



Association of Haitian Educators of Dade (AHED)

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Virtual Meeting

Date: Monday July 6, 2020

Starting time: 5:43 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

Deland Innocent-Advisor

Jean Robert Bertrand-Advisor

Absent: Bernadette Pierre-Past President

- Welcome
- Roll Call (Quorum was achieved)
- Review of minutes from 6/26/2020
- Sabine motioned to approve minutes. Marie second the motion. Board agreed to approve the minutes. They will be posted on the website.
- Yverose shared a text received from Leonie Hermantin, asking AHED to collaborate with Sant La's Teleskopi, on a presentation for Haitian parents on Distance Learning on 7/16/2020, and on Children with Disabilities on 7/23/2020.

- School Choice Surveys are due by July 10th. Many parents are unaware they need to have access to the Parent Portal, or they need to go to the website to download the survey. Also, parents' need a PIN number from the school' principal to register for the portal.
- How can AHED help parents get the necessary information? That information is mostly disseminated through Parent Academy website, Twitter, Facebook, radio announcements, churches....
- Parents in our community mostly use What's App, TV, and radio as sources of information
- Each school is responsible to turn data in to the district.
- It was stated that instruction given to parents are not explicit enough.
- AHED needs to get word out to parents, and make clear what is expected of them
- Some schools are open, but the hours are not convenient for the parents.
- Brainstormed places in the community where AHED could drop off hard copies of the survey: Sant La, churches, Haitian Cultural Center, FANM...
- Dinah volunteered to contact St. James; Paul will make himself available to drop off forms. Marie volunteered to scan forms and send forms to the schools for parents if needed.
- Some Board members wondered if schools would be calling on counselors to help parents fill the forms. Bertrand stated that his school has had no communication with him.
- AHED will get in touch with Simone DeGraff from Haitian Affairs to find out how the information is being disseminated to the community. What plans do they have to let parents voice their opinions? Haitian Affairs does have access to a radio station that is not widely listened to by the Haitian community.
- Someone stated that the survey is fillable online. If you do it through the portal, you do not have to sign the form because parents use their credentials to access the parent portal.
- Yverose stated that on March 22nd, she had reached out to Ms. DeGraff, and was told that she had a great team that would take care of everything. Yverose will reach out to her again via email.
- Role of subcommittees: We need to let volunteers know exactly what we expect from them.
- Examples: Fundraising committee [By such and such date, you need to raise \$10,000. Up to them to decide how they will make it happen]. Responsibility of Parent Committee is to recruit and groom 2 active parents and 1 alternate parent. Those parents will be required to attend some School Board meetings and convey messages from the parents' community. Parents will also be expected to be involved and participate in AHED activities.

- We should host a meeting for prospective members, let them hear what AHED has to offer.
- A proposal was made to invite all members to a virtual meeting at least once a month.
- Our goal is to recruit at least 130 members. Be prepared to give reasons why an educator should join AHED (a} networking b} opportunity for professional growth c} To have your voice heard d} Community Service)
- Motion to adjourned by Sabine. Marie second the motion

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM