



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*District Advisory Council*

*April 9, 2008*

*Mission Statement: The District Advisory Council in cooperation with the Lee County School Board will gather information and seek input from the schools and the community at large in an effort to advise the Board and develop recommendations for constant improvement of our educational system.*

---

**Call to Order/Minutes**

Ms. Carrie Chase-Robideaux welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Richard Tanner made the motion that the minutes of the March 12, 2008 DAC Meeting be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

None

**Board Member Update**

Dr. Elinor Scricca noted:

- the handout "FY09 Public Education Budget Crisis Communication Plan;"
- a Press Conference scheduled for 4/10/08 at 10:30.

**Budget Reductions**

Mrs. Ami Desamours, Budget Director, gave an extensive overview of the District's budget crisis and reductions. The handouts that she provided are on file.

**Breakout Group Discussions**

The subcommittees went to their breakout sessions.

**Breakout Group Reports**

Breakout group reports are on file.

**Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

None

**Good of the Order**

Mr. McNerney noted that even though the District's financial situation is bleak, we are in better shape than some of the other districts in Florida.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Peggy Bos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**Thanks to the following schools for representation at this DAC meeting:**

**Elementary Schools:** Alva, Buckingham ESC, Caloosa, Cape, Diplomat, Edison

Park, Franklin Park, Gulf, Hancock Creek, Heights, J. Colin English, Mirror Lakes, Orange River, Patriot, Pine Island, River Hall, San Carlos Park, Sanibel, Skyline, Spring Creek, Sunshine, Tanglewood/Riverside, Three Oaks, Tice, Tropic Isles, Villas. **Middle Schools:** Alva, Bonita Springs, Caloosa, Challenger, Cypress Lake, Diplomat, Dunbar, Gulf, Lee, Lexington, Mariner, Michigan International, Three Oaks, Varsity Lakes, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts. **High Schools:** ALC-West, Cypress Lake, Dunbar, East Lee County, Ft. Myers, High Tech Central, Ida S. Baker, Mariner, N. Ft. Myers, Riverdale, South Ft. Myers High. **Principal Representatives:** Middle: Clayton Simmons. **Board Liaison:** Dr. Elinor Scricca. **Staff Liaison:** Mike McNerney. **Guests:** Ami Desamours and James Browder.

**Schools not represented at this DAC meeting were:**

**Elementary Schools:** Allen Park, Bayshore, Bonita Springs, Colonial (excused), Edgewood, Fort Myers Beach, Gateway, Harns Marsh, Hector A. Cafferata, Jr., Lehigh, Littleton, Manatee, Orangewood, Pelican, Pinewoods, Rayma C. Page, Ray V. Pottorf, Trafalgar (excused), Treeline. **Middle Schools:** Fort Myers, Lehigh, N. Ft. Myers Academy, Royal Palm Exceptional, Trafalgar. **High Schools:** ALC Central/LAMP/Academy High, Cape Coral, Estero, High Tech North, Island Coast, Lehigh Senior, Juvenile Justice Sites.

**The next meeting of the District Advisory Council has been scheduled for:  
Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room,  
Lee County Public Education Center, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers,  
Florida.**

---

Susan M. Johnson  
Recording Secretary