

Thursday, September 3, 2020
3:30 – 5:00 PM
AGENDA

Meetings are generally held the 1st Thursday of each month

OFFICERS

Deputy William Lawson, *Chair*

Tarra Ofosu, *Vice Chair*

Chris Mathews, *Secretary*

Samantha Staley
*Community Recognition
Representative*

MEMBERS

Constance Shaw

Deputy Eric Ford

Julia Neely

LaShante Keys

Nikishea Wright-Richardson

Patsy Buker

Phyllis Ware-Winchester

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER– <i>Deputy William Lawson, Chair</i> | 3:30 PM |
| II. | CONSENT ITEMS- <i>Deputy William Lawson, Chair</i>
A. Approve Minutes | 3:35 PM |
| III. | JWB UPDATES- <i>JWB Representatives</i> | 3:40 PM |
| IV. | COUNCIL BUSINESS– <i>Tarra Ofosu, Vice-Chair</i>
A. JWB Strategic Plan Discussion | 3:45 PM |
| V. | PRESENTATIONS - <i>Deputy William Lawson, Chair</i>
A. Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
1) Ellen Snelling, Board Chair of the Hillsborough
County Anti-Drug Alliance
2) Daphne Lampley, VP of Prevention Services & Live
Free Director | 4:15 PM |
| VI. | OPEN AGENDA- <i>Tarra Ofosu, Vice-Chair</i> | 4:40 PM |
| VII. | ADJOURN- <i>Deputy William Lawson, Chair</i> | 5:00 PM |

Future Meetings/Notices

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 3:30 PM JWB Board Meeting Location TBD

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:15 PM First TRIM Hearing Location TBD

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:15 PM Final TRIM Hearing Location TBD

Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 3:30 PM South County Community Council Meeting TBD

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever does.”**
Margaret Mead, Anthropologist



SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 AT 3:30 PM

**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
14155 58TH STREET NORTH
ZOOM MEETING
CLEARWATER, FL 33760**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Millicent Battle, Community Planner and Council Liaison, stated the JWB South County Community Council Meeting on August 6, 2020 is being held via Zoom Webinar and telephone conference due to the current State of Emergency in Florida caused by the outbreak of COVID-19. Governor Ron DeSantis extended Executive Order 20-69 which suspends the Sunshine Law requirement to have all meetings in a public location and have a quorum in person.

Deputy Lawson, South County Chair, called the meeting order at 3:06 PM by followed by a Moment of Silence.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Deputy William Lawson	Council Chair	Present
Tarra Ofosu	Council Vice Chair	Present
Chris Mathews	Council Secretary	Present
Samantha Staley	Council Community Recognition Representative	Absent
Constance Shaw	Council Member	Present
Deputy Eric Ford	Council Member	Absent
Julia Neely	Council Member	Present
LaShante Keys	Council Member	Present
Nikishea Wright-Richardson	Council Member	Present
Patsy Buker	Council Member	Absent
Phyllis Ware-Winchester	Council Member	Absent
Robert Ellis	Council Member	Absent
Ta'Quera Riou	Council Member	Absent

Guest: LaKisha Lawson, Sheila Kane, Keosha Simmons, Sam Jenkins, Daphne Lampley, Ida Newsome, Monica Brimm, Nicole McCutchan, Staff: Beth Houghton, Judith Warren, Laura Peele, Joanna Maniscalco, and Millicent Battle.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Council Minutes for March 3, 2020

Deputy Lawson called for approval of the Consent Items

The items were approved without discussion.

ACTION: Ms. Tarra Ofosu moved to approve the Consent Items as presented; seconded by Ms. Chris Mathews. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

II. JWB UPDATES

A. Organizational Updates- *Ms. Judith Warren, COO, Juvenile Welfare Board*

Judith reported program adjustments to digital platforms for the first nine weeks due to heightened protocols and limitations at our local schools. She also reported a partnership with child investigators to provide greater support and engage families to combat rising incidents of domestic violence, child abuse, and neglect. The Board Strategic Planning Workshop was highlighted stating *Early Childhood Development* will be added as a fifth focus area centering on the 0-3. *School Readiness* will increase focus on VPK enrollment. *School Success* will continue to expand and evaluate current literacy programs, and provide strong education support to out of school time providers. *Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* will cover expansion of respite services. *Children's Mental Health Initiative* will continue to support early screenings and links to services. *Strengthening Community* will continue utilize Community Councils feedback to inform programming and direction and strengthen the work of NFC's and collective impact initiatives.

B. Community Projects Updates- *Ms. Joanna Maniscalco, Community Projects, Juvenile Welfare Board*

Joanna reported regardless of student learning choice the *Childhood Hunger Initiative* to partnerships with several organizations i.e. Tampa Bay Network to End hunger, PCS, YMCA, and Boys and Girls Club will continue to provide food through various efforts.

III. COUNCIL UPDATES- *Ms. Tarra Ofosu, Vice-Chair*

A. Tarra reported Council nominee Daphne Lampley will be presented for Board approval in September for membership. Tarra gave an overview of the quarterly Executive Committee meeting which included all three councils and JWB executive team. The members were informed that upon the Board's approval of the strategic plan, updates to the Council's work plan will begin. Tarra invited all of the participants to attend future JWB sponsored events and meetings.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. *School Success Focus Area*

1) Our New Way of Learning-*Mrs. LaKisha F. Lawson, Principal, Fairmount Park Elementary School, Pinellas County Schools*

Mrs. Lawson presented on this year's three learning option-traditional, PCS Online (9 weeks), and Pinellas Virtual. Families have limited ability to adjust selections between traditional and PCS online if needed. Health and wellness checks have been implemented to keep scholars and staff safe. The district are providing mask which are mandated for scholars 1st-5th and all personnel. Desks are six feet apart and commonly touched items have been removed as well as lunch schedules extended. Only essential visitors are allowed in the building. Virtual sessions will be held for PTA, SAC, and for mentorship. Field trips have been on hold for the first quarter. Extra circular activities such as promise time, extended learning, and back to school night will creatively continue. PCS employees are required to complete self-screenings prior to entering the building and families are required to complete a wellness responsibility and expectations form. An additional clinic has been

added and nurses will visit classrooms to dispense medication. Plant operations has a new deeper way of cleaning. Additional hand washing and sanitizing stations as well as signage has been installed for easy accessibility. A COVID team will determine next steps in case of a positive result. Policies will be reevaluated in 9 weeks.

2) Family & Community Engagement-*Ms. Sheila Kane, District Coordinator and Ms. Keosha Simmons, Parent Advocate, TCIS Student Success Coach Office of Strategic Partnerships, Pinellas County Schools*

Shelia related how many of the engagement activities to virtual platforms at least for the first nine week. Keosha presented on Parent Guardian Connection, is a support group created to provide a virtual forum where parents can connect. Information and the recording is available at www.pcsb.org/parentadvocacy from the last meeting. A major concerns of caregivers was both their and their students mental and emotional wellbeing. The meetings are open and free to the public. Sheila reviewed the Parent Academy Power Hour held at various times during the day/evening that provide experts from in and outside of the district provide insight and support parents. Parent Academy info and past recordings are available at www.pcsb.org/parentacademy. Keosha reported age appropriate curriculum and resources will be available for virtual mentoring. Mentor are still needed with virtual trainings starting in August. Members were invited to contact the office with any mentoring referrals or concerns. More information can be found at <https://www.pcsb.org/strategicpartnerships>. The Re-opening information is available here at <https://www.pcsb.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=57443&dataid=96982&FileName=ReOpening-Document-Revised-7-27.pdf> and also by going to www.pcsb.org. From the home page, click the Re-opening plan picture and then the Re-opening plan live link in Dr. Grego's message.

B. Strengthening Community Focus Area

1) Community Interactions with Law Enforcement-*Deputy William Lawson & Deputy Eric Ford, Pinellas County Sheriff Office*

Deputy Ford reported on current work in Ridgecrest and South St. Petersburg in summer camp on how to communicate and deal with law enforcement. Interactions with the community is also present at food pantries, resource fairs, and back to school event. Deputy Lawson reported on the partnership with St. Petersburg Police and the Not my Son Campaign involving both children and parents. Deputy Lawson in collaboration Cheko Carter of Mid-County Chair will also participate in The Law and You Campaign, a conversation with youth.

V. OPEN AGENDA

Deputy Lawson reported the Sanderlin Center and Fairmount Park Back to School Fairs will be held Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Ms. Tarra Ofosu reported Campbell Park Back to School Fair will be held Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Mr. LaShante Keys informed participants to contact Empath Health if services are needed.

Ms. Millicent Battle reminded of the diversity conference Actor, Allies, and Accomplices being held Friday, August 7, 2020, noting information was in the resource packet.

Mr. Sam Jenkins-Unemployment benefits federal extension ended last week, Negotiation for renewal is in Congress, however back pay is available. State unemployment is still available with waived work search criteria. Please contact the office if anyone is in need of assistance with any state program.

Ms. Chris Mathews stated PAL Back to School Fair will be held Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Ms. Constance Shaw reported ReadStong in collaboration with Need to Read will be distributing books in Ridgecrest, Saturday, August 8, 2020.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Minutes submitted by Millicent Battle