

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

Education Advisory Board

Minutes

January 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Chair Ana Soto.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Lani Antelo, Jaqueline Ondar, Jessica Mendoza, Ana Soto, Maite Robles, Alicia Jimenez, Maite Robles, Claudia Luces

Student member: Hailie Prieto,

Staff: Aisle Pastora, Liaison TOML

Additions/Deletions: Ana Soto motioned to delete item 6 approval of minutes, Maite Robles seconded this and it was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

Student Member Report:

Old Business:

- a. Spelling Bee housekeeping: Revise the Certificate to be given to the student participants; program approved; write the run down for the night (script); welcome given by School Board member district 4 Roberto Alonso; closing remarks by Vice Mayor Bryan Morera; Claudia Luces suggested a plaque for the winning school to keep when trophy moves on, Jaqueline Ondar motioned, Ana Soto second, it was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fundraising Package-Discuss Levels: agreed on leaving the levels as is.
- b. Begin planning for Awards of Excellence: begin soliciting companies for sponsorships; Maite Robles motioned, Ana Soto seconded and Claudia Luces did not agree, nay, to students being allowed to be nominated/win as long as they attend one of the MLKS Town schools. Categories were changed to Science, Math and Digital Arts/Media instead of STEAM. Applications must be nominated by someone, not self-nominated. Draft rubric will be developed by Maite Robles for the February meeting to be discussed. Balloon Arch, tablecloths, catering, etc. was discussed and it will be further discussed in the February meeting.
- c. Elections: Jessica Mendoza nominates Ana Soto for chair, seconded by Jaqueline Ondar all in favor, Ana will continue being chair; Vice chair Jessica Mendoza nominated Jaqueline Ondar, seconded by Ana Soto; Alicia Jimenez was nominated for secretary by Ana Soto and seconded by Maite Robles, all in favor.
- d. Added item 6 Senior Banners, motioned by Claudia Luces, seconded by Jessica Mendoza, all in favor. Senior banners will continue like other years. Discussed to maybe increase the price to make a profit for the EAB. Will circle back when we have more information from Aisle.
*Aisle mentioned the Graham Scholarship went live and would like us to share with schools as well. Seniors living in Miami Lakes only, student representative applications are live as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ana Soto adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

All were in favor.