

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
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Action Summary - Final

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

5:30 PM

**Senior Advisory Committee and Education
Committee - Joint Workshop**

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Senior Advisory Committee Members Present: Howard Trager, Veronica McCue, Mary Kastner, Sam Nebb, Sharon Lascola and Sally Schwartz.

Senior Advisory Committee Members Absent: Jose Soto, Sharon Lascola and Sally Schwartz.

Education Committee Members Present: Marcia Hayden, Shelly Albright, Donna Baxter, John Webber and Ruthann Retterbush.

Education Committee Members Absent: Francine Nelson and Beth Gillespie.

Village Staff in attendance: Paulette Edwards, Meridith Tuckwood and Geneeka Morris.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the Senior Advisory Committee and the Education Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Ms. Baxter, and unanimously passed (9-0) to approve the agenda as presented. Jose Soto, Sharon Lascola, Sally Schwartz, Francine Nelson and Beth Gillespie were absent.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[SAC-062](#)

Attachments: [SAC Minutes 5-2-17](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Albright, seconded by Ms. Kastner, and unanimously passed (9-0) to approve the Minutes of the joint meeting of May 2, 2017 as presented. Jose Soto, Sharon Lascola, Sally Schwartz, Francine Nelson and Beth Gillespie were absent.

V. STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Edwards presented the school grades for 2016-2017 that were

published in June.

Ms. Edwards reported on the SWAG program (Students Working to Achieve Greatness) noting that the Community Services Department had partnered with InterFaith.

Ms. Albright updated the committees on the SWAG Program noting what the children have learned through the program, what the children are up to and how it has benefited them. Ms. Albright advised the committees that the children had met with Mayor Gerwig who shared with them her work experience and also how she became Mayor.

Mrs. Edwards announced that Mayor Gerwig was so impressed with what Ms. Albright has done that she wanted to help with next year's funding.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

[SAC-061](#)

Ms. Albright and Ms. McCue reported that they have been working together to get the program ready. They are reaching out to different business partners to ask for assistance from some of their volunteers. Ms. McCue stated that the program is ready to go; however, they do need to know what the times would be for the volunteers.

Ms. Baxter invited the Volunteer Specialists from the different Wellington schools to come out to the joint meeting.

Mrs. Edwards asked the school representative what the process is to be a volunteer at the schools.

Ms. Erika Gustavsson, New Horizons Elementary School, outlined the general process for volunteers, what they needed to bring, and what they need to do each time they volunteer at the schools.

Mrs. Edwards questioned whether the process would be the same at each school. In response, Ms. Gustavsson explained that the volunteers should be in the school's system if they have the same one; however, they should call the school before arriving just to make sure.

Ms. Baxter informed everyone that the school system has now added a one-time application entry so that the background will be checked each time the volunteer swipes. She noted that the application has to be entered in a school computer.

Ms. Diana Borges informed the committees about another system that the schools are using as well.

Ms. McCue explained that they will have a day when all the volunteers will come in and Ms. Borges will help put their information into the system.

Ms. Hayden asked Ms. McCue if she had a date when the volunteers will come in to do their applications.

Ms. McCue explained that the schools are still setting their schedules, but as soon as they are finalized, they will give them a time to bring the volunteers in.

Ms. Baxter informed the committees that in late August/early September the District will hold training for all the volunteer coordinators and they will then get updated for the new school year.

Ms. McCue explained that it won't be until October, so teachers can get to know their students.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII.. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Susan Perconte, Panther Run, thought the mentoring program, as well as a buddy program, would be helpful.

Ms. Sarai Aristizabal asked if the volunteers at the schools can be trained on the mentoring program, and if so, who will do the training.

The Committee indicated that the volunteers would be trained. Ms. McCue asked that the names be given to Ms. Edwards who will then contact them and provide information regarding the mentoring program.

Ms. Edwards informed the public that they can contact her with any concerns which she will in turn bring to the committees.

Ms. Albright gave the background on how the Senior Advisory Committee and Education Committee joined together to work on this project.

iX. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Baxter expressed her excitement about the Mentoring Program noting that no one wanted to be left out of it. She stated that the high schools are waiting patiently for the program to come to them. She further stated that they know that it will help them in the future as they are better trained in the elementary schools. She thanked everyone for their efforts.

Ms. Edwards thanked Ms. Baxter for inviting the Volunteer Specialists.

Ms. Albright was excited to be working with Ms. McCue and Ms. Edwards who have been wonderful. She thanked them for all their help.

Mr. Webber thanked everyone for their efforts and wanted them to continue to spread the word about the program.

Ms. Hayden thanked Ms. Albright and Ms. McCue for this being their brain child and for all of the hard work they had put into it.

Mr. Trager informed everyone that he had volunteered at New Horizons in 2002-2003 where he worked with the 5th graders on a newspaper called the "Pioneer Times." He indicated that the 5th graders were wonderful. He extended his thanks to the Volunteer Specialist for all they do for the children.

Ms. McCue stated that her goal was that by the time the elementary students get to high school, they won't need the program because they will already have learned all the skills they need. She said they could then take the 25 percentile and make it null and void.

Ms. Kastner indicated that she was just excited to see how quickly everything for the mentoring program has come together which she felt was a tribute to everyone involved.

Mr. Nebb had no comments.

X. CLOSING COMMENT

Mr. Trager expressed his thanks to everyone for attending the meeting, and for taking an interest in our children because our children are the seniors of tomorrow.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Ms. Baxter, and unanimously passed (9-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:10p.m. Jose Soto, Sharon Lascola, Sally Schwartz, Francine Nelson and Beth Gillespie were absent.