

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Village Hall Council Chamber  
12300 Forest Hill Blvd.  
Wellington, FL 33414

Tuesday, April 5, 2016  
6:30 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Wellington Education Committee was held on Tuesday April 5, 2016 commencing at 6:31 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

Committee Members present: Marcia Hayden, Theresa Ventriglio, Michelle McGovern, Tanya Siskind, Donna Baxter and Ruthann Retterbush, Ann Greenspan was absent.

Staff Members present: James A. Poag and Shelly Williams

**I. CALL TO ORDER:-** Marcia Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL:** Committee members present: Marcia Hayden, Theresa Ventriglio, Michelle McGovern, Tanya Siskind, Donna Baxter and Ruthann Retterbush. Ann Greenspan was absent.

**IV. OPENING COMMENTS:** Marcia Hayden advised the committee that most of the principals were attending a dinner, however, Dr. Shoemaker was in attendance and the middle school principals would be making a presentation.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Hayden asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Poag requested that the agenda be amended to include the following items under New Business:

- a. Presentation of Mosaic Group "Girls in Tech" Program
- b. New Horizons Elementary School Grant Amendment
- c. Elbridge Gale Grant Amendment

**Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.**

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS: Waste Management Scholarship**

Mr. Poag indicated that the Committee would need to make a decision regarding the details of the process for distribution of the scholarship to the two high schools.

Ms. Hayden responded that, based on info provided to the Committee, the high schools would receive the applications by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The top 10 candidates would

then be forwarded to the Education Committee by May 2<sup>nd</sup> so that by May 13<sup>th</sup>, the recipients could be chosen.

The Committee indicated they were in agreement with the suggestion of selecting one Committee member to coordinate with Waste Management.

**The Committee nominated Ms. Hayden. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

For this fiscal year, the schools chosen for books were Binks, New Horizons and Polo Park Middle. Mr. Poag referred the committee to sheet which had been provided showing each of the schools and each award year throughout the entirety of the contract. A process would need to be established for nominating the 3 schools. He suggested that the Committee could, at this time, nominate the schools going forward throughout the entirety of the contract or nominate the schools at the August meeting when the Keely Spinelli Grant awards would be addressed.

At that time, the Committee elected to select the schools through 2018.

**2016 Schools: Binks, New Horizons, Polo Park Middle**

**2017 Schools: Elbridge Gayle, Panther Run, Emerald Cove**

**2018 Schools: Equestrian Trails, Wellington Elementary, Wellington Landings**

The schools for 2019 and 2020 would be selected sometime in 2017.

Ellen Smith, Government Affairs Director for Waste Management of Florida, confirmed the selection of Ms. Hayden as the Committees grant coordinator with Waste Management. Ms. Smith provided her contact information.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. Keely Spinelli Education Grant Amendment – Elbridge Gale Elementary.**

The principal from Elbridge Gale addressed the committee and provided details regarding the requested amendment to their grant application.

**A motion was made to approve the Elbridge Gale Grant Amendment; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

### **b. Keely Spinelli Education Grant Amendment – New Horizons Elementary School**

Ms. Cardoza addressed the committee and provided details regarding the amendment to their grant application.

**A motion was made to approve the New Horizons Grant Amendment; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

### **c. Mosaic Group “Girls in Tech” Program Presentation**

Ms. Morris provided details regarding the Girls in Tech mentoring program which would take place in partnership with Palm Beach Tech and be hosted at the Community Services offices. The ten week program would include 2 hour workshops conducted each Wednesday focusing on entrepreneurship, technology, coding and design. The program was for girls ages 13 through 18. They hoped to recruit 10 to a maximum of 20 girls for the program and were interested in making connections with the local schools to identify girls who might

be interested in participating. At the end of the 10 week program, participants would team up to present a tech project of their own design. The budget for this program had been approved in October. Applicants would need to be income certified through the HUD program in order to be eligible to participate. Selections would be made from the pool of eligible applicants. The program was open to Wellington residents.

The Committee asked Mr. Poag to provide an update on the program at the August meeting.

**d. Dr. Shoemaker, Area 3 Superintendent**

Dr. Shoemaker provided updates on the expansion of Wellington Elementary's gifted program and the reconfiguration of Area 3 which would take place as of July 1, pending Board approval. Wellington High School graduation would take place on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 and Palm Beach Central would be May 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 10 at the Florida Fairgrounds.

Polo Park Middle School, Wellington Landings, Emerald Cove Middle School also provided updates.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**IX. STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Poag stated that he had provided his updates at the start of the meeting and had nothing further to report.

**X. CLOSING COMMENTS:** Ms. McGovern stated that she would like to see a full listing of everything that Wellington was doing that was education focused. She would like to see what the Committee might be able to focus on next and didn't want to duplicate what Wellington might already be doing.

Mr. Poag responded that everything taking place is listed on the website but a list could certainly be provided to the Committee. The Village also had a large social media campaign that continued to regularly put Wellington information on Facebook as well as tweeting out events and happenings.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Ms. Hayden called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Approved and Adopted:

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**Marcia Hayden, Chairperson**

**Date**

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**Laura A. Aldrich, Recording Secretary**

**Date**