SAF Minutes

**Park Trails Elementary**

**March 20th, 2017**

1. **Welcome**: Deanna Russo, SAF Chairperson
2. **Committee:** 
   1. SAF Report:
      1. Working to obtain a Co-Chairperson and Recording Secretary for the upcoming school year to join SAF 2017-2018
      2. Upcoming School Enrollment and Projections for Parkland Elementary Schools
         1. Boundaries have been decided and there are two public hearings in March for those opposed to the current proposals. There is one last pending meeting but at this current time it seems the proposed boundary plan is still in place. At our last meeting, Lesley Brown, the Chief Portfolio Services Officer of Broward County Schools, along with her team of Demographers were at the meeting to discuss School Enrollment Projections after boundaries are completed. As we know, Park Trails Elementary is over capacity. Our gross capacity is 1,276 students. According to the research done by the Demographers (they survey each new house built and estimate how many children will be living there) PTE will still be projected to be over capacity after the boundary process. But on a positive note, the numbers do look much better than they would if we did not have the modulars and the 24-classroom addition to Riverglades.

The projections for the next 5 years look as follows (prior to the boundary change)

2017-2018 - 1,472

2018/2019 - 1,574

2019/2020 - 1,615

2020/2021 - 1,669

2021/2022 - 1,738

The projections taking into consideration the Boundary Changes look as follows

2017-2018 - 1,338

2018/2019 - 1,338

2019/2020 - 1,472

2020/2021 - 1,472

2021/2022 - 1,472

The Boundary Changes are not going to go away forever, but we are hoping that with our current projections we can keep the boundaries as is for the next 5  yrs.  The city will take another look at this situation most likely in 2020.

\*\* Broward County will not allow us to build another Elementary School as in the county there are 155 empty seats that can be filled before we get funds to build another school.  There is a way around this, which is currently happening in Boynton Beach - a Private company can purchase the land and then build a school on it and lease it back to the city.  Another option is a Charter School in Parkland.

1. **Old Business:** 
   1. EAB:
      1. Single Point of Entry for Broward County Schools
         1. Single Point of entry was one the of the key topic projects and Westglades Middle School has a project start date of June of 2017

1. **New Business:**
   1. EAB:
      1. Update on Current Parkland School Projects
         1. The 24 Classroom Addition to Riverglades is 2 weeks behind but still on schedule for August (prior to school starting)
         2. The PTE and HHE Modulars have been delayed and the council was thinking a March 31st date but Mr. Schwartz may have more insight into this timeline.
      2. Annual EAB Scholarship Award
         1. Annually the EAB awards a scholarship to a Parkland Resident eligible for high school graduation in the current year with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. The scholarship seeks to recognize those students with outstanding community service above the min requirement of 40hrs. I was a part of the Scholarship Sub-Committee, this year and this year two students were chosen.
      3. SMART Futures Broward County
         1. SMART stands for SAFETY MUSIC & ART, ATHLETICS, RENOVATION and TECHNOLOGY. There are $614 million of projects in progress or complete with 879 school facilities projects in progress at this current time. As of January, 147 schools have completed their projects and 78 schools have works in progress. I can provide you with lists of the projects on the agenda for PTE or any other schools just let me know.
      4. Charter School
         1. A Charter School Company has purchased Land in our city. The company has not yet put in an application to build the charter school. Once the application has been presented to the City more information will be provided.
      5. Broward County 4-H Youth Development Program
         1. 4-H is the nation’s largest development organization with over 230,000 members in the State of Florida. 4-H would like to jump start programs in our city and is looking for volunteers to get these programs started.

# **Next SAF Meeting Dates**: Please mark your calendars:

# April 24, 2017 and May 22, 2017