



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### *Curriculum Advisory Committee*

*June 12, 2007*

*6:00 p.m. – Superintendent's Conference Room  
Meeting Minutes*

Committee Members Present: Barbara Chapin, Susan Cook, Constance Dennis, Patsy Howell, Susan Jacobse, Lois Redmond, Alicia Reyes, Charles Spire, John Traube

Committee Members Absent: Elaine Armani, Linda Houston, Susan Kohler

Lee County School Personnel Present: Mrs. Vicki Stockman

Recording Secretary: Sherry Pearsall

#### **Reading/Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson, Connie Dennis, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed members.

The minutes from the April 17th meeting were read and a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by John Traube. The motion carried.

#### **Board Members' Report**

Mr. Chilmonik reported on the following:

- Attorney General, Bill McCollum, contacted Mr. Chilmonik regarding a speaking engagement regarding Cyber Safety. A presentation was held at Caloosa Elementary. Mr. Chilmonik will present these strategies to District Staff in the future. It was suggested to incorporate this presentation into a training session.
- E-Mail Compliance –  
Mr. Chilmonik will be working with Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney, to tighten restrictions for District e-mail use modeling professional behavior.
- Education & Curriculum –
  - 1) Recently received FCAT scores indicate room for improvement;
  - 2) A & B schools performing well;
  - 3) 40% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students not on grade level in math;
  - 4) 65% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students not reading on grade level;
  - 5) Identify strategies to assist non-English speaking students;
  - 6) Strongly recommends pushing ourselves further ahead and address student needs.

#### **New Business**

##### **IRA Conference Report – Connie Dennis**

Dr. Dennis recently attended the International Reading Association Conference held in Toronto, Canada. Title II monies funded her trip. Important items of discussion were comprehension, fluency and motivating students. The Secretary of Education in Canada spoke on the positives taking place in education. Toronto has a 70% graduation rate.

The following suggestions and requests resulted from committee members for further discussion:

- What have our dropout rates been historically for the past four decades?

- Develop a peer/adult pilot mentoring program to assist minority middle school students improve their academic performance

**Discussion Topic – Funding (as it relates to Curriculum)**

Funding was a suggested topic of discussion for Board Advisory Committees for the month of June as it relates to their role and purpose. Following are the highlights of this committee’s discussion:

- Research ways to fund more exploratory classes
- The new PE requirement – (recommended 225 minutes for grades 6-8 and mandated 150 minutes per week for grades K-5) How will it be funded?
- Suggested requesting a Budget administrator to attend a future meeting to discuss how monies are allocated

**Committee Recommendations for Upcoming Quarterly Report to Board –**

- Increase communication to parents on safety issues
- Develop a 3-minute safety blurb televised to students daily
- Include substitute teachers in all safety plans

A motion to approve bringing forth these recommendations was made by John Traube and carried unanimously.

**Future Agenda Topics and Meeting Dates-**

Suggestions for future agenda topics include:

- Intensive Reading and LANGUAGE! Program data updates for August with Dr. Tihen
- Student/Teacher feedback on curriculum being offered
- Budget Funding Process
- Science Curriculum Data relating to FCAT
- Textbook Adoption Process
- Current data on Dropout Rates (Mattie Young) - September
- Data comparisons and curriculum strategies comparing Charlotte County and Lee County (Dr. Doug Whittaker)

Future meetings dates suggested:

July – no meeting

August – tentatively 14<sup>th</sup> if no Board meeting is scheduled, otherwise the 21<sup>st</sup>

September – tentatively 11<sup>th</sup> if no Board meeting is scheduled, otherwise the 18<sup>th</sup>

October – tentatively 9<sup>th</sup>, if no Board meeting is scheduled, otherwise the 16<sup>th</sup>

November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business**

**Good of the Order**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Traube at 7:36 p.m. The motion carried.

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

**Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the new Lee County Public Education Center, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers, Florida**