

August 10, 2019

Dear Connections Parents and Staff;

The board of Connections Education Center is excited to welcome both our new and returning parents to the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

Parents are essential to our success at Connections. We look to you to support our teachers by volunteering your valuable time to help us meet the needs of the school; commitment to volunteer 40 hours over the 10 month school year. These 4 hours a month make a huge difference for your child and the school!

In return, we are committed to provide you and your child with a stable and experienced staff; an individual curriculum that meets your child's needs; a low student/teacher ratio; a fine arts program that includes art and music; and a health and wellness program which includes nutrition classes, independent living skills, swimming, a sports program, and golf. This is in addition to the gratification you will feel by knowing you are making a difference at your child's school.

In addition to parent volunteers, school fundraising (through our SAC/PTO) and grant writing are critical to maintaining our budget. There are many extra activities that are not covered by the funds we receive from the school district. Last year we \$90,000 was raised through through the combined efforts of parents and staff. This year our goal is to reach higher and surpass this number. It will take us all to do it!

The CECPB Board of Directors is the governing body of this charter school. Board members are responsible for overseeing the activities of the school that include budget, operating policies, and managing disputes or conflicts. The board meets monthly to discuss and vote on the affairs of the school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CECPB Board of Directors, please do not hesitate to contact our Parent Representative, Orlando Ortiz.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to our monthly board meetings . Attendance at these meetings is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your child's school. Parents can apply these hours to their volunteer commitment but we are unable to offer babysitting for these meetings.

Currently, the majority of meetings take place at the offices of Padula, Bennardo, Levine, LLP, NW Boca Raton Blvd, #200, Boca Raton, FL. 33431 at 9:00 am. However, we will have three meetings at the school in the evening. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

August 23 th , 2019 at 9:00	Boca
September 26, 2019 at 6:30	Connections Education Center
October 25 th , 2019 at 9:00	Boca
November 22, 2019 at 9:00	Boca
January 23, 2020 at 6:30	Connections Education Center
February 28, 2020 at 9:00	Boca
March 27, 2020 at 9:00	Boca
April 23, 2020 at 6:30	Connections Education Center
May 22 th , 2020 at 9:00	Boca
June 26 th , 2020 at 9:00	Boca

The CECPB Board of Directors include the following members:

Sonia Kay, Ph.D.	President/Board Chair	561-758-8956
Michael S. Kridel, CPA, CFF, CITO, CFC	Treasurer	561-912-2323
Elinor Siklossy	Secretary	561-655-6216
Orlando Ortiz	Director/Parent Representative	561-248-7384
Stephen Padula, Esq	Director	561-544-8900
Jay Huebner	Director	561-392-0221

Orlando serves on both the CECPB and PTO/SAC board as the school's Parental Involvement Representative. Please feel free to contact him if you have any concerns.

As a reminder, all CECPB School Board meetings are open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Please feel free to contact any of the officers or directors if you have questions, concerns, or would like to include an item on a meeting agenda.

It is vital to the success of our school that all parents use their resources to make CECPB the best for all of the children. We need the assistance of each and every family. Thank you in advance for making this year the most successful one for Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches.

Sincerely,

Sonia Kay, Ph.D
Chairperson of the Board, Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches

