

**EDUCATION TASK FORCE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2019**

Garret Watson, Staff liaison, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kemp called the Roll.

ATTENDANCE: Adam Reback, Cheryl Alligood, Monroe Benaim, Carrie Browne, Ben Klug, Ivan Rosa, Julie Ross, Maureen Sullivan (Alternate), Garret Watson, Senior Planner and Staff liaison, and David Kemp, Principal Planner.

The first item on the agenda was for each member to give a brief self-introduction. Each of the members went around the table and described their backgrounds and experience.

Mr. Watson gave a brief presentation on the elections of chair and vice chair responsibilities and open the floor to nominations for chair.

Ben Klug and Julie Ross were nominated as candidates for chair.

The motion to appoint Ben Klug as chair was polled. The motion carried by majority.

Julie Ross and Cheryl Alligood were nominated as candidates for vice chair.

The motion to appoint Julie Ross as vice chair was polled; however the nomination failed a majority vote. The motion to appoint Cheryl Alligood as vice chair was polled. The motion carried by majority.

Staff gave a brief presentation on Robert's Rules regarding how meetings are required to be run, the sunshine laws, and the tasks and responsibilities of the task force moving forward. Staff introduced Ms. Kiwana Alexander-Prophete, Director of Extended Learning (Out-of-School Time) for the Palm Beach County School District.

Ms. Alexander-Prophete gave a presentation covering the number of students enrolled in each afterschool program, the number of students on a wait list, and issues that contribute to the gap in service. Ms. Alexander-Prophete identified lack in staffing for various reasons, school closing for construction projects, lack of funding, and the challenge of meeting transportation needs that have created some issues in serving all the students that desire aftercare.

The Task Force members had the following questions for Ms. Alexander-Prophete:

How is the school district sourcing staff for summer school?

Answer: School staff members are hired on through a process through the district. Due to some temporary school closures for construction projects, the directors are meeting to hire personnel from schools that are temporarily closed.

Do the schools have enough space for students?

Answer: Yes.

Who's Responsibility is it to notify parents of closed schools?

Answer: The principals communicate with parents through various means and signs posted on school campuses.

How many students attended summer school last year and what are the number of students receiving a scholarship?

Answer: Ms. Alexander-Prophete indicated that she would provide this information to staff.

Chair Klug opened the floor to public comment.

Members of the public had questions on how the district handles summer school for kids that don't go to the school regularly. In addition, Ms. Maria Bishop introduced herself to the task force as the school superintendent for the elementary schools in Jupiter.

The Task Force asked staff:

Can Ms. Kristin George, Director of Recreation, speak at the next Task Force meeting about the Town's summer camp?

Answer: Staff indicated they will ask Ms. George to give a presentation at the next meeting.

Can Ms. Jane Winter's, Director of the Afterschool Program at Beacon Cove Intermediate, come speak to the Task Force at the next meeting about how she handles staffing?

Answer: Staff indicated they will coordinate with Ms. Winter's to request her attendance at the next meeting.

Can staff provide the Town's budget schedule and strategic plan, and the schedule of the next School District meetings?

Answer: Staff indicated they would provide the requested information.

ADJOURN:

Chair Klug adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Garret Watson, Staff Liaison

Ben Klug, CHAIR