

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*District Advisory Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2006*



Present: Donna Butts, Carrie Chase-Robideaux, Christina Chuderski, Orlando Figueroa, Michael McNerney

Recording Secretary: Susan Johnson

Call to Order

Ms. Donna Butts, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Review of September 25, 2006 Executive Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 25th Executive Committee Meeting were reviewed.

Follows-ups to minutes:

- Ms. Johnson was asked the response from Mr. Martin regarding having three people represent a school. Ms. Johnson shared that Mr. Martin indicated that it is not specifically written in Board Policy that there is one representative and one alternate for each school, but that it was deemed appropriate to maintain manageability.
- Ms. Johnson was asked about what happened with the welcome letter from Dr. Browder. She responded that Dr. Browder decided that since the other Board Advisory Committee Members did not receive welcome letters, that he would not give one to DAC members.
- Ms. Johnson was asked if she checked with Mr. Cooper about serving on Executive Committee for DAC. She responded that Mr. Cooper wants to keep his membership on both DAC and Executive Committee for DAC.

Ms. Christina Chuderski asked why the documentation of the Executive DAC Meetings refers to them as “notes” and the DAC Meetings say “minutes.” Ms. Johnson responded that she felt that the Executive DAC Meetings were less formal, so she referred to them as “notes.”

Ms. Chuderski made the motion to approve the minutes, changing the word “notes” to “minutes” everywhere applicable. Mr. Orlando Figueroa seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review of October 11, 2006 DAC Minutes

The minutes were reviewed.

Speaker for Security Issues

It was noted that all of the subcommittees had listed security issues as a topic for their upcoming agenda. Mr. McNerney suggested that he meet with Richard Shafer, Cathy Reese, and Patrick Hayhurst and get a presentation together for the November 8th DAC Meeting. Ms. Johnson was asked to set this meeting up.

Speaker for Call Center

It was noted that Ms. Linda Boyle should be asked to speak regarding the Call Center. Ms. Johnson will contact her to verify her availability. If Ms. Boyle is unavailable, Mr. Joe Donzelli will be asked to speak.

Discussion About Robert's Rules of Order

The document on Parliamentary Procedure was distributed as one of the handouts. Ms. Butts asked that everyone re-read this document to refresh their memory on the procedure. She added that it is stated in Robert's Rules of Order that a person can only speak once to an issue and that if that is enforced, the DAC meetings will run smoother.

Translators for Meetings

It was noted that some of the subcommittees are addressing this issue, also. It was indicated that if anyone knows of a need for a translator before a meeting, to let Ms. Johnson know and she will try to get a translator to attend. Mr. Figueroa noted that he can translate for Spanish speakers. Ms. Chase-Robideaux added that we could put in the new brochure that translation is available.

Set Agenda for November DAC Meeting

The Executive Committee drafted the agenda as follows for the November 8, 2006, District Advisory Council meeting:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of the 10/ 11/ 06 Meeting
- III. Public Comment (Agenda Items)
- IV. Board Member Update
- V. Call Center
- VI. Security Issues
- VII. Volunteers for Committees
- VIII. Breakout Group Discussions
- IX. Breakout Group Reports
- X. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
- XI. Good of the Order
- XII. Adjourn

Other Items for Discussion

Ms. Butts shared some of the discussion from the Board Workshop on Board Advisory Committees that was held earlier today:

- For the other Board Advisory Committees, the Board-appointed members will no longer have a term – their membership will be indefinite.
- For the District Advisory Council, beginning January 2008, there will no longer be Board-Appointed members. The members that are now currently Board-appointed will serve out their term.
- Every third month, the DAC meeting will have an informational meeting with scheduled speakers. At the next two meetings there will be subcommittee breakout sessions only. Every fourth month the cycle will start over.

Ms. Chuderski said that she hoped this would not discourage Board-appointed members from participating. It was noted that the Board-appointed members would have to work through a SAC to get appointed to DAC, if they do away with Board-appointed members.

Ms. Butts shared that a Board-appointed member has asked to be excused from meetings until close to the end of the school year. Ms. Johnson was asked to refer this item back to Dr. Scricca and let Ms. Butts know the outcome.

Ms. Johnson said that she was contacted by the Transportation Department regarding the Transportation Review Committee. According to Administrative Regulation-3.60 (Student Transportation), part of the membership of the Transportation Review Committee includes: “one representative from each School Choice Zone elected by the District Advisory Council.” Mr. McNerney stated that he would check with Jack Shelton, Executive Director for Transportation, on this committee. Ms. Butts said to let her know if she needs to ask for representatives for this committee at the next DAC Meeting.

Mr. Figueroa noted that DAC needs another representative on the Site Selection Committee.

One of the handouts that was distributed was an e-mail from Ms. Chuderski to Ms. Chase-Robideaux dated October 9, 2006. The e-mail contained biographical information to be shared at the October 11th DAC meeting at the time the nominations for Chairperson were presented. Ms. Chase-Robideaux said that she did not receive this e-mail and Ms. Chuderski indicated that she was not in any way contesting the election, but that she just wanted the Executive Committee to know that she had submitted information to be shared prior to the DAC Meeting. Ms. Butts added that Ms. Johnson could make record of the e-mail in the minutes of the November DAC Meeting.

Ms. Johnson noted that Mr. Martin’s training that was held on September 27th for Board Advisory Committee Members has been

re-recorded and is now available on the District website. Ms. Johnson was asked to give the link to the DAC membership.

Ms. Butts asked Ms. Johnson to check with Dr. Scricca about the December DAC Meeting.

Ms. Butts noted that she would like light refreshments for the December DAC Meeting.

Ms. Butts asked Ms. Johnson to send an e-mail to Samantha Jeter and Jennifer Moorhead (since they are new to this Committee) to make sure that they did not try to come to tonight's meeting and see the signs that were posted about another meeting being cancelled (EDAC - Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee) and think that it was this meeting that was cancelled.

Ms. Butts noted that Ms. Gloria Gull has resigned from Executive Committee for DAC; therefore, another seat is available for an elementary representative.

Adjournment

The District Advisory Council Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m., with a motion by Christina Chuderski and a second by Orlando Figueroa.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Human Resources Conference Room on the first floor of the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center, located at 2055 Central Avenue, Ft. Myers, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Johnson