



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### *Curriculum Advisory Committee*

*October 9, 2006*

### **Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Elaine Armani, Barbara Chapin, Susan Cook, Constance Dennis, Linda Houston, Patricia Howell, Susan Jacobse, Susan Kohler, Lois Redmond, Alicia Reyes, John Traube

Committee Members Absent: Angel Coleman, Joseph Harris, Charles Spire, Sheila Terry

Lee County School Personnel Present: Dr. Constance Jones, Dr. Larry Tihen

Recording Secretary: Sherry Pearsall

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Dr. Connie Jones, Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Jones welcomed all members, new and returning, to this evening's reorganization meeting. Members introduced themselves.

A motion was made by John Traube and seconded by Connie Dennis on behalf of committee members, thanking Sherry Pearsall, Committee Secretary, for her continuous efforts and support.

Minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were dispensed and reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes by John Traube was made and seconded by Alicia Reyes. The vote was carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Chilmonik reported that school operations were going smoothly with the beginning of a new school year. He thanked members for being here this evening and giving of their time and talents to the students of Lee County. Mr. Chilmonik opened the floor for questions from committee members.

1) When will we move to the Metro Mall?

(Response): The project is bigger than originally expected. The expectation is to begin moving in early summer. The new building is very large and will be great for growth. The cost originally at twelve million dollars is now at fifty-five million dollars.

2) How is transportation going?

(Response): Some routes have been consolidated. We run approximately 650 buses.

3) Can the District provide funding (sponsor Scholars Club) for transporting middle school students to FGCU?

(Response): Mr. Chilmonik will send a letter to Dr. Browder inquiring about this request.

#### **Old Business**

## New Business

### **Committee Reorganization-**

Dr. Jones called for nominations for both a new chairperson and new vice-chairperson for the committee. Connie Dennis was nominated for and will serve as the new Chairperson and Susan Kohler and John Traube were nominated and will serve as Co-Vice Chairpersons.

Dr. Jones handed over the meeting to Dr. Connie Dennis. Discussion followed on selecting a new monthly meeting night. A motion to accept our next meeting night as Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, was made by Patsy Howell and seconded by John Traube. The motion carried unanimously. On that evening, a vote will take place to select future meeting dates.

The next item for discussion was to select focus issues for the upcoming year. Suggestions were as follows:

1. Program issues related to English language learners;
2. Math/Science/Technology advanced programs;
3. Meeting the needs of advanced students;
4. Middle Schools (moving the current comprehensive high school concept down to the middle school level – hands on experiences);
5. Dropout Prevention;
6. Career & Technical Education for ESE students.

A motion to consolidate the above focus issues into working committees was made by Susan Kohler and seconded by Barbara Chapin. The vote carried unanimously. The outcome of these focus issues are the following committees and members.

### **Literacy Subcommittee**

#### **Susan Cook, Chairperson**

Elaine Armani, Lois Redmond, Alicia Reyes, Larry Tihen

### **Meeting the Needs of Advanced Learners**

#### **Susan Kohler, Chairperson**

Connie Dennis, Patsy Howell, Susan Jacobse, Connie Jones

### **Comprehensive Career and Technical Education**

#### **Barbara Chapin, Chairperson**

Linda Houston, John Traube

Dr. Armani asked if District Staff could be attached as resources to these subcommittees. Dr. Tihen stated that he, Melinda Webster, Maria Schneider and Cristina Hernandez would be available to the Literacy Subcommittee. Rick Tully, Sharon Vandeventer and Cathy Cochrane would be potential resources to the Meeting the Needs of Advanced Learners Subcommittee. Sue Roshon would be an excellent contact for the Comprehensive Career and Technical Education Subcommittee. These newly formed subcommittees then broke out into discussion groups.

### Good of the Order

Alicia Reyes indicated preference to continue meeting in the Human Resources Conference Room. Future meeting dates will need to be decided before an inquiry can be made as to the availability of the room.

### Public Comment

*Speakers will be limited to three minutes at either the beginning or end of each meeting, but may not speak at both. If there are more than four speakers at a meeting, they will be limited to two minutes (Approved January 26, 2005).*

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. was made by John Traube, seconded by Lois Redmond and carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee is scheduled for: **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., in the Human Resources Conference Room on the first floor of the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center, 2055 Central Ave., Ft. Myers, Fl.**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Pearsall