

**CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA  
SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF MEETING**

**Monday, August 23, 2010  
Conference Room – City Hall  
5:00 p.m.**

The Temple Terrace School Support Committee met on Monday, August 23, 2010, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

**PRESENT WERE:** Vice-Chairman Joseph A. Affronti Jr. and School Support Members Susan Grzybowski, Gwen S. Mora and Jennifer Penoyer. **ABSENT WERE:** Chairman Cynthia Mohler and School Support Member Abdelelah Mostafa.

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Council Liaison Alison Fernandez, Legislative Secretary Sobeida LeBlanc and George Gaffney, Area III Director.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Affronti.

Vice-Chairman Affronti announced that Chairman Mohler would not be present this evening, therefore, he would be running the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Upon motion of School Support Member Mora, seconded by School Support Member Penoyer, and unanimously carried, the **REPORT** of the May 24, 2010, meeting was **APPROVED**.

**A. Persons Wishing to be Heard:**

Mr. Gaffney stated the School District is expecting a busy day tomorrow as it is the first day of school. He said the biggest change they have in Temple Terrace is that they have new principals at all three of the elementary schools. He reported that Temple Terrace's schools have done well with the FCATs.

Mr. Gaffney explained there are going to be a lot of changes with the new program where brand new teachers are assigned mentors and the better teachers will have a peer evaluator. Another change this year, he said, is the class size reduction, which is doing pretty well, so far.

School Support Member Mora reminded Mr. Gaffney that he is on the program as one of the speakers at King High School's luncheon on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club. Mr. Gaffney acknowledged he has it on his calendar and will be in attendance at the football game on Thursday night and the luncheon on Friday, but he will not be able to attend the Open House event on Saturday morning as he will be out of town.

Council Liaison Fernandez announced that primary elections are taking place. She said there are several School Board candidates running and she encouraged everyone to talk to these people and get to know them as these are the people that are setting a lot of the policies. She also encouraged the Committee to continue to encourage citizens to visit the public schools so they can see all of the good things happening at the schools.

Mr. Gaffney reported that the assistant principal at King High School resigned from his position so they now have a new assistant principal.

**B. Unfinished Business:****1. King High 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Homecoming Weekend**

School Support Member Mora said she is trying to keep the Committee informed on King High School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. She said the Committee should have received via email copies of the flyer for the kick-off party planned for ~~October~~ August 31st at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club. She encouraged the Committee to attend and show their support.

**2. Temple Terrace READS**

School Support Member Mora reminded everyone Temple Terrace READS event will take place on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. She said there will be a planning meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Temple Terrace Elementary School and the Committee is welcome to attend along with all the school contacts. She stated this is the only planning meeting they will have; they will be handing out booth requirements, participation forms, and getting everything organized.

With all the new principals in the area, School Support Member Mora emphasized the need for the Committee to encourage the schools to perform at the event because parents enjoy watching their students perform and it really adds a lot to the event.

School Support Member Grzybowski volunteered to help with anything needed. School Support Member Mora stated she will know more as to what is needed after the planning meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>; she will advise the Committee at their next meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**C. New Business:****1. School Grant Application Forms**

Vice-Chairman Affronti thanked School Support Member Penoyer for drafting the grant application form. School Support Member Penoyer distributed copies of the draft application form and instruction sheet, a copy of which is a part of the record.

The Committee reviewed the draft application form and suggested several changes. School Support Member Penoyer said she would make the required changes and forward the final application form to the Committee before sending it to the City Manager's Office for approval by the City Council on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the City Manager's office emailing the application form to the school principals, Vice-Chairman Affronti suggested the Committee hand-deliver the new application form to the schools right after it has been approved by the City Council, so the schools will have a reasonable amount of time before their October 1<sup>st</sup> grant submittal deadline.

**2. School Liaison Appointments**

Vice-Chairman Affronti stated it is time again for the Committee to reassign liaisons to the schools. School Support Member Mora informed the Committee that Chairman Mohler expressed interest in being assigned to Tampa Bay Tech School.

School Support Member Mora announced that School Support Member Mostafa indicated he would be resigning from the Committee as he will be leaving the country for an extended period of time; therefore, she believes they should not assign a school to him. She added there is one position currently vacant and if Mr. Mostafa resigns they will have two vacancies needed to be filled.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed on the following “temporary” assignments until the vacancies are filled:

- Lewis Elementary School – Gwen Mora
- Riverhills Elementary School – Joey Affronti
- Temple Terrace Elementary School – Susan Grzybowski
- Greco Middle School – Jennifer Penoyer
- Terrace Community Middle School – Joey Affronti
- King High School/I.B. - Gwen Mora
- Tampa Bay Tech School – Cynthia Mohler

**3. New Principals/Assistant Principals**

Vice-Chairman Affronti emphasized the importance for the Committee Members to visit all the new school principals, introduce themselves as their liaison, and inform them of the School Support Committee functions.

**D. Reports:**

**1. Meeting with Lewis Elementary Principal Cheryl Dafeldecker**

School Support Member Penoyer reported that Chairman Mohler met with Principal Cheryl Dafeldecker, but unfortunately she could not be here tonight, therefore, she will have some exciting things to share with the Committee at their next meeting.

**2. School Liaison Updates**

None.

**E. Announcements:**

School Support Member Mora announced that Chairman Mohler’s term as Chairperson is now up; therefore, it is time for them to elect a new chairman and vice-chairman. She informed the Committee that everyone is eligible to run for Chair, and she asked if anyone was interested in the positions.

**1. Election of Committee Chair:**

Vice-Chairman Affronti expressed interest in becoming the Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

Upon **MOTION** of School Support Member Mora, seconded by School Support Member Grzybowski, Joey Affronti was elected Chairman of the School Support Committee. Vote on the motion: School Support Members Affronti, Grzybowski, Mora, and Penoyer voted “aye”, no “nay.” School Support Members Mohler and Mostafa were ABSENT and did not vote.

**2. Election of Committee Vice-Chair:**

School Support Member Penoyer offered to take on the responsibility of Vice-Chair.

Upon **MOTION** of School Support Member Mora, seconded by School Support Member Grzybowski, Jennifer Penoyer was elected Vice-Chairman of the School Support Committee. Vote on the motion: School Support Members Affronti, Grzybowski, Mora, and Penoyer voted “aye”, no “nay.” School Support Members Mohler and Mostafa were ABSENT and did not vote.

School Support Member Mora announced their next two meetings will be Monday, September 27, 2010, and Monday, October 25, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. She said anyone wishing to add topics of discussion to the agenda should contact Chairman Affronti.

The Committee briefly discussed and agreed that they would not mind having to come to City Hall in person to pick up grant application/evaluation packets turned in by the schools versus the City having the extra expense to mail those packages. Chairman Affronti suggested Cathy Tack email the agenda, as well, to the Committee versus spending money on stamps to mail them out.

Chairman Affronti passed around a brochure provided by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). He explained a SWFWMD representative is willing to provide materials and/or go to the schools and do a program, but they would need an invitation from the school. Since there was only one copy, the Legislative Secretary offered to scan the color brochure and email it to the Committee Members so they could forward it to the elementary schools.

**F. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sobeida LeBlanc  
Legislative Secretary