



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

District Advisory Council

November 12, 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, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Ms. Peggy Bos made the motion that: *the minutes of the October 15, 2008 DAC Meeting be accepted as presented.* The motion carried.

Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None

Board Member Update

Mr. Steve Teuber gave an overview of budget issues from last year and this year.

Keeping Students Safe:

Gang Awareness, Bullying, Aggression, Drugs and Violence

Mr. Jeffrey Shicks, Director, of The Bridge Youth Center, first showed a trailer of a popular video game. He then showed some examples of The Phoenix Curriculum. There was discussion about funding for this curriculum and the advantages of its implementation. Mr. Shicks shared some important websites:

- www.gangprograms.com
- www.phoenixcurriculum.com
- www.swfljac.org
- www.knowgangs.com
- www.atriskyouth.org
- www.urbanteens.org (The Bridge website)

**Keeping Students Safe:
Safety and Cyber Issues**

Mr. Patrick Hayhurst, Coordinator for Safety, Lee County School District, shared Board Policy 4.09 – *“Threats of Violence”* and the draft of Board Policy 4.141 – *“Bullying and Harassment”* scheduled to be Board Approved on November 18th. He noted that there are many websites regarding Cyber Bullying. The easiest way to find these websites is to Google “cyber bullying” to get a list of what is on the Internet. Mr. Hayhurst stated that the safe school funding is based on reports of bullying. He noted these informative websites:

- www.teenlingo.com

- www.textmessage.com

Breakout Group Discussions

There were no breakout group discussions.

Breakout Group Reports

There are no breakout group reports.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None

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Questions were collected to give to the speakers regarding scholarships and financial aid for the December DAC Meeting. Please e-mail Susan Johnson any additional questions.

Ms. Chase noted that there is a Gang Awareness Conference at the Lee Civic Center on Friday, November 14th, and that the public is welcome to attend.

The following topics were brought up:

- Treeline Elementary School being a Title I school in their second year of tutoring;
- D.A.R.E. Program; and
- School lunches.

Adjournment

Ms. Peggy Bos made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

Elementary Schools: Allen Park, Alva, Bayshore, Buckingham ESC, Caloosa, Cape, Colonial, Diplomat, Fort Myers Beach, Franklin Park, Gateway, Gulf, Hancock Creek, Hector A. Cafferata, Jr., Heights, J. Colin English, Lehigh, Littleton, Mirror Lakes, Orange River, Orangewood, Patriot, Pine Island, Rayma C. Page, Ray V. Pottorf, River Hall, San Carlos Park, Skyline, Tanglewood/Riverside, Three Oaks, Tice, Treeline, Tropic Isles, Villas. **Middle Schools:** Alva, Bonita Springs, Caloosa, Challenger, Diplomat, Dunbar, Gulf, Lee, Lehigh, Mariner, Michigan International, N. Ft. Myers Academy, Oak Hammock, Royal Palm Exceptional, Three Oaks, Trafalgar, Varsity Lakes, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts. **High Schools:** ALC Central/LAMP/Academy High, ALC-West, Cape Coral, Cypress Lake, Dunbar, East Lee County, Estero, Ft. Myers, High Tech Central, High Tech North, Ida S. Baker, Lehigh Senior, Mariner, N. Ft. Myers, Riverdale, South Ft. Myers High. **Principal Representatives:** Elementary: Callie Lawrence; Middle: Scott Cook; High: Ron Davis. **Board Liaison:** Mr. Steven Teuber. **Staff Liaison:** Mike McNerney. **Guests:** Carla Ryder, Jeffrey Shicks, Vincent Howard, Patrick Hayhurst.

Schools not represented at this DAC meeting:

Elementary Schools: Bonita Springs, Edgewood, Edison Park, Harns Marsh, Manatee, Pelican, Pinewoods, Sanibel, Spring Creek, Sunshine, Trafalgar,. **Middle Schools:** Cypress Lake, Fort Myers, Lexington. **High Schools:** Island Coast,

Approved 12-10-08

Juvenile Justice Sites.

**The next meeting of the District Advisory Council has been scheduled for:
Wednesday, December 10, 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