



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Continuous Systemic Improvement Committee

Lee County Public Education Center

Monday, December 8, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Nick Kellen, Lynne Lampila, Drummond Camel, Lynn James, Dinah Lewis, Jeff Mass, Todd Rinehart, Vicki Santini, Nannette Smith, Elizabeth Allen

Committee Members Absent (Excused): James Rajiah, Naomi Thomson

Committee Members Absent (Unexcused): Lauri McMahan, Stephen Kolody, James Hebner

Board Liaison Present: Jeanne Dozier

School District Personnel Present: Richard Itzen, Linda Boyle

Guests: Elizabeth Allen

Recording Secretary: Mary Terrell

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Nick Kellen opened the meeting at 6:04 PM and welcomed everyone.

Board Member Comments

Jeanne Dozier discussed the current budget situation across the state and outlook for next school year. The Board and The School District will be communicating to the public concerning the budget situation when more is known after the legislation session this spring. She encouraged committee members to contact local representatives to improve education funding in Florida.

Public Comment (Agenda Items only)

N/A

New Business

Nick Kellen reported that he had attended a meeting of the Board Advisory Chairs with Dr. Browder.

District liaisons Richard Itzen and Linda Boyle discussed The District's Strategic Plan as related to the Graduation and Drop Out Rate. District results were shared. The District's Graduation and Drop Out Rate have improved greatly and are the best they have ever been. Committee members commented that making the curriculum more practical holds students' interest. It was mentioned that vocational programs (i.e. Career Academies) contribute to keeping students in school.

Several examples were presented of how the District's Strategic Plan Graduation Rate Goals were represented in the Department Improvement Plans. Other Strategic Plan Goals were reviewed. Committee members expressed questions about the Human Resource retention of highly qualified teacher goal. Further information on this goal will be provided at a future meeting. Committee members also wondered if there was a better way to display the maintenance/construction cost results (Administrative Services).

The District's satisfaction survey process was discussed. It was explained that parent surveys are done annually via web and telephone surveys.

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The Committee Chair asked committee members to decide on a focus for the committee. Various plans for proceeding were discussed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to review the Strategic Plan area by area, beginning with Business Services, Human Resources and Parent/Community Involvement.

**Approval of Minutes
(December 8, 2008)**

The minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment (Open)

Elizabeth Allen asked a question on how we are using parent volunteers.

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N/A

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Continuous Systemic Improvement Committee will be Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Lee County Public Education Center located at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, in the Board Annex Room (Training Room D).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.