



**Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED)**

**P.O. Box 610091,**

**North Miami, Florida 33061**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday July 21, 2020

**Starting time:** 5:05 PM

**Present:** Yverose Midy-Placide-President

Paul Fabre-Vice-President

Sabine Duval-Treasurer

Magda Prophete-Secretary

Marie Ocean-Public Relations

Dinah Dorvil-Member-at-Large

Bernadette Pierre-Past President

Deland Innocent-Advisor

Jean Robert Bertrand-Advisor

- AHED is looking for sponsors to donate supplies for Bookbag giveaway.
- City is looking at accommodation for pedestrians on that day
- Bernadette suggested we give masks with AHED logo to students. It was suggested that masks be also given to teachers.
- We missed an opportunity to disseminate information on Teleskopi on 7/16/20. Teleskopi has another session geared toward parents on 7/23/20.
- We need to keep in mind that part of our job is to train parents; train parents to help their children to be successful in the system
- Many parents were unaware of SYNERGY. Calls were received, instructions to hear the message in Kreyol were given in English.
- Suggestion was made to reach out to Parent Academy and ask them to give the message in Haitian Creole—Parent Academy does not do mass advertisement

- Haitian Affairs is not active in the community
- Miami Dade's instructions to select options for languages to connect ed is in English; issue needs to be addressed
- The problem is that lots of students are not identified as Haitians. The system uses home language and/or country of birth to identify nationality of origin.
- Need to write to Daisy Gonzales and let her know we would love to partner with her. We are aware that they are doing quite a lot. What can AHED do to help?
- Deland is willing to give information about preparation for school, he will not discuss COVID 19 or opening of school. Such announcement must come from Miami-Dade.
- Community organizations need to partner and support each other.
- 55,000 parents did not answer the survey—choice will be made for them
- Need to revisit Pastor Fydell's church. They were happy to have us last year, the feedback was positive. He had extended an invitation to come every year (Sunday before school opens)
- Deland has mini PowerPoints which he can convert into mini clips to be distributed to churches
- Pastors might not be willing to give us much virtual time
- Bernadette is willing to bring mini clips to the City
- It was suggested that a number be included in the clips for parent to call if they have questions
- AHED needs to be ready, in the forefront, if school is to start virtually
- Plan of Action:
  - Preparation on how to approach remote learning
  - What do students need to do?
  - Conversation with parents: (structure workroom, have older children help younger ones, teach parents how to use cell phones to access and send mail)
- Push schools to open Parent Centers where workshops could be held or use labs to hold workshops
- President stated we should not make decisions that we are going to recant
- The Board voted unanimously to: Educate the Parents
- Topics: Report Cards, knowing school administrators, familiarity with email and access to portal, available options if they do not have an email, need to update contact,
- AHED has phone numbers of parents who have attended previous events. We will use them to contact parents
- Deland is going to work on voiceover. Will keep us abreast of progress
- Dinah is adept with technology and is willing to help Deland. She will also help Yverose with the flyer

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:35 PM**

**Next Meeting: Monday July 27, 2020 at 5:00PM**