

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

6:30 PM

Village Hall - Council Chambers

Education Committee

*John Webber, Chair
Shelly Albright, Vice Chair
Donna Baxter
Beth Gillespie
Marcia Hayden
Ruthann Retterbush*

I Call to Order

Chair Jay Webber called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

II Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Jay Webber conducted the pledge of allegiance.

III Roll Call

Chair Jay Webber called the roll. Shelly Albright, Donna Baxter, Marcia Hayden, Ruthann Retterbush were present. Beth Gillespie requested the ability to attend via telephone.

IV Consideration of Request for Call In Participation by Committee Member

Chair Jay Webber asked for a motion to approve Beth Gillespie's request to participate via telephone.

Ms. Baxter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Albright. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Gillespie was absent.

At this time Mr. Webber welcomed Ms. Gillespie to the meeting via telephone.

V Selection of New Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Webber asked for nominations for a new committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Ms. Hayden made a motion to roll over the current Chair and Vice Chair for another term. Ms. Albright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 to have Mr. Webber continue as Chair and Ms. Albright continue as Vice Chair.

VI Opening Comments

Ms. Retterbush congratulated Wellington's A-rated schools and thanked Wellington and the Village Council for their support.

Mr. Webber stated that it was the Committee's desire to coordinate another joint meeting with the Public Safety Committee to continue discussion related to school safety.

VII Approval of Agenda

Chair Webber called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Ms. Hayden made the motion, seconded by Ms. Baxter. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

VIII Approval of Minutes

A. [EC-075](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Webber called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Ms. Hayden made the motion, seconded by Ms. Albright. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

IX Staff Report

Ms. Edwards recognized Frank Rodriguez and Marcia Andrews and asked for a school board update.

Ms. Andrews congratulated the schools on their A rating and recognized their successes and academic achievements.

Mr. Rodriguez congratulated principals, teachers, students, parents, the community and Wellington for the outstanding partnerships. He introduced Ms. Vivian Greene, Mr. Edward Tierney and Polo Park Middle School Principal Mike Aronson and recognized Wellington's A rated schools and the Village's contributions and impact.

Ms. Edwards provided updates on the Back to School event and this year's SWAG program.

Ms. Edwards reviewed the information provided on the spreadsheets for this year's Keely Spinelli Grant applications, including last year's funding requests and the FY18 proposed budget, reporting that funds remaining in the FY18 budget of \$100,000 would be distributed that evening. She reported that the FY19 proposals were based on funding of \$400,000.

This year's grant presentations were based on funding of \$36,363 per school. Grant funding would be finalized along with the Village's budget on September 25th. All schools would be notified of any funding changes after budget approval. Ms. Edwards also reported that staff would be working on coordinating another joint meeting of the Education and Public Safety Committees. She asked the Committee to hold all questions until after each principal had made their presentation. Presentations would go in the order of elementary, then middle and high school.

X Old Business

A. [EC-076](#) EDUCATION COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Webber asked that this item be moved to be addressed in a future workshop format.

XI New Business

A. [EC-067](#) KEELY SPINELLI 2018/2019 GRANT PRESENTATIONS

Each Wellington area school principal presented their grant applications to the Committee for review and approval.

Palm Beach Central Principal Darren Edgecomb also commented briefly on the recent incident at the school, stating that it was in no way connected to the high school and stating that administrators, parents and students had all come together in support.

Ms. Edwards recognized her staff, Jonathan Salas, Morgan Cintron and Gloria Kelly. She also reported that Mr. Salas had resigned his position with the Village to take a position in a similar role with Deerfield Beach.

Ms. Edwards reported that the FY19 grant funding checks would be presented at the October 9th Council meeting.

At this time Mr. Webber stated that they had skipped over old business (mission statement discussion) and would again move that item as he believed it would be better served being addressed in a workshop format where the Committee could have a more lengthy discussion. He asked

staff to provide some dates within the next few months were they could have a workshop for this item.

B. [EC-077](#)

SCHOOL LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Webber informed the Committee that Ms. Francine Nelson had submitted her resignation to Village staff and that, due to personal and business commitments would be unable to continue to serve. He thanked Ms. Nelson for her service.

Mr. Webber stated that Binks Forest and Equestrian Trails would now need a committee liaison. He asked for volunteers.

Ms. Albright volunteered to take Equestrian Trails.

Mr. Webber provided the schools with the names of their Education Committee school liaisons.

XII Public Comments

Mr. Webber recognized Council members in attendance including Councilwoman Tanya Siskind and Mayor Anne Gerwig who briefly addressed the Committee and attendees.

XIII Closing Comments

Ms. Baxter thanked Mr. Salas for his service to the Village and the Civics 101 class.

Ms. Albright congratulated the schools on their successes and wished Jonathan Salas well in his new opportunity.

Ms. Hayden recognized the long tenure of the Education Committee and its continued support of Wellington's schools.

Ms. Albright thanked everyone in attendance and wished Mr. Salas well in his new position.

Ms. Gillespie thanked the Village for its outreach to all of their schools.

All members congratulated the schools on their accomplishments.

Mr. Webber stated that they had never formally approved the grants and asked for a motion to approve the grants as presented and move them forward to the Village Council for approval.

Ms. Baxter made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hayden. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Webber thanked everyone in attendance for their hard work and dedication.

XIV Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm