

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*District Advisory Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2006*



Present: Peggy Bos, Donna Butts, Carrie Chase-Robideaux, Andy Erickson, Michael McNerney, Jennifer Moorhead, Richard Tanner

Recording Secretary: Susan Johnson

Call to Order/Welcome/New Executive Committee Members

Ms. Donna Butts, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She welcomed new members Jennifer Moorhead and Richard Tanner.

Review of October 23, 2006 Executive Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 23rd Executive Committee Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Carrie Chase-Robideaux made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Butts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Need for Quarterly Updates on Security

It was noted that the Security Presentation at the last DAC meeting was informative and well received.

Ms. Chase-Robideaux brought up that it sounds like evacuation plans are not consistently posted. Ms. Butts noted that as a teacher, she states in her substitute plans where the evacuation is clearly visible.

There were handouts obtained from Jim Short on the training substitute teachers get on safety. It was decided that the full DAC will receive these same handouts at the December meeting.

Mr. McNerney noted that all schools have a process in place with regard to keys for substitutes. He stated that the majority of the schools issue keys to the substitutes in their packets. Some schools have a buddy system.

There was discussion about giving quarterly updates on security every three months. It was decided that if Mr. Shafer and staff do not want to make an oral presentation, they could send a written update.

District Subcommittee Breakout Session

Ms. Butts noted that Mr. Dieter Philippi was the only participant for the District Issues Subcommittee. There was discussion about the attendance of the Board-appointed members. Ms. Butts suggested not

having only one person in the District Issue Subcommittee, but have that member join another subcommittee for that night.

Mr. Tanner noted that last year it was suggested that the Board appointees go to other subcommittees, but they wanted to stay as a District subcommittee. Ms. Chase-Robideaux suggested that members from other subcommittees go to the District Issues Subcommittee. Ms. Butts said that she would prefer it the other way around.

Ms. Butts brought up Dr. Andrews who is Board appointed and has asked to be excused until almost the end of the school year, due to her school schedule. It was noted that as long as she has asked to be excused, the position is hers.

Review of Call Center Presentation

There was much discussion about the Call Center and the presentation that Ms. Boyle gave at the November DAC Meeting. Ms. Butts indicated that the Compliance Advisory Committee has picked up on the topic of the Call Center. Dr. Scricca stated that it is her impression that the Board will stay with the Call Center for a year, but that is no reason that we cannot improve on it by advertising and educating the public on how it is to be used (its purpose). Ms. Moorhead suggested that information about the Call Center be put on each school's website, not just the District website. Ms. Chase-Robideaux noted that information could be put on Pinnacle and report cards. Ms. Moorhead also suggested that information be put out on Parent Link. It was decided that the Executive Committee would draft a proposal for a plan for the Call Center and bring it to the full DAC in December. Ms. Johnson was directed to send an e-mail to all of the Executive Committee for DAC members asking them to send in their ideas to Donna Butts via e-mail (at DonnaMB@leeschools.net) and Ms. Butts will combine ideas and draft a plan that will be presented at the December 13th DAC meeting to the full committee. The deadline for submissions to Ms. Butts will be November 30th.

Board Workshop of October 23, 2006

Ms. Butts noted proposed changes to the Board Policy on advisory committees (Board Policy 3.31 – Community Involvement Opportunities) from the Board Workshop that was held on October 23rd. The proposed revised Board Policy 3.31 will go to the Board at their December 5th meeting for approval. The proposed revisions include deleting language related to Board appointees for DAC and adding language related to establishing work for the advisory committees.

Refreshments for December DAC Meeting

It was decided that there will be light refreshments for the December DAC Meeting.

Set Agenda for December DAC Meeting

The Executive Committee drafted the agenda as follows for the December 13, 2006, District Advisory Council meeting:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes of the 11/8/06 Meeting
- III. Public Comment (Agenda Items)
- IV. Board Member Update
- V. Call Center Proposal
- VI. Substitute Training Handouts
- VII. Breakout Group Discussions (Dr. Jones and Dr. Tihen will be at Elem. Subcommittee)
- VIII. Breakout Group Reports
- IX. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)
- X. Good of the Order
- XI. Adjourn

Other Items for Discussion

It was decided that when Ms. Johnson sends out the minutes to the DAC meetings, that she will send as an attachment the minutes from all of the subcommittees and any handouts that were distributed at the DAC Meeting.

There was discussion about how the School Advisory Committees at the different schools work. It was noted that some meet monthly and some meet quarterly. Some schools have good attendance, while others do not. Mr. Erickson noted that he attends three different SACs and that they are all different. He added that different principals and chairpersons can make a lot of difference with the SACs. Ms. Chase-Robideaux said that we really need to have the SAC brochure out there. Ms. Moorhead said that she feels there is really poor communication with SACs. She added that most people do not know when the SAC meetings are held. Mr. Tanner shared that his family was first interested with San Carlos Park Elementary after going to a Family Fun Fest there. After seeing the spirit of culture and volunteerism, they wanted their child to go to that school. Dr. Scricca added that the language, culture, and economics of our children and parents are changing and that we need to adapt/expand. Mr. Erickson asked about training for SAC Chairpersons. Ms. Butts asked Ms. Johnson to check with Ms. Boyle to find out about training.

Ms. Butts noted that the Transportation Review Committee is going to have its first meeting Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

There was discussion about the item that was brought up at DAC about Florida being 49th in spending. It was decided that Ms. Johnson would

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ask Mr. Lee Legutko, Chief Business Officer, to bring in facts about this issue at the January DAC Meeting.

Ms. Johnson will ask Dr. Jones and Dr. Tihen to be at the December DAC meeting to address the Elementary Subcommittee on curriculum consistency.

Adjournment

The District Advisory Council Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m., with a motion by Ms. Chase-Robideaux and a second by Ms. Moorhead.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room on the third floor of the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center, located at 2055 Central Avenue, Ft. Myers, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Johnson