



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Monthly meeting of the Miramar Education Advisory Board (EAB) was called to order on April 8, 2024, at 6:40 p.m., in the conference room at the Multi-Service Complex, Miramar, Florida 33025.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members of the EAB were present:

Teneshia Taylor, Chairperson
Dr. Elinor Milian, Vice Chairperson
Tanisha Cunningham
Kimberly Hall
Dr. Lois Saunders
Italia Thurston

The following members of the EAB were absent:

Sylvia Grandberry
Christina Sprouse

A quorum was declared.

Also present:

Armando Arana, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, BCPS
Janeille Brathwaite, staff
Jordan Gary, City Attorney

3. Recording of Meeting (Acknowledgement)

Chairperson Taylor noted the meetings were both recorded and live streamed, reminding everyone wishing to speak to first state their name, so they could be

accurately identified in the minutes.

4. Membership Status

Chairperson Taylor said there were currently eight members on the board with Natalie Williams being removed from the board due to excessive absences, thus, the board had one vacancy to fill. She noted the board's bylaws stated the board could vote to accept excused absences, thanking everyone for their effort to be present at the meeting, as the board needed a quorum to vote on any items. The board would hold one more meeting before going on its summer hiatus. She asked the board for a motion to accept the excused absences from previous board meetings for Ms. Grandberry, Ms. Sprouse, and Ms. Thurston.

Chairperson Taylor made a motion to accept the excused absences from previous meetings for Ms. Grandberry, Ms. Sprouse, and Ms. Thurston; the motion was seconded by Ms. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024

Chairperson Taylor wished to defer the approval of the subject meeting minutes, as she did not see that they were attached in the backup, and she needed time to review them.

2. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2024

Chairperson Taylor made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 11, 2024, as presented, and to defer the regular board meeting minutes of February 12, 2024, to the next board meeting; the motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Milian. The motion passed unanimously.

6. PRESENTATIONS (If Any):

- **Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Update: Armando Arana, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, BCPS**

Armando Arana, BCPS Governmental Affairs Coordinator, provided the board an update as follows:

- The City Commissioned recognized the winning achievement of the Miramar High School cheerleading squad; State Representative Robin

Bartleman gave a legislative update of the 2024 legislative session that covered numerous education issues.

- The BCPS Municipal Registry was created to facilitate their mission to enhance their ability to share information with the Broward community; all EAB members were invited to register to receive the information the BCPS sent out, and their feedback to whatever they received was welcomed, as the BCPS took feedback into account in its decision making.
- He knew Miramar's EAB worked with the schools located in the City, so when they attended events, etc. at these schools, the BCPS wished to get their feedback on those them, identifying who were the links they could work with in the different schools
- Redefining BCPS: this was an overhaul of the existing school system; the conversation portion was completed that included: a discussion session with different cities, in which Mayor Messam participated on February 2, 2024, and the feedback from the public was noted; three community conversations on February 8, 15, and 22, 2024; an virtual EAB session held on February 12, 2024; on February 20, 2024, the School Board held the first workshop at which was presented the data gathered from the discussion sessions and meetings, and after discussion at that meeting, the Superintendent was charged with devising a specific plan of what a redefining would entail, including a list of existing school sites that would be merged, repurposed, closed, etc.; the next School Board meeting was on April 16, 2024, at which the Superintendent would present his plan
- BCPS's Legislative Department created a newsletter that included information on what transpired with regard to the redefining process, as well as community feedback gained from interactive discussions between School Board representatives and the public.

Chairperson Taylor attended the listening session at Taravella High School, believing it would be an open conversation that was the beginning of a brainstorming of ideas; this was not, however, what transpired. In attendance were students, and teachers, but she was very surprised to hear the focus of the discussion was only on the closing of schools. She was glad she attended, as it appeared as though this process was already in the works, and the BCPS representatives remarked on various options, including the possibility of selling some school land. It seemed that implications of closing a school were not thought through, as there was considerable conversation about the impact of what this would do to the families in the surrounding neighborhoods, for which there was no data, yet there was data on successful programs in schools slated to be closed, schools that were overpopulated, and access to those programs. Ms. Taylor said the members of the community there felt there should have been more conversations, as holding three community meetings for such a large school district was wholly inadequate, and this was stated repeatedly at the

meeting, and public attendees felt the essence of the meeting was that it was part of the end of the process, the tail end of a conversation and decision that already took place. She noted very little data was provided by the BCPS to substantiate their decisions presented to the community.

Mr. Arana appreciated the feedback, as it was important to bring such community sentiments to light, remarking it was not an easy task for the BCPS was faced with, as they had 50,000 empty seats all Broward taxpayers were paying for that was part of a \$207 million deficit.

Chairperson Taylor understood that position, but she felt such statements should have more data to substantiate them; for example: where did all the 50,000 seats go. Part of the BCPS conversation was affordability, which was understandable, but why should the community just accept that 50,000 students migrated out of Broward's public school system without any data to back it up. She said no data was presented by the BCPS to show how they reached their decisions; as there were a number of competing forces in terms of education, she thought data must be presented to support the BCPS's position.

Mr. Arana commented that it was unlikely that an overhaul of such magnitude of Broward's whole education system would be seen in a long time to come, and there were several contributing factors that were being evaluated, for example, enrollment. A number of Miramar elementary schools were affected by low enrollment numbers of under 70 percent; enrollment at the high schools were good. He said enrollment of surrounding schools, a competitive analysis of non-district schools, neighborhood demographics, facility conditions, school performance, operational costs, etc. were all variables affecting the numbers, for which the BCPS had data. The BCPS produced a document: Overview of Enrollment and Demographics that was about 80 pages of data and analysis, including graphics, and the resulting community discussions the BCPS held was as a result of their analysis of the data gathered, and that included a decision on the initial path to be taken, which was still being shaped. Mr. Arana indicated that the School Board would hold another workshop on May 14, 2024, that was open to the public to attend, and there were always open communications between School Board members and Broward residents, and elected officials. He stated one topic of discussion was what the BCPS should do with the land vacated by schools due to them merging, or closing, whether that land should be sold or leased: one city representative suggested building affordable housing for teachers. The BCPS was faced with a crisis after running out of COVID-19 pandemic funding, and, fortunately, the current BCPS Superintendent was a seasoned professional with experience who desired to redirect the BCPS resources where they should be, whether at teacher, student, and/or facility levels. Mr. Arana remarked the goal was to cut out as much administrative red

tape as possible; all facilities at all schools were being evaluated for the purpose of ensuring the BCPS had the best quality school system to offer Broward students, understanding there were other forces over which they had no control that affected the BCPS, such as charter schools, the current economic environment. He encouraged the EAB to participate as much as possible in the process, and encourage residents to do the same, voicing their concerns, etc. He mentioned some cities sent letters to the BCPS, though he needed to check if the City of Miramar was among them, providing some suggestions, and those were being taken into consideration by the School Board; it was still an open, and ongoing process.

Ms. Brathwaite commented that if the City of Miramar issued a letter to the School Board, Social Services Director Katrina Davenport would have disseminated the letter to all EAB members via email.

Chairperson Taylor asked Ms. Brathwaite to confirm whether or not the City of Miramar sent the BCPS a letter on the matters being discussed at the present meeting. One of the board's conversations at its last meeting was what the EAB could do as a group and contribute to any letter the City decided to send to the BCPS to indicate Miramar's position; the EAB's contribution to the letter could be sent to the members of the Commission, thereby elevating the board's and the residents' voices.

Mr. Arana said other EAB's, and the elected officials of their cities gave a joint response to the issue on the problem and made recommendations accordingly.

Ms. Brathwaite asked if the letters Mr. Arana said the BCPS received had a particular title, or identifier.

Mr. Arana answered no, nothing in particular. There was a link in the BCPS newsletter, file name: partnership letters; to date, partnership letters were submitted by the cities of Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Hallandale Beach, Lauderdale Lakes, Parkland, Plantation, Pompano Beach, Tamarac, and Weston. The board members could look at those letters to get ideas as to a format of response; he would send the newsletter link to Ms. Brathwaite. He submitted a copy of the presentation made at the last BCPS workshop for the record, copies of which could be sent to the EAB members. For the May 14 BCPS workshop, members of the public could register online to speak, and between the April 16 workshop, and the May 14 School Board meeting, the City and/or EAB could gather and provide some data and feedback for the School Board to include in its considerations, though feedback could be provided at any time. He continued his update as follows:

- School safety: the School District was installing new metal detectors in ten high schools, beginning in the summer with Flanagan High School, and J.P. Taravella High School, then rolling out the devices to the remaining eight; the wand devices were enhance the security plan in order to mitigate security incidents that occurred at various schools.
- On Saturday, March 23, 2024, Vice President Kamala Harris would visit the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School; the delegation members would consist of persons from the federal level, focusing on safety and security issues.
- The BCPS was currently enforcing the state mandate for all school-required vaccines district wide; though students were now out on spring break, vaccines were still administered for free at the school sites.
- The BCPS was going through its budget process for the next fiscal year (FY) 2024/2025; three budget workshops were already held, and the fourth would take place on Tuesday, April 23, 2024; he would send the budget calendar, and the link for the meetings to city staff; there were few changes to the budget, including the elimination of 50 positions from the administration central office as part of the cuts
- From last year's budget, BCPS was recognized by the Association of Business Officials International by an award for honors, excellence in budget presentations while enhancing, promoting school districts; the focus of the award was on skills in developing an effective budget, compliance with clear budget guidelines, and commitment to community through reader-friendly budget documentation, and other areas.
- BCPS was in the process of developing customer service for parents, staff, and students; it was ongoing until April 30, 2024
- BCPS created the Multilingual Advisory Committee in alignment with the Three Pillars of Dual Language Education to prepare students for college and career readiness, and developing high order thinking skills as students learned a second language; it promoted parent choices in their children's education; this program was already active.
- The State concluded its 2024 legislative session; a copy of the list of all the education-related bills that passed were provided that included the links the board could use to access the details of each bill; the list included the State budget that affected Broward schools.
- BCPS was currently going through the process of rulemaking, and methods of implementation required by these bills.
- One bill pertained to the social media online protection of minors requiring 14 and 15-year-olds to have parental consent to have social media platforms.
- House Bill (HB) 931, School Chaplains, authorized school districts and charter schools to adopt policies to allow volunteer school chaplains to

offer support, and services to students.

- HB 1317, Patriotic Organizations, authorized school districts to provide patriotic organizations with access to public schools.
- Senate Bill (SB) 1264, History of Communism, mandated instruction in public schools on the history of communism, and established the Institute for Freedom in the Americas
- SB 994 enhanced safety measures for student transportation by revising the function and use of school bus infraction detection system via the placement of cameras on school buses.
- 2024 elections: three dates: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, the Presidential Primary Preference Election; Tuesday, August 20, 2024, the Primary Elections; Tuesday, November 5, 2024, General Election; November 5 was a BCPS teacher planning day.
- For the March 19 election day, 93 schools served as precincts, eight of which were located in Miramar: Coconut Palm, Coral Cove, Dolphin Bay, Miramar Elementary, Sea Castle, Silver Lakes, New Renaissance, and Miramar High School; there was a low voter turnout, but the August election was likely to be different.
- He was the BCPS liaison to the Supervisor of Elections Office, working out logistics for the election sites; if the EAB learned of any issues regarding school sites, they should let him know.
- BCPS, working with the Supervisor of Elections Office, was conducting a student voter registration drive throughout the month of April; students 16 and 17 years old were eligible to preregister to vote, and U.S. citizens who were 18 year old could register to vote; the goal was to register over 10,000 students; in the previous year, the BCPS registered 7,000 students to vote; the voter registration drive in Miramar would take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17 at Miramar High School, on Tuesday, April 23, the drive would move to Everglades High School; he provided a copy of the press release, and a full list of schools hosting the drive in April 2024
- BCPS recently partnered with the Close Up Foundation on a project they had been doing for nine years; they held a Broward Youth Policy Summit to which some 300 ESO students went to Tallahassee a few months prior; they had discussions with state legislatures, and, upon their return, they held a panel discussion the previous Friday in a format similar to that of a science fair, with tabletops, etc., giving a presentation on all their initiatives; the event had speakers who were experts in various fields, such as the CEO of the Joe DiMaggio speaking on health issues, a representative from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) speaking on infrastructure and public services, BCPS representatives, etc.; a document containing the proposals from the 300 students was

- available, for which the link would be provided to access it
- In April, the BCPS was celebrating Autism Acceptance Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, School Library Month, National Fair Housing Month, for which there would be a series of events and activities in Broward schools; he left information for staff to disseminate to the board
- In March, the BCPS celebrated National Assistant Principals Week; at the present time, the BCPS was hosting the Parent University, a webinar discussing the new F - Student Information System (SIS) software that would be fully live in the new school year; the Focus - SIS would replace other systems, such as Pinnacle, and Virtual Counselor; it would be the unique platform for use by teachers, students, and parents; it would streamline the way parents accessed their student's information; Focus would centralize all applications currently used by parents into one District system, incorporating attendance, grade books, scheduling, report cards, transportation, and communication; the webinar could still be watched after it took place.

Dr. Saunders recalled Mr. Arana stating the Broward School District was not the only county in which downsizing was occurring.

Mr. Arana clarified he knew nothing about school districts in other counties.

Dr. Saunders remarked Mr. Arana said the BCPS saw a drop in the number of enrolled students, but indicated there was no data to back up this claim.

Mr. Arana provided a copy of a document that showed the BCPS current enrollment in Broward schools, including those with 70 percent or less enrollment; he highlighted on the list those situated in Miramar. The numbers shown were gathered from schools' registration figures.

Dr. Saunders mentioned making a comparison with Dade County, and in October of 2023, Dade had an increase in enrollment of 2,100 students, and with what was happening in Haiti, more students were expected enroll. Yet, BCPS was taking the drastic step of downsizing administration, schools, disposing of school properties, etc. She wondered what was happening in Broward that resulted in a drop in student enrollment, when compared to Dade. Daily news casts show Dade County looking for teachers, visiting colleges and universities offering to pay students' tuition if they chose to major in education, etc.; Broward, instead, were laying off teachers.

Mr. Arana replied that since 2018 there was a drastic decline in enrollment of students in the Broward school system for a variety of reasons; for example, the voucher system with the charter schools, and where those were clustered, there

seemed to be a drop in enrollment in the public schools; families moving out of the County; statistics showed a significant increase in home schooling.

Dr. Saunders felt those occurrences were not specific to Broward, as those activities were happening in Dade too, where their numerous charter schools, and private schools. She questioned what was happening in Broward that was not happening in Dade, and even in Palm Beach. In looking at the number of teachers the BCPS was scheduled to lay off, it seemed there was something Broward consumers were not hearing. She planned to go to the School Board meeting, and speak, because she spoke to Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board Member Dr. Steve Gallon III about various issues, so when she heard the BCPS stating speaking about trends, etc. she wished to know what was happening in Broward that was not happening elsewhere. BCPS paid students' tuition for them to teach in Broward's schools, only to tell them in a year or two they were being laid off due to a decline in housing, etc. in Broward. Dr. Saunders said there had to be some undercurrent in Broward specifically that the public was not privy to.

Mr. Arana responded it was a very complex time where multiple variables were driving what was taking place in Broward's schools, and the results were undeniable. Obviously, there were differences between Broward and its neighboring counties; he had not heard anything about laying off teachers.

Dr. Saunders surmised if schools were being closed, this would affect teachers, that was just commonsense. Something devastating was taking place, as people could not find housing; as fast as they went on the market, they were sold. She thought there was a need for Broward residents to get a basic understanding of what was driving the BCPS to make drastic decisions it claimed were needed.

Mr. Arana understood it was difficult to understand the major changes the BCPS proposed, identifying how things came to be as they were, and the best methods by which to overcome the resulting challenges for the better; that is, having modernized schools, well paid teachers, and a competitive school system.

Dr. Saunders remarked the Broward public thought after the County raised taxes, and taxpayers thought the additional revenue would go to paying teachers a better salary; now it was being said that the revenue raised was insufficient.

Mr. Arana reminded the board of the unanticipated effects of the pandemic, and resulting inflation, etc.

Chairperson Taylor commented, understanding the effects of the pandemic, and inflation, and the bond dollars raised specifically to address these deficiencies, as

to raise those funds in that manner, the BCPS had to show data that warranted the bond that was based on projections of the dollars needed. There was no doubt the COVID-19 pandemic was an anomaly, and finding affordable housing was a challenge, but it was easy to say these were contributing factors, but how exactly were they was the question. She noted the County seemed to be saying they were having real budget issues due to the 50,000 students that left the Broward public school system, yet bordering counties were having opposite experiences, so the County needed to have dialog with them to find out what they were doing differently. There was a definite disconnect, so the BCPS needed to provide a better explanation to the public it served, as taxpayer dollars paid a lot of money for the very schools the BCPS indicated it planned to close, sell their land, etc.

Mr. Arana agreed there a need for further discussion between the BCPS and the community regarding the aforementioned factors; the current superintendent was a product of Palm Beach, which was a benefit, so he encouraged the EAB members to read through the information he provided in his presentation before attending the next School Board workshop, and meeting.

Dr. Saunders asked about the state law mandating schools teach the history of communism, yet Governor DeSantis removed any study of slavery, and black history; it was clear she needed to attend BCPS meetings. EAB members, and the adult public in general, needed to speak out, and advocate for South Florida students, as too often the students were left behind. She was not against students being taught the history of communism, but they should learn about black history and slavery as well; one did not have to be substituted for the other; the same applied to teaching students about the holocaust. Students needed to know what happened in the past.

Mr. Arana said the state representatives in South Florida voiced similar concerns, but they were in a minority in the current State legislative environment. BCPS went to Tallahassee with students to speak, so the State Legislature heard all sides of the matter from both the BCPS and its students; there was not much more they could do.

Dr. Saunders mentioned the mandate to allow chaplain volunteers into public schools, asking about the existing counselors in the schools hired to help students through their issues.

Mr. Arana stated counselors would remain in the schools.

7. EAB PURPOSE STATEMENT:

Chairperson Taylor noted at each meeting the board briefly reviewed its mission as the EAB, which was to act in an advisory capacity to the City Commission on education-related matters that impacted City of Miramar residents. This item was included on the agenda to act as a guide for the board's efforts.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Officer Elections

Dr. Saunders made a motion to reappoint Teneshia Taylor as chairperson, and Dr. Elinor Milian as vice chairperson; the motion was seconded by Ms. Cunningham. The motion passed unanimously.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairperson Taylor said agenda item 9. C, then B, as both Ms. Thurston and Dr. Milian were absent from the last board meeting.

A. Scholarship Fund Committee

Chairperson Taylor referred to the documents provided in the board's agenda packet, reviewing them as follows:

- The scorecard instructions showed how to score scholarship applicants.
- There were currently 11 scholarship applicants.
- She would do a last call with BRACE advisors in the present week.
- The assigned members could begin reading and scoring the entries.
- The deadline to submit scores was April 28, 2024
- Ms. Hall and she met with the Miramar Cultural Center (MCC) staff regarding using the banquet hall, where they would decorate the event room, as well as the room at Police Headquarters where the board would have to provide the decorations; they chose the latter location.
- A subcommittee meeting was proposed for scholarship reception planning; the proposal with all the details for the event was provided, showing that a room was reserved at Police Headquarters
- The scholarship reception would take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2024; scholarship recipients would be presented with their awards at the City Commission meeting that began at 7:00 p.m.; the reception should begin at 7:30 p.m., and last no later than 9:00 p.m.
- She drafted a program for discussion at the next subcommittee meeting.

Vice Chairperson Milian wished to know why the MCC banquet hall was not

chosen.

Ms. Hall explained the use of the banquet hall was not free, so when Ms. Taylor and she met with Randy Greene, the manager for the facility, he gave them a quote they had to sign and agree to within 30 days prior to May 15, 2024. She forwarded the quote to Commissioner Chambers upon his request on April 2, 2024, and she spoke with him April 8, prior to the present meeting, and there appeared to be a miscommunication between his secretary and him regarding finding the email, so she sent it to them again, and his secretary confirmed they received the EAB's quote. She asked them if, since this was a Miramar board, and Miramar event, would the 30-day rule still apply, and she was told Commissioner Chambers would see if the Commission office would sponsor the event for the EAB.

Ms. Brathwaite reminded the board some city staff needed to be available for the event, which meant overtime had to be included in the cost of the event. She would need to first discuss the matter with Social Services Director Katrina Davenport, as funding would come from the Social Services budget.

Dr. Saunders knew the City transferred funds from one budget line item to another, and between department budgets, so maybe Social Services could transfer funds to Cultural Affairs. She suggested Ms. Brathwaite ask Ms. Davenport if this was possible. She said Miramar High School had an activities director, and they were always decorating venues, so that director could be approached on having a number of Miramar students decorate the conference room at Police Headquarters.

Ms. Cunningham suggested the students who helped with the decorating be given community service hours; this could be confirmed with the principal.

Vice Chairperson Milian asked that a subcommittee meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Dr. Saunders asked Mr. Arana if the BCPS could donate some items to the swag bags for reception attendees; the EAB anticipated 25 to 30 bags.

Chairperson Taylor stated they received contact information for all past awardees, so including the five scholarship recipients; this brought the total to 22, and ten donors would attend, so 30 to 40 items would be good. As the event would take place on May 15, the EAB needed to know before that.

Ms. Hall noted there was still a possibility that the scholarship reception could be held at the MCC's banquet hall, this would include everything; that is, the room,

decorations, food, background music, PowerPoint, audio/visual, setup/cleanup crew, etc. She asked the board to give her a deadline by which to contact Commissioner Chambers's office to see if they would cover the cost to use the MCC banquet hall.

Chairperson Taylor thought an answer was needed by the April 16, 2024, subcommittee meeting, where they would be tying off the loose ends.

Ms. Brathwaite reminded the board venues were booked quickly, so Ms. Hall needed to keep calling Commissioner Chambers's office until she received an answer.

Dr. Saunders said she would be out of the County on April 16.

Vice Chairperson Milian stated she was only available on Mondays, asking if April 15, 2024, was acceptable.

Chairperson Taylor affirmed Monday; April 15 was fine. She went on to review a copy of the guest list; she would provide Ms. Brathwaite with the link to email to EAB members. She set up the invitations, and RSVPS, and once the event venue was finalized, she had an RSVP for donors, and one for the awardees. At the subcommittee meeting, they would discuss the plus one, or plus four. She hoped after the subcommittee meeting, she could send out the emails to invite past awardees, and donors at a minimum.

Vice Chairperson Milian stressed the need to get confirmation from Commissioner Chambers, as if the MCC banquet hall was not possible, the EAB needed to direct its energies to organize funding for decorations, food, etc. to hold the reception in the conference room.

Chairperson Taylor said she would wait until after the subcommittee meeting to send out requests for donations, when the board would know where the reception would be held. She thanked Edge board members and Italia for the \$5,000.00 donated to the Scholarship Fund thus far; the Edge members would invite to the scholarship reception. The subcommittee meeting would take place online on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Brathwaite referred to the board's February 2024 minutes, where she commented as to what the board's outreach could look like, as board members were trying to go beyond their favorite contact; the City had a Community Resource Fair event on May 4, 2024, in the lobby with the other sponsors, for which she provided each board member with a flyer. She recalled proposing the board could have a table with information on who the EAB was, what they did,

etc. If the EAB members were interested in having a table, they should email her, as she would be the one organizing the table, etc.

Ms. Thurston commented she doubted any Edge representative would be at the scholarship reception, as everyone on the board were city department directors, and they had to attend the Commission meeting.

Chairperson Taylor understood, stating she would still extend an invitation in case they wished to send a representative in their place.

B. School-Based Needs Committee

Vice Chairperson Milian proposed to the board and open a discussion regarding tabling the EAB's school administrators Zoom meeting, in order to debrief data results collected from the surveys. She made a data presentation at the board's February meeting, and at the March meeting, the plan was to set a date to meet with the school administrators, but, as Ms. Cunningham stated, all schools were in full testing mode. To have a productive meeting of administrative minds, thinking forward of the next school year, and the kind of activities/initiatives the EAB could do to assist Miramar's students, such as: exposing them to careers, digital literacy, etc., it was not an opportune time at present. She thought the Zoom meeting should have taken place in February, or March at the latest, so the EAB missed that window of opportunity. Dr. Milian wished to defer the Zoom administrator meeting to the fall of the next school year, at which time school administrators would be fresher, and thinking outside the box on the plans for activities at their schools for the rest of the school year.

Ms. Brathwaite reminded the board of the need to prioritize participation in the City event on Friday, October 11, 2024, Academic Workforce Exposition, the AWE Event to help accumulate callers, working with the City's outreach specialist.

Chairperson Taylor agreed with deferring the administrator Zoom meeting.

Ms. Cunningham commented Dade County Public Schools had the Synergy summer event, with the hope that by that time the data was disaggregated at the state level, and provided to the school districts, asking if the same was done in Broward County right before the new school year began.

Vice Chairperson Milian replied, though not on the scale of Dade's Synergy event, BCPS had professional development, back-to-school, administrative meetings.

C. Outreach and Marketing Committee

Ms. Cunningham said she was playing email tag with Catherine Bergstrom, the only City of Pembroke Pines EAB member she was able to contact; she would be attending their April 24 EAB meeting at 6:00 p.m. She contacted the Fort Lauderdale EAB, discovering they already held their monthly meeting for April, and they would next meet in May, and she borrowed an idea from the City of Hollywood's EAB that was not meeting at present to work on the end-of-year report on the activities the committee did, wished to do, etc., so there was a running record. She read in the last minutes that Ms. Hall attended the SAC meeting at Miramar High School, stating she handed out scholarship flyers, because the school representatives seemed unaware the flyers were already in their building.

Ms. Hall stated she provided them with flyers when she went to the SAC meeting, and she sent the flyer Principal Winfred Porter.

Ms. Cunningham remarked, with the test season beginning, there were less SAC meetings; according to the Sunshine State Law, they only had to hold four meetings a year, and many schools already met that quota. She would email the report to staff to disseminate to the rest of the board ahead of the next board meeting.


10. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

11. OPEN DISCUSSION: NONE

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting: May 13, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Teneshja Taylor, Chairperson
TT/cp

