

CITY OF WESTLAKE



MINUTES

Education Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM

The Lodge at Westlake Adventure Park
5490 Kingfisher Blvd.
Westlake, Florida 33470

Board Members:

Anita Kaplan, Chair
Lisa Barron, Vice Chair
Colleen Forlizzi, Board Member
Krystal Lexima, Board Member
Keith Miller, Board Member

City Staff:

Greg Langowski, Councilmember Liaison
Zoie P. Burgess, CMC, City Clerk
Donald J. Doody, Esq., City Attorney

A meeting of the Education Advisory Board of the City of Westlake was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM., at The Lodge at Westlake Adventure Park, 5490 Kingfisher Blvd. Members of the public also live streamed the meeting through electronic means and accessed as follows:

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anita Kaplan called the City of Westlake Education Advisory Board meeting of Tuesday July 16, 2024, to order at 6:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present and constituting a quorum:

Board Member Lisa Barron
Board Member Colleen Forlizzi
Board Member Anita Kaplan
Board Member Krystal Lexima
Board Member Keith Miller

Also present:

Zoie Burgess, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Kaplan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes_Education Advisory Board Meeting – April 16, 2024

Board Member Forlizzi stated that the minutes did not reflect that she was appointed as the liaison for the Loxahatchee Groves Elementary School.

Board Member Kaplan stated that the minutes reflect Western Pines Middle School, but that it should be Osceola Creek Middle School, and Keith Miller was assigned to that school.

Chair Kaplan called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024.

Motion by Vice-Chair Barron to approve the minutes, seconded by Board Member Lexima.

UPON ROLL CALL:

Board Member Miller	YES
Board Member Lexima	YES
Board Member Forlizzi	YES
Board Member Barron	YES
Board Member Kaplan	YES

With all in favor, motion carried without dissent (5-0).

PRESENTATIONS

Chair Kaplan introduced the two presenters and stated that they will provide an overview of their school.

A. Ms. Linda Edgecomb, Principal, Golden Grove Elementary School

Provided a brief overview:

- Golden Grove is growing, with 870 students.
- Extending grades K-5.
- Demographics are reflective of the population: 12% Black, 39% Hispanic and 41% White, with ELL (English Language Learner) and SWD (Students With Disabilities) students.
- Teacher retention is strong and stable.

B. Mr. Brian McClellan Principal, Osceola Creek Middle School

Provided a brief overview:

- Mission Statement
- Osceola Creek is in their 21st year and is an A rated school.
- 860 students with similar demographics as Golden Grove Elementary including ELL and SWD students.
- Would like to advertise for the clubs.
- Discussion on assisting students, and challenges facing the school:
 - Assisting students to excel in their classes.
 - Teacher retention.
 - Happy program for teachers. Zoie Burgess confirmed that the program includes teachers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss Student Behavior Towards School Bus Drivers

Chair Kaplan provided a recap of the issue of student behavior and student behavior of students towards the bus drivers.

- Mr. McClellan suggested putting video cameras on the buses, communicating with families and discipline situations that surface.

Discussion on various ways to support bus drivers.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 5K Surplus Funds - Golden Grove Elementary School

Council decided that the \$2,014.02 would be given to Golden Grove Elementary School. Please send ideas on how the money would be spent to the Education Advisory Board.

B. Potential Westlake School Tours

- Chair Kaplan would like the Board to do a tour when students were in session. Each board member would tour separately.
- Discussion on zoning of schools within the district and outside of the district.

C. Future Ideas for Assisting Westlake Schools

- Happy program
- Designation and zoning
- Program for retirees from Cresswind serving as volunteers, assisting the schools, in all subjects.

D. Interaction with District 6, Palm Beach County School Board

- Mrs. Andrews offered thanks and appreciation to the Westlake school staff and provided an update on District 6.
- Discussion on boundary changes, which are typically drawn based on population.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS/UPDATES

Board Discussion on safety at all schools:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Comment – Inaudible Name- Inquired if the boundaries changed for Loxahatchee Groves.

Further discussion on boundaries between Board Members and Ms. Andrews.

City Clerk, Zoie Burgess requested confirmation on liaisons for the schools.

Golden Groves – Board Member Lexima

Western Pines – Not in our zone.
Seminole Ridge – Board Member Barron
Loxahatchee Groves – Not in our zone.
Oceola Creek – Board Member Miller
Community Outreach – Board Member Forlizzi

Chair Kaplan entertained discussion on setting the date for the next Education Advisory Board. Date was set for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Kaplan adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.


Zoie P. Burgess, City Clerk


Anita Kaplan, Board Chair

