



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Lee County Public Education Center – Training Room D & Online

**Committee Members Present:** Priscilla Baluja, Tamar Gorenjuk, Melissa Hatter, Brent Ibata, Ron Matthews, John Miller, Antoinette Peck, Brian Rasnick, William Ribble, Todd Thomas

**Absent:** Robin Antone, Lucinda Defreitas, Ramie Hall, John Miller, Kathryn Sayers, Amanda Smelker (resigned)

**School Board Liaison:** Mary Fischer

**Staff Members Present:** Cindy McClung, Director, Continuous Improvement

**Recording Secretary:** Julie Holcomb

**Guests:** n/a

#### Welcome, Review & Approval of Agenda and Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Brian Rasnick at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Rasnick encouraged members to attend in person next month if possible to provide a quorum for moving forward the work of the committee.

All Committee Members unanimously approved the October 13, 2021 meeting agenda.

All Committee Members unanimously approved the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

#### EnVision 2030 – Goal 3: Increase College & Career Readiness

The presenters for the evening were:

- Rita Davis, Director, Adult & Career Education
- Todd Everly, Senior Director, SWFL Public Service Academy & Lee Technical Colleges
- Charlie Pease, Director, Cape Coral Technical College
- John Roszell, Director, Fort Myers Technical College

Rita Davis reviewed data related to Objective-Goal 2 to increase the number of enrollments in career-themed courses. The goal for FY21 was not met primarily due to issues surrounding COVID, but at this time the numbers for FY22 indicate the enrollments are more than they were for the FY21 school year.

Rita also reviewed the importance of the industry certifications, and related the story of a student that attended a medical academy at one of the high schools that allowed the student to advance in their medical program studies in college.

- There are 57 industry standard certifications offered in the District.
- 49% of the students in the program graduated with an industry certification.
- COVID presented challenges, but used the time to reach out to business partners to engage the community in the operation of the programs.
- The importance of Workforce Signing Day was covered.

Brian Rasnick noted the data goals not being met in FY21 related to COVID and validated this as a reason with personal student experience in an academy and the delay due to programs not being fully operation during FY21.

Rita reviewed the career academy waiver process to assist with making sure students are able to participate in the programs, even if not in their zone.

Train to Gain program in conjunction with Southwest Florida Enterprise Center was offered to high school students, and enrollment in a CTE Program with the District is not required. The pilot was started with students from Dunbar High School, and this school year the program will be expanding.

Brochures are distributed at all events, all information is available on the website, and a mobile learning lab is used for 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to distribute information about the program.

The Industry Certification in QuickBooks is offered at a few schools in the District, and must be taught by a teacher that is certified in QuickBooks.

Requirements of the Perkins Grant include continuity of the programs to ensure skills are obtained. This requires leadership commitment at the school, application for funding from CTE as appropriate. Teachers for these areas is an ongoing challenge, but different models are being reviewed including an adjunct teaching position with CTE to address this issue.

Junior Achievement Inspire is hosted with a career expo day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to interact with businesses before making high school program decisions.

All middle school students are required to complete My Career Shines which provides information on careers to research and course content of interest.

Todd Everly reviewed the challenges and successes due to COVID, and how limited clock hours being reduced set the timeline back for many students.

Charlie Pease reviewed the programs at Cape Coral Technical College, which is the only college in Cape Coral. Current and future programs were discussed, and the additional skill trades being added. The Practical Nursing Program is ranked #2 in Florida. Approximately 80% of students receive some type of financial aid, assisting with meeting the school's goal of no student leaving the college with any debt.

The State requirements for program clock hours was discussed, which determines the length of each program.

The Capital Improvement Plan to add additional buildings to the current property for CCTC was discussed, and the phases for each addition to continue to enhance the college. All staff at CCTC are SDLC employees, and many staff members have a District-issued vocational certificate.

John Roszell reviewed the history of Fort Myers Technical College. Upcoming renovations are scheduled to begin this school year. FMTC has the blue collar trades training, and the health science programs.

The program expansion at FMTC was discussed, and the relationship to the remodeling and upgrading of the current facilities.

Todd Everly reviewed the Public Service Academy, which is the only full service Public Service Academy in the State that operates in one location.

The Public Service Academy services five counties for all services.

Mr. Everly offered a tour to anyone interested.

Questions for Committee Members

- How can we approach business partners for funding?

### **Board Member Report**

Mrs. Fisher noted her appreciation to the team that presented this evening on this important topic. Career and Technical Education is our top priority, and she asked Committee Members to e-mail legislators in support of this important project.

Maps for redistricting are being discussed, and an opportunity to stay in alignment with the County Commission or fashion our own maps is being reviewed. There is a form that can be submitted on the District website to provide comments on this topic, and Mrs. Fisher stated that the Board appreciates all the community input.

Mr. Ribble noted the importance of the health initiative and would like to have further discussion at a future meeting. Mrs. Fisher noted that possibly Lori Brooks and her team could be available to answer any questions on this topic.

Mr. Rasnick noted some of the stories going on with students right now and noted that there is a need to address these challenges for teachers and staff.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Good of the Order**

None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### **2021-2022 Meeting Schedule**

- September 15, 2021 (Online via Zoom)
- October 13, 2021 (Training Room D and Online via Zoom)
- November 10, 2021 (Training Room D and Online via Zoom)
- January 12, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)
- February 9, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)

- March 9, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)
- April 13, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)
- May 11, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)

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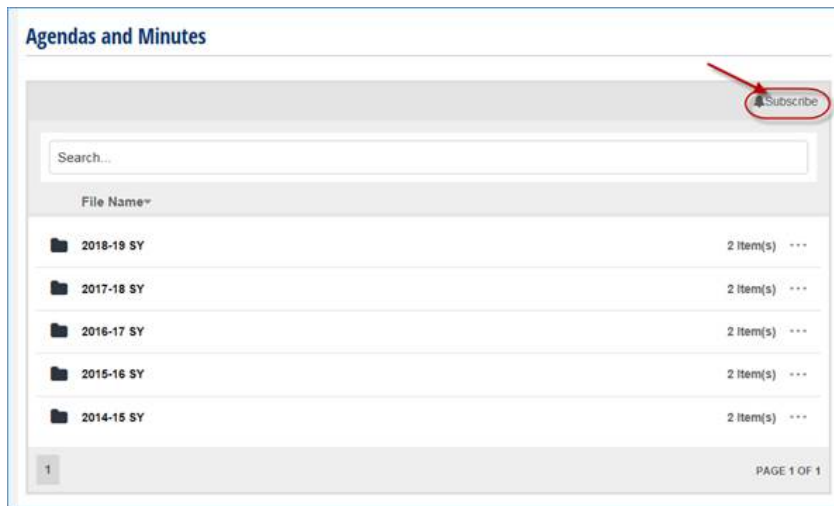
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