

Information

Town of Lake Park Education Advisory Board

The Education Advisory Board is modeled after the City of Greenacres.

Members of the Education Advisory Board may be required to attend meetings of more than one school. It is suggested that each liaison hold at least two meetings per year with their assigned principals: one in the fall (focused on priorities and listening) and one in the spring (focused on follow-up and relationship). These would be strategic conversations, not status updates or program pitches.

Schools include, but are not limited to, Lake Park Elementary (27), H.L. Watkins (15), The Conservatory School at North Palm Beach (22), Palm Beach Christian Academy of Lake Park (12), Suncoast High School, Inlet Grove Middle and High School (1), Palm Beach Gardens High School (11), Coastal Middle and High School (1), Bethel Junior Academy (12), Franklin Academy at Palm Beach Gardens (6), JFK Middle School (4), Gardens School of Technology Arts (3), Westward Elementary School (3), Bethune Elementary School (2), Dwyer High School (2), Northmore Elementary School (2), Palm Beach Gardens Elementary School (2), West Riviera Elementary School (2), Allamanda Elementary School (1), Benjamin School (1), Conniston Middle School (1), Duncan Middle School (1), Eisenhower Elementary (1), Faith Lutheran School of North Palm Beach (1), Forest Hill Community High School (1), Imagine Schools – Chancellor Campus (1), Jupiter Community High School (1), Jupiter Middle School (1), Palm Springs Christian Academy (1), Roosevelt Community Middle School (1), Tinder Trace Elementary (1), Twiggs Academy, Bright Child Academy, Bright Futures Child Development, Kidz Home Academy, and First Learning Academy. (Numbers in parentheses are the number of children attending those schools with library cards.)

Student Board Members may be chosen from these schools or from homeschooled students. All Student Board Members shall be chosen by Library staff to be nominated before the Commission. At least one of the Student Board Members shall be an upper elementary or middle-school student (5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade), and at least one of the Student Board Members shall be a high school student (9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade).

The suggested meeting date is the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM. The Board may not meet earlier than 5:00 PM to comply with the Code. Chapter 2, Article IV, 113. All meetings of the various town boards shall be conducted after 5:00 PM.

The Library staff member shall serve as a coordinator for the Education Advisory Board, coordinating activities, members, and schools.

Things to focus on:

Boosting attendance at our schools – need to educate parents on why school attendance is important.

Kindergarten readiness and early childhood literacy – kindergarten readiness rates have shown a significant improvement, rising from 66% to 72%, more improvement is needed.

Things the Board will not do:

- Coordinate career pathway programs
- Escalate school-to-city services issues
- Conduct school visits
- Act as a direct point of contact for school operational needs