

SUNSHINE CHARTER ACADEMY OF BROWARD, INC.

DBA: SUNED HIGH SCHOOL #5060

Oakland Park Campus

Board of Directors Meeting: 01-30-2015: 4:30 PM

Posting of Meeting: This meeting was noticed by written postings both inside and outside of the school premises, three days prior to the scheduled meeting.

In Attendance: Barry Goldberg, Board Chair; Marion Silver, Board Secretary; Lynn Bloodgood, Board Member; Phil Neiss, Facilities Director; Tammy Lara, Lead Principal (and Margate); and DeeEtte Naukana, .Principal (Oakland Park)

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM. Introduction and welcome by Board Chair, Mr. Goldberg.

Minutes: Read by Phil Neiss; Motion to accept by Ms. Silver; 2nd by Ms. Bloodgood;. Passed unanimously.

Lead Principal's Report:

The enrollment at Oakland Park is at 376. Ms. Lara and Ms. Naukana noted that the goal of 400 students by 02-13-2015. This is a realistic objective that it will likely be attained and possibly exceeded, thanks to the efforts of the staff as well as Board support. In the month of January, students completed 50 half credits. This is a significant improvement over previous years. The staff has worked diligently with the students to assist them to achieve greater academic levels by creating a positive and encouraging environment for them, as well as stressing individual "responsibility" and "accountability" for their lives. Testing has also increased for BAFS, FAIR, and FCAT.

Ms. Lara and Ms. Naukana noted that there is a SIP (school improvement plan) in place for the Oakland Park school. They indicated that there has been tremendous improvement in parental involvement as well as literacy scores.

Ms. Lara and Ms. Naukana noted the creation of a "boot camp" for core English and Math courses for both campuses. This is accomplished thru a rotation of teachers between the two schools. For instance, if Margate is conducting extensive English courses, then the majority of English teachers would be at that school for to immerse the students in that subject. Simultaneously, the majority of math teachers would then be at the Oakland Park school, emphasizing math courses. During the next "boot camp" session, the teachers and courses would "flip" to the other school.

Ms. Naukana indicated that we have an antique and muscle car show scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, 01-31-2015, at the Oakland Park's school parking lot. This will include numerous vendors, local media, as well as an array of antique and muscle cars on display. This display is designed to encourage community activism and support while we showcase our school. The show has been widely publicized; all are invited.

The school has been receiving kudos from the community. Recently, local television picked up a story about how our principals were able to secure permanent housing for a homeless student and his family. Mr. Neiss reported that while he was purchasing school supplies at Costco, he noticed a student wearing a black SunEd tee shirt. He spoke with the student and the mother about his SunEd experience. The student is on target to graduate this year. The appreciative mother commented: "god bless you for the work that you do for our kids".

There was a technology grant that was offered to the Oakland Park Campus last September. We were advised this week by the Broward County School District that there was an opportunity to submit an application. Thanks to the efforts of the principals and the board chair worked diligently to get the application and technology plan submitted by 4:00PM yesterday. We await a response from the District; we may be eligible for the grant.

We have had increasing support from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Unfortunately, some of our students have entered in the DJJ system, which has an immediate impact on us, as those students are incarcerated. Upon release, DJJ has aided and guided these students back to our school as an early stage of reintroduction.

In December, SunEd held its holiday party which was attended by the teachers and staffs of both schools. The "holiday committee" which consisted of both principals, created a warm and friendly atmosphere. All of the attendees were individually recognized for their service and contributions, as the music played late into the evening. Ms. Lara and Ms. Naukana thanked the Board for their support and thanked all who attended and participated in the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Academic testing: Math camp helped the school with EOC results. 9 students passed, which is a new record for us! Ms. Naukana is moving forward and will present analytical data. Ms. Naukana thanked the board for approving the hiring of a new reading staff member and math teacher.

Mr. Neiss reported that we have replaced and hired AK Janitorial Services to maintain the Oakland Park facility. AK has been the provider for the Margate campus since it

opened last August. As we are satisfied with the quality of the work as well as the cost, we decided to expand their responsibilities to the Oakland Park facility.

We have also hired Corey Geen for building maintenance at both schools. He will be paid on an hourly basis. Corey had previously worked with Floyd Davis, who recently moved away.

Corey's first job was to resurface the boy's bathroom at Oakland Park. This bathroom has been the constant subject of ongoing graffiti. . The room was paneled with a product called F-R-P, which stands for "fiberglass reinforced panel". This panel is somewhat stain resistant, and easily cleaned in the event that there is any graffiti scribbled on it. The project was completed earlier this week.

There was a break in at Oakland Park on January 10, 2015. No items were stolen, however the perpetrator, a middle aged male with a history of mental illness caused damage in our meter room which was accessed from the rear of the building. The suspect was apprehended by police and brought to a local hospital for psychiatric evaluation. Apparently, this individual began ripping out the electrical meter and wiring in the meter room, causing serious damage to that area. FPL was contacted and assessed the situation; they created a safe and legal temporary connection which will remain until permanent repairs can be made. There is a lengthy protocol that is required to make the repairs properly. We hired a licensed electrician to make the repairs; The company we used had previously worked for us at the Margate campus while we were constructing that school. They filed an application for a permit both with the City of Oakland Park, as well as FPL. Work has been coordinated with all of the parties to be performed and completed on February 6th, commencing at noon. Early release is scheduled for classes that day because of the power will be cut off for approximately 2 hours.

New Business:

Student Appreciation/Spirit Week Events: The staff and the Board discussed what would motivate the students to attend more often? The common denominator was always FOOD! Hence, every day during Student Appreciation/Spirit Week there will be some form of nourishment, ranging from pizza to cupcakes; we will be feeding our kids! There will also be themed event days: "Decades", the week where we feature dress from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. Both campuses will feature their semi-annual Career Day, which continues to be a successful event bringing students, community, colleges, trade schools and local civic organizations to our school. This event continues to grow every year. There are close to 30 vendors signed up for the event at Oakland Park. There will also be raffles with prizes ranging from Walmart gift cards to a grand prize of a TV and a tablet. Each day that a student attends class during the event, they

will receive a ticket to the drawing. Ms. Naukana noted that during the last Appreciation week, we held a themed event known as "Twins Day" where the students were encouraged to emulate a staff member. This event generated a lot of participation. Lots of laughs; lots of "spirit"! There will be lots of pictures of the events, as we have recommended that all staff members use their cell phones to take as many pictures as they can, and upload it onto social media, and forward it to our webmaster, so it can be posted on the school's website.

Until recently, the school has always maintained a dress code that encouraged the students to wear our official SunEd High School tee shirt. As the public schools do not require the students to wear any sort of uniform, we listened to the voices of our student population to adjust the tee shirt requirement as "optional". However, in an effort to generate school pride, as well as keeping our name in the public eye, we have ordered and will provide "hoodie" sweatshirts, free to all students who are in attendance. They are black in color with our logo and name in green and yellow. The cost for these sweatshirts is offset by the savings realized from the savings of tee shirt purchases. This purchase was previously approved in a motion brought to the floor by Barry Goldberg, board chair, seconded by Marion Silver, and passed unanimously.

Also approved was the purchase of new staff shirts for the teachers and administrators. The shirts are charcoal gray with each staff member's name embroidered over the pocket.

Graduation: Ms. Lara is excited to announce the combination of graduation for both schools this June. She anticipates approximately 40 students from each campus (total of 80 graduates!). We have contacted the African American Museum (site of last year's graduation) to secure the facility for an exciting day in June! In the event that our graduating class is too large, we will likely plan to have it at a larger facility, such as Broward College or Nova University (depending on feasibility and availability).

Ms. Lara announced the establishment of a graduation committee for both campuses which will include staff, administration, Board, and (of course) graduates! Details to follow.

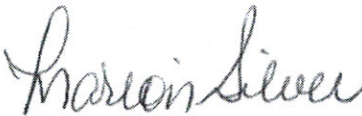
Prom: Ms. Lara indicated that the graduates are requesting a prom night to coincide with their pending graduation. This will be reviewed by the graduation committee to determine if it is feasible.

The board was asked to approve and fund bus transportation for the Dave and Buster trip. Three bids were submitted and the "World of Kids Transportation was accepted and approved by the board for \$200.

Skoolive: We have been planning to introduce Skoolive interactive video information systems in both schools. As noted in the August 1, 2014 minutes, these are free

standing information boards that communicate anything from school schedules, messages, and tee shirt purchases. (Note that while we do not require that students wear their tee shirts, a large number of them still wish to purchase them and wear them). This interactive board would be able to facilitate their order, without involving the school whatsoever, with the exception of receiving a commission from the provider based on every purchase which will be applied to school events. Therefore, the school is no longer in the shirt business! Additional local and national advertising will be promoted on the boards and an additional advertising commission will be sent to the schools as well. Any revenues from the signs would be designated to support student clubs and activities.

Meeting adjourned: 5:30 PM



Respectfully submitted,

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