

**YOUTH EDUCATION AND SAFETY  
ADVISORY BOARD  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm. Board members present were Chair John Pisula, Vice-Chair Lorraine Hofheinz, Hal Axler, Stacy Shaffer and Barbara Ann Tilley. Also present was Board Secretary Jenevia Campbell recording the meeting. Tim Curtin, Marcy Fallahzadeh, Nan Gault and Diana Podel were absent.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 18, 2011**

Ms. Tilley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Axler to approve the minutes of July 18, 2011. In a voice vote, with Mr. Curtin, Ms. Fallahzadeh, Ms. Gault and Ms. Podel being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

**3. DISCUSSION**

**3.1 Review of Scholarship Grant Applications**

Chair Pisula stated that four Scholarship Grant Applications were received, three from Fox Trail Elementary and one from Western High School.

The Western High School application submitted by James Ciotkosz was reviewed by the board with boardmembers expressing different opinions.

The consensus was that the Board would have preferred to see something more intense. A brief discussion ensued regarding placement of the sign with Chair Pisula stating that a site visit might be needed to get a better sense of what they were planning to do.

Vice-Chair Hofheinz spoke of the last year's winner of the grant from Western High School and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program and the positive aspect of the program. Ms. Shaffer thought that there would have been a yearly grant application for the CERT program. Vice-Chair Hofheinz responded that there was another class ready to participate in the program this year and equipment was already in place. When questioned about the equipment, Vice-Chair Hofheinz explained that for the young people who remained in Broward County and participate in the CERT program, the program was now funded by FEMA and they get to keep the equipment. Vice-Chair Hofheinz explained that some of the students were also involved in the CERT program through the Town.

Mr. Axler commented that he was in favor of the students making the signs because it was a good skill to learn because was an industry for sign making.

Ms. Tilley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Axler to approve the grant application from Western High School. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chair Pisula – yes; Vice-Chair Hofheinz – yes; Mr. Axler – yes; Ms. Shaffer – yes; Ms. Tilley – yes. **(Motion passed 5-0)**

Vice-Chair Hofheinz spoke of funds that had been authorized for safety signs to be designed and made by former boardmember Eric Swalley. Chair Pisula commented that the funds were still available because the signs were never made.

The Board reviewed the applications from Fox Trail Elementary submitted by Ellen Cohen, Kandice Ranger and Jeffrey King. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the objective and purpose of each project with Boardmembers favoring the application regarding the creative writing project submitted by Ms. Cohen.

Ms. Tilley commented that creative writing was one of the weak links in the public school system. Ms. Shaffer added that a major portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) was creative writing.

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Discussion continued regarding the applications with Mr. Axler commenting that it would be nice for acknowledgement of the donation to be mentioned in the book. Chair Pisula agreed.

Chair Pisula indicated that the Second Generation Standards (changed from Sunshine State Standards) on Ms. Cohen's application was not clear. He added that he would contact her and ask that she submit a specific list of those standards for our records. Chair Pisula stated that he would ask for an acknowledgement of the funding on the last page of the book.

The Board agreed to award the second grant to Ellen Cohen of Fox Trail Elementary.

In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chair Pisula – yes; Vice-Chair Hofheinz – yes; Mr. Axler – yes; Ms. Shaffer – yes; Ms. Tilley – yes. (Motion passed 5-0)

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Pisula explained that he would like to present the awards to the winners at the December 7th Town Council meeting. He indicated that the meeting would be at 6:30 p.m. and asked that all boardmembers attend.

Chair Pisula stated that he would contact the Broward Education Foundation (BEF) in order to have the checks available. Mr. Axler inquired if the checks would be made payable to the school or the individual teacher. Chair Pisula indicated that he would find out.

Mr. Axler questioned if once the grants were awarded, could the left over funds be used to purchase the silver cords. Following a brief discussion on the issue, Mr. Axler indicated that he would contact Herff Jones about the cost for the silver cord. He would also contact Western High School for additional information regarding the cost. The consensus was that if the cost was below \$1,500 the board would support the purchase.

Chair Pisula advised that Groundworks had committed to a sponsorship of \$1,000 towards the scholarship grant.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued regarding sponsors for the scholarship grant. Chair Pisula stated that the grant 2012 would be the 5th year and the grant would be revised. He commented that a booster was needed to assist with the sponsorship.

Vice-Chair Hofheinz commented that a garage sale was being held at Western High School on December 10th as a fundraising effort for different clubs.

Ms. Tilley mentioned that she attended an award ceremony at the City of Sunrise for a Fire Prevention Contest. She indicated that she was very impressed with the ceremony that involved first, second and third graders as well as parents.

Chair Pisula inquired about the pilot program for internship that was presented by Mayor Judy Paul. He indicated that he would follow-up to see how many children were involved.

Vice-Chair Hofheinz expressed concern that funds were dissipating and there did not appear to be a potential to acquire extra funds. She spoke of the need for T-shirts to identify boardmembers during participation in the Orange Blossom Festival, and also asked about the date for the festival in 2012.

Mr. Axler spoke about recognition for a local business in January and to present an award. A brief discussion ensued and Pizza Loft was recommended by Ms. Shaffer. Chair Pisula asked that she provide information on the company at the next meeting.

Chair Pisula stated that the crashed car would not be at Western High School because it was too late. He commented that it would have had to happen during homecoming which was in September.

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Following a brief discussion on fundraising, Mr. Axler suggested that Chair Pisula contact Sam Chesser of Bright Star Credit Union to ask for a donation. Mr. Axler explained that he had contacted Mr. Chesser seeking donation for Young At Art, it would not “look good” for him to contact him seeking a donation towards the grant. Chair Pisula stated that he could now call State Farm Insurance for a donation since he was no longer employed by them. He added that maybe they would underwrite a grant for the Silver Cords.

Chair Pisula commented that due to budget cuts honor students and volunteers were not being awarded the Silver Cord. Mr. Axler added that the cords were for students who volunteered and not necessarily for academics.

**6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Following a brief discussion, the following item was suggested for the next agenda:

- Update on the Public Affairs Academy Project
- Silver Cord Update

**7. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objections and no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Date Approved

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Chair/Board Member