

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

Monday

Town Hall

June 10th, 2019

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

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**Board Members Present:**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

**Council Present:**

Kathy Sullivan

Rosina Marrapodi-Bove

Ivette Solera

Gary Jablonski

Jennifer Montgomery

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**Guests Present:**

Christina Brownlow

Leah Castello

Liliana Guarino

Francesca Case

Debbie Green

Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Call to order at 7:05pm. A quorum was established.

Debbie Green motioned to excuse the absences listed above. Francesca Case seconded, and the motion carried.

Jennifer Montgomery motioned to accept the minutes for April, 2019. Debbie Green seconded, and the motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes for May, 2019. Jennifer Montgomery seconded, and the motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to award \$1,900 per scholarship recipient this year, and going forward, we will use our discretionary choice. Kathy Sullivan seconded, and the motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to cancel the July, 2019 meeting. Jennifer Montgomery seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- Thursday is the scholarship presentation. Jennifer, Debbie, and Francesca will be in attendance. Kathy would like to tray a video pipe-in to address the awardees (she will be out-of-town). Awardees will receive

certificates and have their photo taken for the Rancher. This is the first year the students have really been involved, and have taken more control of the fundraising.

- Our guest, Liliana, moved here two years ago. She is a divorce lawyer, and has her practice in Weston. Her kids are grown, so she wants to see what is taking place in Town, and has been visiting the various boards. Kathy welcomed her.
- The Board discussed appropriate amounts for scholarship awards...should any be held-over for the following year's account? Should we tier awards? The Board has approval from Town leadership to decide. This year, \$38,984 has been raised. There are 20 awardees this year. A motion was made and approved to give each awardee \$1,900 this scholarship cycle.
- Francesca asked about types of things students did to fund-raise. Kathy responded: one wrote letters of requests to father's friends and business contacts, another created a go-fund-me site, one student went Christmas caroling, another student held a bake sale, a student conducted dinner and desert deliveries, and some of the younger ones asked their grandparents for support.
- Resident George Williams passed away...on behalf of the Board, Kathy sent a food platter to his celebration of life ceremony.
- The Board discussed proposed events for 2019-2020: Hawke's Bluff food truck event in late August (ideas: 50/50, baskets, t-shirts, Case Motors display & banners, sponsor letters), January 3<sup>rd</sup> Pageant (ideas: sponsor letters, newsletter announcement, book ads, crowns/sashes, etc., to be items sponsored), March 14<sup>th</sup> Barn Dance (ideas: adult night and/or family day events...\$5/person and \$20/family), Bingo?? (will check with the Parks Foundation), Town calendar sales with portion of proceeds going towards the scholarship fund. So, the Board will plan to have three large events, and perhaps one to two smaller events for the upcoming fundraising cycle. Please bring ideas to the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (the July meeting has been cancelled via approval of the Board)!
- Other items mentioned include the following: Francesca offered to create event flyers, Debbie's daughter will be doing some in-kind donations over the summer, and Ivette will check the donation letters for accuracy and forward to the Board as well as provide us with good-quality copies.

The meeting concluded at 8:25pm.