

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

Monday

Town Hall

April 9th, 2018

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

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**Board Members Present:**

**Staff Present:**

**Council Present:**

Kathy Sullivan

Ivette Solera

Gary Jablonski

Christina Brownlow

**Members Absent:**

**Guests Present:**

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Rosina Marrapodi-Bove

Bob Hartmann

Debbie Green

Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Leah McDonnell

Jennifer Montgomery

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

Debbie Green motioned to approve the minutes for February 12, 2018. Jennifer Montgomery seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Leah McDonnell motioned to excuse the absence for the members listed above. Page Giacin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Discussion Items:**

- Kathy reviewed this year's fundraising...we will meet our goal.
- Kathy presented one of the items we are promoting for fundraising: a children's book about our town, designed by individuals of our town: John Canada's son is assisting; Mecca Fink is writing the Forward; Page's daughter has created the illustrations; Kathy's son has written the poetry and her daughter is assisting in finding a publisher (Snapfish will do 20 pages for \$10 with a coupon); Bob Hartman offered to do the layout; we are looking for someone famous (who grew-up in the Ranches) to complete the Afterward. The back cover will feature SWR history. This effort has been greatly a kid-driven project. The Board hopes to have a celebrity signing, and plans to encourage business owners (such as Joe Caprio) to buy a quantity for give-away to new clients. Next year, the book could feature "rock-star pages" which focus on local kids. The Board is looking to have books ready prior to the end of the school year.
- The scholarship application goes on-line tomorrow (April 13<sup>th</sup>). We have updated deadlines, and will highlight the section which states someone must be present to receive the scholarship on the designated

presentation date (This year, it will be Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>). The Boy Scout troupe will be asked to present the colors on that evening. Board members attending should wear red, white, and blue (It is U.S. Flag Day). Applications must be in by May 8<sup>th</sup>, and will be reviewed on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

- The Board would like to see more Council/Town involvement in our activities. We discussed evolving into a 501c3.
- Members can request donation letters signed by the Town.
- Ivette will check on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for availability for another "Paint the Grain" event.
- Debbie and Bob mentioned the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Country Estates barbeque scheduled for Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. They provided event flyers.

The meeting concluded at 8:25pm.