



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Miami Springs Education Advisory Board** met at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 19 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present:

Chair Dr. Mara Zapata
Alyssa Cundari Roelans
Dr. Ilia Molina
Constantino Hernandez
Dan Bradley

Also Present:

Board Secretary Juan D. Garcia

2) Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Board member Molina moved to approve the minutes as written and Board member Cundari Roelans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

Chair Zapata welcomed Board member Bradley to the Miami Springs Education Advisory Board and thanked him for volunteering his time to serve the community.

3) Education Compact:

1. School Reports

- a. Update on school testing, programs, enrollment status, student(s) recognitions, and school data etc.
- b. Updates on current Teacher quality & retention
- c. Business partnerships; private sector support of schools
- d. Pursuit/status of collaborative grants to support academic needs
- e. External experiential activities for students

2. Parental Involvement

a. PTA reports

Principal Ed Smith from Miami Springs Senior High School reported for the public schools in Miami Springs.

Springview Elementary:

- The school will begin their GOB renovations this summer. Two playgrounds, primary and intermediate, have been completed and are being used by students.
- Administration of the SAT, FSA & FCAT Science assessments have been successful.
- Students continue to complete iReady assignments in Reading and Math.
- 5th grade students will participate in a tree planting ceremony at the school to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd, 2016.

Miami Springs Elementary:

- Enrollment is at 426 students, up 9 students since September
- 4th & 5th graders participated in the VEX IQ Program at the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition
- Administration of the FSA is currently taken place, as the SAT & FCAT Science testing have been completed
- Involved with local business partnerships such as Pollo Tropical, Carolina Ale House and independently owned companies
- PTSA is currently fund raising for 5th grade end-of-the-year activities.

Miami Springs Middle School:

- Enrollment is currently 1,203 students
- Science Night was held on December 2nd, 2015, where students exhibited their science projects and student were able to complete a variety of science activities
- Literacy Night was held December 15th, 2015 for students to showcase their work and promote the Cambridge Magnet Program
- On March 14, 2016 the students participated in Pie Day hosted by a variety of interdisciplinary activities in which all students participated
- Before and after school tutoring in Reading, Math, and Social Studies took place from October through April, additional Math tutoring has been added and Title III tutoring for ELL students began in October and ended March
- Mid-year assessments for Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies has been completed
- WIDA testing was completed on March 17, FSA and ELA writing testing has been completed for grades 6th through 8th.
- PTSA general meeting was held in January & the ESAC meeting will be held on April 21st

Miami Springs Senior High School

- Current Enrollment is 1,615 students
- Testing for FSA is in progress, make-up exams are also being administered

- Silver Knight Nominees were interviewed last week
- Grad Bash took place on April 15th for Seniors
- A faculty meeting was held for academic signing to recognize students that will be attending universities next year. Some of the schools that students will be attending are University of Central Florida, Florida State University, University of Florida, Florida International University, Florida Memorial College, Miami-Dade Honor's College, University of Alabama, Dartmouth College, Brigham Young University and the University of South Florida.
- The Baseball team plays for the district title on Friday, April 22nd and the Softball team won the district
- The Hialeah-Miami Springs Rotary club awarded twelve seniors \$1,000 scholarships each to help pay for upcoming college expenses.

Chair Zapata asked the principles if the students still had mock commission days or any type of mock government organizations that took place at the high school or middle school level. Principle Smith responded that at the high school level, Economics and Government teachers hold mock trials for students to participate in and in the middle school Civics teachers do the same. Chair Zapata explained that she asks this because she would like to see the Board and the City of Miami Springs more involved in activities that the schools are having.

Board member Cundari Roelans asked Chair Zapata what she thought would be an example of more involvement by the Board and City. She asked if she would like to see involvement from Council members at school events or something different. Chair Zapata responded that she believes that Council already attending events but the Education Advisory Board supported student initiatives have not been affective in the City. Chair Zapata added that she would like to see more involvement from local business in providing students with internships.

Discussion ensued regarding how the Board could get more involvement form the City Council and make sure that topics that are being discussed at the meeting are carried out. Chair Zapata commented that she had attended the City Council meeting on April 11th to voice these concerns to Council.

Board member Molina commented that the Education Compact between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the City was created in 2008 and times have changed a lot since then. Board member Molina continued by asking the Board members what are the things outlined in the Compact that the schools really want and need, and if the items in the Compact are not necessary, can they be changed. She added that there are several internship programs available for students and questioned if having more internships added was the cause for the programs not being used. Board member Molina believes that the Board should look into revising the Education Compact to align them with the needs the schools currently have.

Board member Hernandez asked Principle Smith if the enrollment numbers were up or down from previous years. Principle Smith responded that the enrollment numbers are similar to what they have been in the past years.

Board member Bradley commented that there should be more focus on students that aren't going to college and preparing them for life after high school. He added that there are many programs for students that are on track to graduate from high school and

attend college, but not enough programs for students that aren't planning on attending college. Principle Smith responded by informing the Board that Miami Springs Senior High School offers a lot of different trade and vocational programs that prepare students that might not be on the college track. Some of these programs include certifications in carpentry, hospitality programs, technical programs and a culinary program. Principle Smith added that there are considerably more programs and internship opportunities offered to students now than there was ten years ago.

Board member Bradley asked principle Smith what the Board could do to best help the school. Principle Smith mentioned that for the high school students, instead of more internship opportunities, a mentorship program would be great for the students. Mentor programs are very helpful and allow student to get help and advice from someone on a one-on-one level.

4) M-DCPS District Update

1. Report From School District

b. Current district initiatives impacting schools

Eva Regueira, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration at Miami-Dade County Public Schools stated that the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism are expanding. A grant was given for an increase of 1000 extra internships over the summer. In addition, a new website called getmyinterns.org was created for this program. It will allow students looking for internships to find what is available, as well as for local business to post their internship opportunities in order to find interns to fill them. Ms. Regueira would like to advertise getmyinterns.org website through the City's newsletter in order to notify the students in the area as well as the local businesses that might be looking for interns.

Ms. Regueira notified the Board that through the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office of Community Engagement there is a program established for the recruitment of mentors for students. This could also be advertised by through the City's newsletter and could help Principle Smith find mentors for some of his students. Chair Zapata asked Ms. Regueira to please send that information to Board Secretary Garcia so that he can send it out to all of the Board members.

Chair Zapata asked Ms. Regueira to explain the process of updating the Education Compact. Ms. Regueira explained to the Board the steps that are required to change the Compact and suggested that at the next Education Advisory Board meeting the Board go line by line through the current Compact to review what can be changed. Ms. Regueira also added that she will send Board Secretary Garcia a copy of the Compact matrix, which is a template that allows for revisions to the Education Compact when they are needed.

c. Upcoming legislation efforts

Ms. Regueira reported that the Value Adjustment Board bill was passed which will give the School District money that is needed run correctly and on time. The bill was created by Representative Avila and was signed by the Governor. House bill 535 was passed which allowed the schools to continue to use portable pools for the "Learn to Swim" program. Approximately six to seven thousand students learn to swim through this program every year. House bill 7029 was passed which included the ESREF which is

the school building code. This allowed the schools to save a significant amount of money on non-permanent structures, which allows for improvements to permanent structures. Also included was the approval of the Seal of Bi-literacy. In the 2016-2017 school year, for the first time will have students that will be able to graduate with their high school diploma with a Seal of Bi-literacy if they have taken IB, AP, or if they are able to show that they are Bi-literate through the SAT 2. In Senet bill 672 the Standard Student Attire Policy passed so the School Board received some money for having a uniform policy in affect and now the School Board will be able to offer vouchers, based on the principles discretion, to students that need additional funds to comply with the uniform policy. Ms. Regueira added that a bill that defined Culinary Education in statue had previously been introduced, but did not include K-12th grade education, was amended to now include K-12th grade.

Chair Zapata asked Ms. Regueira if she had the number of how many students were involved in culinary programs in the local level. Ms. Regueira responded that she did not have the number but would send it to Board Secretary Garcia so he may share it with the board.

5) E.A.B. Supported Student Initiatives

- Internship Initiative (for High School Students)
- Intergenerational Program
- Youth Advisory Council
 - Follow-up, school site student meeting update, needed support, school feedback & suggestions

Board member Cundari Roelans reported that she has worked together with Councilman Petralanda and Deputy City Clerk Sakal to put together a letter requesting internships for Miami Springs Senior High students in the Town of Medley. She added that she has met with Councilman Petralanda and Mayor Martell of the Town of Medley to discuss the possibilities of expanding the internship opportunities for high school students to include business in Medley.

Chair Zapata congratulated Board member Cundari Roelans for her efforts and commented that these are the type of opportunities that need to be offered to students of Miami Springs.

6) Unfinished Business

1. Review Schedule for EAB meeting for this academic year

Chair Zapata asked Board Secretary Garcia when the next Education Advisory Board meeting would take place. Board Secretary Garcia responded that the Board meets quarterly except for the months of June and July, so the next possible meeting would have to be in August.

Board member Cundari Roelans asked if it was possible to meet before the next school year in order to work on the Education Comact to have it ready for the next school year. Board Secretary Garcia responded that it may be possible but it would have to be approved by the City Manager.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board members and the possibility of meeting prior to the school year ending. The Board decided that it would be too difficult for the school administrators to attend a meeting between now and the end of the school year because end of the year testing and graduation will be taking place very soon. The Board chose to meet again in August 2016 in order to ensure that the school administrators were able to attend.

Discussion ensued on how the City could show appreciation for the administrators of the Schools in Miami Springs before the end of the school year.

Board member Bradley moved to recommend that City Council show the Miami Springs school administrators appreciation for their great work throughout the school year. Board member Hernandez seconded the motion, which passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Board member Cundari Roelans offered to help coordinate this appreciation event for the school administrators if it is approved by Council.

7) Suggestions for next Agenda

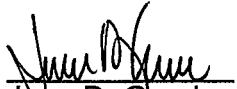
Chair Zapata requested that at the next Education Advisory Board meeting the Education Compact be reviewed and discussed so that changes can be made to it so that it can be up to date with programs that are being currently offered at the schools.

8) Adjourn

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:


Juan D. Garcia
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on
this 16 day of November 2016.


Dr. Mara Zapata Chair

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