



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Continuous Systemic Improvement Committee

Lee County Public Education Center

Monday, October 10, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Larry Byrnes, Kathleen Davey, Taruas Pugh, Vicki Santini, Nannette Smith, Vicki Sweet

Committee Members Absent (Excused): Lynn James, Lynne Lampila, Jane Lowe, Debra Lynne, Mark Sievers

Committee Members Absent (Unexcused): Nick Kellen

Board Liaison Present: Thomas Scott

School District Personnel Present: Richard Itzen

Guests: N/A

Recording Secretary: Mary Terrell

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kathleen Davey opened the meeting at 6:05 pm and welcomed everyone. She acknowledged committee members and recommended that Larry Byrnes introduce himself.

Board Member Comments

Thomas Scott briefly discussed the Market Watch Meeting that was organized by the News Press. At this meeting Educators and Community/Business leaders discussed current state of public education and were able to come to a closer understanding of the skills needed by high school graduates.

Public Comment (Agenda Items only)

N/A

New Business

Leila Muvdi gave a presentation on Student Assignment; she gave a brief background of her work experience with the School District. Also, she discussed why School Choice was created about fourteen years ago, which was in response to a court ordered integration plan. The Prior school boundary system (where students were often reassigned to different schools due to rapid enrollment increase) was replaced by School Choice.

She explained that there are three zones; West, South and East and there are three sub-zones (one, two and three) within each zone.

She discussed the different kinds of waivers: Employee waiver, Hardship waiver, Junior-Senior waiver and Moving waiver. Parents must provide transportation if approved, unless bus transportation is already set and seats are available.

Ms. Muvdi also shared some of her experience with students and families. She explained how some families have difficulty meeting the registration requirements such as getting a Physical exam and immunization. She also described the challenges faced by homeless and other low income families and provides basic

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necessities for those students. Committee members contributed information that could lead to more involvement of community organizations in helping these families. Ms. Muvdi indicated that she believed the School Choice System has achieved the goal of providing stability for students. For example; a student can continue to attend the same school if the family moves within the same zone.

The committee discussed future meeting topics related to the district strategic plan and asked for Dr. Itzen or Linda Boyle to give a presentation regarding Accountability Systems/NCLB for the next meeting.

**Approval of Minutes
(October 10, 2011)**

The minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment (Open)

N/A

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N/A

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Continuous Systemic Improvement Committee will be Monday, November 14, 2011, 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 7:35 PM.