



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Curriculum Advisory Committee

March 20, 2007

6:00 p.m. – HR Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Barbara Chapin, Susan Cook, Constance Dennis, Linda Houston, Lois Redmond, Alicia Reyes, John Traube

Committee Members Absent: Elaine Armani, Patsy Howell, Susan Jacobse, Susan Kohler, Charles Spire

Lee County School Personnel Present: Dr. Constance Jones

Recording Secretary: Sherry Pearsall

Reading/Approval of Minutes

Chairperson, Connie Dennis, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and welcomed members.

The minutes from the February 20th meeting were read and a motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by John Traube. The motion carried.

Board Members' Report

Mr. Chilmonik reported on the following:

- The Florida School Board, appointed by the Governor, will be conducting the search for the new Commissioner of Education.
- Recommends browsing Governor Crist's transition team website to see current developments
- Suggested reviewing some of these sites with this committee in Waldo #4 at a future meeting
- Procurement audit was presented to School Board Members on March 9th. The Cuthill and Eddy report included how districts build massive construction projects. This report has an enormous impact on how we deliver curriculum.

New Business

High School Majors-

Sue Roshon, Coordinator for Technical and Career Education, presented current information on new legislation. Last year, the Legislature came up with the High School Majors mandate. Students will now leave high school with either a strong academic side or strong technical side. Students may change their major once a year. There is no penalty for a student who chooses to change their major. DOE presented 190 majors, which districts had to choose what to use and also include their own choices. The list is now at 440 majors. There had to be at least four course offerings per major. School Guidance Counselors are now beginning to register students with their choices. Mrs. Roshon shared a handout listing each high school's majors. This is a work in progress. Beginning this next school year, 8th grade students entering 9th grade, will now declare a major. A required career exploration course is being finalized by DOE for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

The school choice process will not be dictated by major's choices.

Safety – Integrating into the Curriculum-

A recent memo from Dr. Browder suggested quarterly topics for discussion as it relates to Board Advisory Committees role and purpose. Safety was identified as a major topic of interest and concern. Dr. Dennis led a discussion among committee members. The following items were suggested as areas to pursue:

- How do we, as a committee, want to define our role?
- What safety curriculums are currently being offered in our schools?
- Fire Safety (fire drills)
- Bike Safety
- Traffic Safety
- DARE Program (middle school students not interested, because curriculum doesn't change from year to year)
- Bullying
- Improving Parent Pickup Procedures
- Visiting a school SAC committee meeting

Committee members were asked to bring ideas relating to curriculum and safety to the next meeting in April for further discussion.

Old Business

Public Comment

None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Barbara Chapin at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee is scheduled for:

Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room at the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center, 2055 Central Ave., Ft. Myers, Florida