



**MINUTES**  
**AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**November 5, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:07PM. Present were members Erika Koopman, Cindy Orlinsky, Marina Kessler Lumer, Laura Kitaigorodsky, and Rachel Friedland. Also present were Acting City Manager, Joanne Carr, Principal, Julie Alm and Assistant Principal, Leslie Lee. The following teacher also attended: Ms. Alvarez-Harris. School personnel in attendance included Eileen Fernandez.
- Quorum was determined and the meeting commenced.

**2. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

- **Review School Improvement Plan** –Ms. Lee described our current focus on writing in preparation for FSA. The process of cold writes was explained.

**3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** See attached

- **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** See attached.

**4. FUND RAISING REPORTS:** We are collecting dress down dollars. The family fun night and Miami Heat fundraisers were a success.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**6. NEW BUSINESS (Open Forum for Parent's Discussion):**

There was discussion about the type, amount, and cost of fieldtrips. Concern was raised that sometimes not all students who desire to can attend a fieldtrip due to limited space. It was discussed that ACES will contract with a nursing service to offer sexual education to middle school students.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

**The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2018 @ 7:45 AM**

Approved by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

**Administration Report  
November 5, 2018**

**School Wide Assessments:**

- First Cold Write was administered

**Supplemental Academic Programs:**

- Saturday School began this weekend with over 70 students participating

**Professional Development:**

- October 26, 2018 staff attended a variety of MDCPS PD offerings
- A team of teachers attended the "Teach Your Heart Out" conference. The conference focused on high engagement best teaching strategies.
- Staff members attended the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference. Ms. Matamoros was selected to teach a session on Flip Grid.
- Next week teachers will attend a two day Eureka math training

**Recent Events:**

- Book Fair Events: Dress as your favorite character and pajama day. Family Fun Night which included escape room activities, arts and crafts, bounce houses, green screen photo booth, food trucks, interactive 3-D cubes and a rocket race.
- Red Ribbon Week: Dress as a tourist day, 70s attire day, color days included wear black and orange, red, white and blue day, and wear red. There was also a door decorating contest.
- Upstander Day: Compassion
- Middle School Spirit Week: tropical day, fandom day, spirit color day, and heroes v. villains day
- Winter Chorus practice is underway and meets on Thursdays from 3:00PM – 4:00 PM
- Seventh Grade students traveled to Spring Safari for an overnight camping and canoeing experience
- Kindergarten through third grade attended a performance of Magic School Bus at the AACC

**Charitable Projects:**

- Peace Day Boxes
- Hurricane Relief
- Thanksgiving food drive is underway
- Over 20 ACES staff & students attended Operation Homecoming honoring veterans.

**Athletics:**

- The boys Flag Football team finished their season with a 4-3 record
- The Girls Volleyball team finished their season with a 4-3 record and made the playoffs as the #3 seed in the South Division. They lost in the quarterfinals.

**Upcoming Events:**

- November 7, 2018 Upstander Day: Self Control
- November 9, 2018 Florida Grand Opera Visits MS Drama
- November 13, 2018 Principal's Honor Roll breakfast
- November 13, 2018 boys' travel soccer begins
- November 14, 2018 Parenting workshop 9:00 AM
- November 15, 2018 Science Fair 5:30PM
- November 19, 2018 first girls' competitive basketball game
- November 26, 2018 MS Heat Arena Tour
- November 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine fieldtrip for fourth grade