

**Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Format

Lee County Public Education Center, Intervention Training Room

Committee Members Present:

Tamar Gorenjuk
Kristi Miller
Lance Perez
William Ribble (Vice Chairperson)
Mike Stamatopoulos
Dr. Michele Stork (Chairperson)
Yolonda White
Brienne Lopez-Romano
Lucinda Defreitas

Committee Members Absent:

Megan Clark
David Burns
Ramie Hall

School Board Members Present

Samuel Fisher

Lee County School Personnel Present

Dr. Kenneth Savage, Chief Strategy Officer (Staff Liaison)
Misty Lebo (Recording Secretary)
Dr. Evelyn Rivera, ESOL Director (Presenter)
Dr. Carlos Negrón, ELL Coordinator (Presenter)

Guests

None

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dr. Michele Stork at 5:30 p.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes

Chair Dr. Michele Stork called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Lucinda Defreitas to approve the March 14, 2023 meeting agenda. This motion was seconded by William Ribble. All committee members present unanimously approved and the motion carried with no objections.

Chair Dr. Michele Stork called for approval of the prior meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mike Stamatopoulos to approve the February 16, 2023 meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Brienne

Lopez-Romano. All committee members present unanimously approved and the motion carried with no objections.

Update on Strategic Plan “Refresh”

Dr. Savage presented an update on the Strategic Plan “Refresh” and summarized the upcoming Board Retreat Work Sessions and how the consultants would like to engage Board Advisories including CSI.

William Ribble made a motion to add a strategic plan presentation to the April meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Kristi Miller. The motion was approved.

CSI Priority Topic Presentation - Long Term Objective: “Increase Student Achievement with a specific emphasis on the impact of ELLs”

Dr. Evelyn Rivera and Dr. Carlos Negrón presented on the Strategic Plan Long-Term Objective to increase student achievement, but with a specific focus on the achievement of ELLs (English Language Learners) within our system. The presenters cited the number of ELLs between the years of 2018-2023 that receive assistance from the ESOL department. Additionally, the presenters summarized the languages other than English spoken and introduced the topic of interrupted schooling as another important variable to consider.

CSI Committee members had numerous questions for Dr. Rivera and Dr. Negrón which included the nature of what existing ESOL services looked like, how often the ELL students receive direct assistance in their native language from professional staff, and the sources of funds to include Title III funding among other questions. Dr. Savage also contributed answers relating to challenges and opportunities revealed as the Committee reviewed the outcomes within the presentation. One committee member asked specifically about exit rates for ESOL services and data relating to the disparity in exit rates. The presenters did not have specific data to share but acknowledged the importance of the line of inquiry. The presenters did share how students exit the services and applied some generalized answers relating to exit rates. The committee also discussed the importance of additional resources for this growing challenge as well as the effectiveness relating to existing services and strategies. There was additional discussion about any current limits in classrooms for the total ratio of ELL to non-ELL students as well as any extended learning opportunities for students. The requirements for testing in English were shared as well as resources for parents and computer based tools. Lastly there was some discussion regarding the international centers in the high schools as a strategy being utilized in the district.

The Committee did not make any motions during time.

Board Member Report

Board Member Samuel Fisher discussed numerous Board activities. He included his discussion with the strategic plan consultant and the first 100 days as a Board member. He briefly discussed the significant amount of work that has come to the Board “right out of the gate.” He also encouraged the advisory committee to provide input and make recommendations. He also discussed the renewed focus on the strategic plan and the importance of the committee’s engagement.

Public Comment

N/A



Board Recommendations

Chair Dr. Michele Stork reminded the committee that since the last meeting will be in April and that was intended to produce any Board recommendations, that it would be a full agenda.

William Ribble made a motion to extend the potential time for the last meeting for additional deliberations and recommendations as needed. Mike Stamapoulos seconded the motion. The committee voted 8-1 to approve the motion.

Committee members were encouraged to watch the 3/7/23 Board Workshop where the Strategic Plan "Refresh" project had a kickoff presentation from Ed Elements. There were several requests for additional data that Dr. Savage agreed to send out to the committee.

Good of the Order

Chair Dr. Michele Stork requested any good of the order comments.

A motion was made by Lucinda Defreitas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brianne Lopez-Romano. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Informational Section of the Minutes

CSI Advisory Committee Website

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Meeting Norms

In order to maintain a professional atmosphere and the focus on our work, CSI Board Advisory Committee members agree to adhere to the following norms:

Begin and end the meeting on time.

Be actively engaged.

Be prepared.

Remain on topic.

Treat all ideas with respect.

Submit questions for presenters to the Recording Secretary in advance. (Committee members will receive all meeting materials in advance. The Recording Secretary will forward members' questions to the presenter.)

Bring recommendations forward for a vote upon a motion and second. (Majority rules)

Attendance Policy

After the third absence, committee members will be removed from the committee.