provided a yearly budget for certain expenses. Debbie will follow-up with Rich. Kathy will send a list of purchase requests for the upcoming year. Our scholarship carry-over for the next year is \$4, 210.
- Bob reminded the board of the candidate Q & A to be held virtually on the 15th. Maddison Sullivan is organizing the event. The public may register in a day or two (once the link goes up).
- Jim thanked the board members for their wonderful work. Kathy mentioned Jim's support/loyalty as a volunteer.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 pm.