

April 22, 2021

Dear City of Riviera Beach Library Advisory Board,

I am writing requesting to be appointed to the City of Riviera Beach Library Advisory Board. My twenty-two years of experience as an educator and passion for the growth and improvement of our City, will be an asset to the board. This past year, I served as an alternative Library Board member and would like to serve as an official member. As an alternate member I attended meetings regularly with a voice of support for Riviera Beach residents with special interest in children and teen's programming and connection to our area schools. It is my hope that I bring not only advise to the Library Services Department but also purposeful work with my hands. My vision for the City of Riviera Beach Library is one that will provide superior service to our city residents with a variety of modern and classic texts and technology resources for the whole family. The City of Riviera Beach Library will be a place where meetings and research are conducted. Our residents will have what they need right here at home.

I thank you in advance for the opportunity to serve you on the Library Advisory Board. As a member of this committee, I hope to bring a much-needed perspective to the work we do at the Library and that my contributions will help to keep the programs and resources that we offer our residents current and relevant. I am grateful for the opportunity and with pleasure offer my time and my talents to the City of Riviera Beach for the advancement and sustainability of our Library.

Sincerely,

Kendra Wester

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APPLICATION FOR CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH ADVISORY BOARD

Please Note: Pursuant to 119.07 F.S. the information provided in this application is considered to be public record, except as provided by law.

Board Applying For: Library Advisory Board Member

Name: Kendra Wester Home Address: 490 W 30th St

City: Riviera Beach State: FL Zip: 33404 Home Phone No: 561-310-7382

Work Phone No: _____ Email Address: kenspen17@gmail.com

Are you currently serving on a City Board or Committee? YES () NO ()

If so please indicate name: Alt Library Board Member Date of Service(s) 5/2020- current

Are you available for day time meetings () evening meetings ()

What would you hope to accomplish by participating if you are appointed?

It is my hope that my service provides a better connection between the library and the community. My vision is

that our residents especially children have a place in their community to use as a resource to develop through

literacy and technology. Lastly, it is my hope that we develop long lasting systems in our library services department to positively impact the community.

Present Employer: Charter School USA Position: Principal

Address: 8151 Okeechobee Blvd City: West Palm Beach State: FL Zip: 33404

Profession: Educator Length: 1 year

How long have you practiced the above profession? 22 years

Preferred mailing address: same as above

Could your occupation or employment present a conflict of interest on municipal subject matters discussed or decided upon by the Advisory Board? YES () NO () NOT SURE ()

Please explain:

Serving as a school leader could only enhance my service on the board in
that it would provide an opportunity to connect the schools with the community
as well as bring insight to the board regarding needs of the school community.

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OBJECTIVE: *To serve as an instructional leader that builds the capacity of others to successfully meet the needs of all students.*

LICENSES: Granted by the State of Florida, Georgia and PA

- Educational Leadership K-12
- Elementary Education K-6
- Primary Education Pre-k -3rd
- Reading and ESOL Endorsed K-12 (FL)

CERTIFICATES:

- Marzano Level 1
- Universal Design for Learning: The Responsive Classroom
- Aspiring Leadership Program 1
- NISL Executive Coaching
- NISL Executive Development Program I and II

EDUCATION

Ed Leadership Certification Program American College of Education, 2012

Master of Education in Early Childhood Education Nova South Eastern University, 2005

Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences: Family and Child Sciences Florida State University, 1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Principal

Renaissance Charter School at Cypress March 2020- present
A Title 1 K-8th Grade 1 School serving 750+ students

Assistant Principal

Dan McCarty Middle School July 2019-March 2020
A Title 1 Middle School Serving 800+ students

Executive Director Literacy and Humanities/Library Services Supervisor Nov 2016- 2019

Pittsburgh Public Schools, Pittsburgh, PA
A Title 1 Urban District serving 23,000+ students

High School Assistant Principal (Curriculum ELA/ Social Studies and 10th grade Discipline) July 2016- Nov 2016

Palm Beach Lakes High School: Palm Beach County Schools, West Palm Beach, FL A Title 1
Community High School 2400 Students

Capacity Development Instructional Specialist, School Transformation 2014-2016

Palm Beach County Schools-West Palm Beach, FL
The School Transformation Office II provides a centralized support system to ensure an alignment of service provided to 12 Differentiated Accountability Schools

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

High School Instructional Coach/ Department Head/ Testing Coordinator 2011-2014

Palm Beach Lakes High School: Palm Beach County Schools, West Palm Beach, FL, A Title 1 community high school

Middle School Instructional Coach/ Department Head: Literacy 2009-2011

John F. Kennedy Middle School: Palm Beach County Schools, Riviera Beach, FL, A Title 1 community middle school

Elementary School Instructional Coach: Literacy 2002-2009

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School: Palm Beach County Schools Riviera Beach, FL
A Title 1 community elementary school

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Third, Second, First, Kindergarten Reading Recovery Teacher, Team Leader 2002-2008
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School: Palm Beach County Schools Riviera Beach, FL

First Grade Teacher 2001-2002
JH Brown Elementary School: Clayton County Schools, Jonesboro, GA

First Grade Teacher 2000-2001
Northmore Elementary School: Palm Beach County Schools, West Palm Beach, FL

Kindergarten-Second Grade Language Arts Interim Teacher 1999-2000
Tedder Elementary School: Broward County Schools, Deerfield Beach, FL

REFERENCES

Dr. Anthony Hamlet, Superintendent: Pittsburgh Public Schools: dranthonyhamlet@gmail.com 412-529-3500

David Alfonso, Principal: Palm Beach County Schools: David.Alfonso@palmbeachschools.org 561-640-5000

Katrina Granger, Principal: Palm Beach County Schools: Katrina.granger@palmbeachschools.org