



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Curriculum Advisory Committee

November 21, 2011

6:00 p.m. – Training Room D

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Jacqui Chevalier Hill, Patti Lochner, Dr. Lois Redmond, Dr. Judy Wilkerson, and Karen Wood

Committee Members Absent: Mary Calver, Kathleen Cherasia, Connie Dennis, Jerilyn Mullen, Mary Beth Pringle, Ellen Reinig, Richard Ripp, and John Traube

Staff Members: Jeanne Dozier, Board Liaison, Patti Elkin, Director

Guest: Dr. Richard Itzen, Director, Accountability, Research & Continuous Improvement

Recording Secretary: Mary Reider

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Patti Lochner at 6:08 p.m.

Review & Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Ms. Lochner suggested everyone take a few minutes to review the agenda. A motion to accept and approve the agenda as presented was made by Lois Redmond and seconded by Karen Wood. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2011 meeting, as presented, was made by Lois Redmond and seconded by Karen Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Report

None – Jeanne Dozier Absent

New Business

Presentation by Dr. Richard Itzen – Update of Last Year’s FCAT and SAT Scores

Dr. Itzen discussed the school grading system and FACT 2.0. There are now 8 measures the schools are graded on based on FCAT scores. A district must receive at least 525 points to be an “A” district. For the 2010-11 School Year our District Grade was a total of 537 points. With the FCAT 2.0 proposed cut-scores the elementary schools standards have been raised significantly. For the middle schools standards have risen slightly and for high schools standards have been reduced. This will affect the number of points the District will receive especially in reading. The decrease for elementary will be an average of 14 points, middle school 7 points and high school increasing an average of 14 points. For Math elementary and middle school scores could decrease 8 and 15 points, with high school scores staying the same. Our District expects the new standards to negatively impact our school grades as well as the District’s grade.

The District’s graduation rate as calculated by the Florida Governor’s Association is now up to 80% (following students in a 4 year period). Our Drop-out rate is calculated in a one-year snapshot and includes all drop-out codes and a totally different calculation. This statistic needs to remain separate from the graduation rate.

FCAT trends from 2002 to 2011 show our biggest concern is in reading with trend lines for the last three years flattening out. Math trend line is going up – but very slowly.

FCAT 2.0 Proposed Cut-Scores – State Impact-Reading and Math

Reading	2011	Proposed	Math	2011	Proposed
Grade 3	72%	57%	Grade 3	78%	56%
Grade 4	71%	59%	Grade 4	74%	58%
Grade 5	69%	58%	Grade 5	63%	56%
Grade 6	67%	58%	Grade 6	57%	53%
Grade 7	68%	58%	Grade 7	62%	56%
Grade 8	55%	55%	Grade 8	68%	56%
Grade 9	48%	55%	Grade 9	NA	55% (Algebra)
Grade 10	39%	56%			

FCAT 2.0 Proposed Cut-Scores – Lee Potential Impact-Reading and Math

Reading	2011	Proposed	Math	2011	Proposed
Grade 3	76%	61%	Grade 3	82%	60%
Grade 4	75%	63%	Grade 4	77%	61%
Grade 5	70%	59%	Grade 5	66%	59%
Grade 6	67%	58%	Grade 6	60%	56%
Grade 7	70%	60%	Grade 7	63%	57%
Grade 8	56%	56%	Grade 8	70%	58%
Grade 9	48%	55%	Grade 9	NA	55% (Algebra)
Grade 10	38%	55%			

Other statistics shared by Dr. Itzen:

College readiness SAT trends for our District from 2006/07 to 2010/11 are:

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	4 year trend
Reading	485	487	485	494	489	+4
Math	482	484	481	488	484	+2
Writing	463	467	466	475	471	+8

College readings ACT trends for our District from 2006-/07 to 2010/11 are (mean score):

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Mean Score	19.2	19.2	18.6	19.0	18.9

District State Ranking

Meeting High Standards in Reading (State Ranking)	22 nd	Making Reading Gains (State Ranking)	33 rd
Meeting High Standards in Math (State Ranking)	23 rd	Making Math Gains (State Ranking)	21 st
Meeting High Standards in Writing		Lowest 25% Making Learning Gains in	

(State Ranking)	21st	Reading	38 th
Meeting High Standards in Science (State Ranking)	30th	Lowest 25% Making Learning Gains in Math	11 th

Dr. Itzen will share will share new High School Scores once they are available

Good of the Order

Patti Elkin will verify our Agenda topic for the next meeting with Al Shilling - Virtual Schools

CAC members agreed to change our meeting date in February from the 21st to the 27th due to a change in the meeting dates of the School Board. Webmaster and Martha Crotty will be notified.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Lois Redmond and seconded by Jacqui Chevalier Hill.

The next meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee is scheduled for: **Monday, January 23, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lee County Public Education Center, – Training Room D, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers, Florida.**