

**DAVIE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
DECEMBER 16, 2002**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. Board members present were Chair Pj Grant, Jill Cohen, Alice Harrington, Debbie Meyers and John Pickett. Also present was Councilmember Judy Paul (departed at 6:07 p.m.). Vice-Chair Kimberly Sereda, Shannon Arias, Joe Brown and Patricia Cardella were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 21, 2002

Ms. Harrington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cohen, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2002. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Ms. Arias, Mr. Brown and Ms. Cardella being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

Councilmember Paul was present to speak on the subject of the Oak Scholar Academy Charter School. She provided her prospective on the development of the site and expressed her concerns. A discussion ensued regarding the site plan and the lack of information that had been made available at the October 21st Board presentation. Also discussed were the archaeological issues, traffic flow, and a "track record" on other schools established by the owners. It was agreed that more research would be required and Councilmember Paul appreciated the Board's input.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 After-School Care Programs for Middle School Students

Chair Grant advised of the activities offered at Indian Ridge Middle School. She indicated that the principal of that school was amenable to a partnership program and he welcomed any support in that endeavor.

A brief discussion ensued and Ms. Cohen spoke of a successful program in which she had participated and which was offered following Hurricane Andrew. Ms. Meyers advised that there were very few middle school students who participated in the after school programs offered at the Jewish Community Center. The Board agreed that the first step would be to determine how many middle school students would participate in the program and work from there. Chair Grant stated that she would research the numbers and report back at the next meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Update on Broward County School Board Activities

Chair Grant indicated that she had little to report other than the School Board was still in the Five Year Master Plan process. Because of a conflict, she was not able to attend an area meeting of the School Board. Broward County School Liaison Fran Klauber indicated that information on a Ten Year Master Plan could be accessed on the internet.

Ms. Harrington inquired if there had been discussions regarding the reduction of class size and how that initiative would impact the community. Ms. Klauber responded affirmatively and a discussion ensued regarding the difficulties confronting this issue.

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4.2 Preparation of Annual Report

Chair Grant distributed a summary of the activities of the Board and asked for commentary in order to finalize it. Ms. Cohen suggested that the report include the Haskell Group's Charter Schools USA presentation regarding a feasibility study as it had impacted the calendar year.

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Ms. Klauber advised that she had been assigned as a liaison to the Town in order to answer questions, provide research, convey any frustrations, and provide information. She indicated that she was a member of the Children's Services Council which provided funding to agencies and non-profit organizations. Ms. Klauber explained that it was important for this Board to determine if there were any "gaps" in services for the Town's schools. Ms. Cohen expressed that it would be beneficial for workshops between school principals and teachers in this community who were aware of the needs of the students and representatives from these organizations in order to find out what programs were available for the Town and what could be done. Ms. Klauber indicated that she could arrange for agency representatives to meet with this Board whenever it was ready to put the two groups together.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Cohen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Meyers, to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Sereda, Ms. Arias, Mr. Brown and Ms. Cardella being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member