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**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 3, 2021 \* 7:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/Roll:** Joshua Freeman, Chair.

Members present were: Freeman (via Zoom), Fractenberg, Dolberg, Valenzuela, and Shevlin-Ramer  
Also present Councilmembers Horland and Sortal.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 3, 2021

Minutes approved.

**3. NEW BUSINESS-** None

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- *Assignment of Schools to Board members*

Central Park Elementary - Fractenberg  
Mirror Lake Elementary – Shevlin-Ramer  
Peters Elementary - Valenzuela  
Plantation Elementary - Dolberg  
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Tropical Elementary - Freeman  
Plantation Middle - Goldstein  
Seminole Middle - Valenzuela  
Plantation High – Shevlin-Ramer  
South Plantation High - Fractenberg  
Ben Gamla Charter School - Freeman  
Imagine Charter School - Goldstein  
Renaissance Charter School at Plantation- Taussig  
Our Savior Lutheran –Taussig

Motion to accept the list by Valenzuela, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dolberg  
Motion passed by voice vote.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS**

Mr. Freeman asked the board if there was interest in pursuing a showcase event. And asked the board about their goals.

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Ms. Valenzuela suggested that sometime in January is a good time of year for something like a showcase.

Mr. Freeman said that this is possibly a trade type show, something that would expose parents to the school options in Plantation.

Councilmember Horland said she would suggest January as an optimal time.

Mr. Freeman asked if this is a goal, would the board want to pursue this.

Ms. Fractenberg said they have to get buy in from the schools.

Mr. Dolberg said we don't know what the situation with COVID will be. Suggested maybe that the schools submit a video vs. trying to get people into a room at one time. More about showing the school and less about getting everyone in the room. The goal still being for January.

Ms. Valenzuela asked what kind of program are you looking at? Arts programs and have performances? Science and those types of programs? It feels very broad.

Mr. Freeman said this is just a concept so the board is open to ideas. Just getting families exposed to what is available would be the goal of the showcase.

Ms. Valenzuela asked if there would be a different showcase for every school.

Mr. Freeman said he didn't really know. Just something to expose parents to the choices that are available in Plantation Schools.

Councilmember Horland said that they had attempted to do a similar program with a food truck event where the schools highlighted their programs. She thinks the video idea is an excellent idea in the age of COVID.

Mr. Dolberg said it could involve students in AV type programs also. But it's worthwhile asking.

Ms. Valenzuela asked if a survey would be appropriate to find out what exactly we need to look for.

Mr. Dolberg said that he likes the idea of a survey. If the City could handle that or from the school side.

Mr. Freeman said it makes a lot of sense and we should look into that.

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Ms. Shevlin-Ramer said there are a lot of trades here that the kids could learn and Mr. Taussig's idea of the trade show would be an idea to explore also.

Mr. Freeman brought up the flyer and asked if there was any feedback.

Ms. Valenzuela said the flyer looks fantastic. She feels parents would be interested and could add creative ideas but feels that people don't know that this opportunity exists. She would ask that principals could distribute the flyer and communicate that residents can become more involved at this level.

Ms. Fractenberg said that the Imax school isn't a school and needs deleted.

Mr. Dolberg said we should ask the principals if the video

Mr. Freeman asked if we can invite principals to speak at the meetings

Mr. Dolberg said in past years, they've been invited for public comment.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Councilmember Horland asked that the principals be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meetings because sometimes they don't live in the area. COVID has impacted everyone. She said they had a meeting with various SROs and City Staff/PD and are finalizing a webinar with psychologists about regulation and parenting in the age of COVID and it will be a series. It will be advertised at the open houses. The goal is to give parents the tools to handle some of these concerns. It will be virtual and they're working out the details. She hopes to have a flyer in the next week or so.

Next meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT 7:47 p.m.**