



## APPROVED MINUTES

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.**  
 Ft. Lauderdale City Hall  
 100 N. Andrews Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

<u>MEMBERS</u>		Current Meeting	Cumulative Attendance		Y-T-D Meetings
<i>Current Membership: 14    Vacancies: 1    Quorum: 8</i>			<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
1	<b>Pam Brown</b>	P	1	0	1
2	<b>Chris Carney</b>	P	8	1	9
3	<b>Brian Dassler, Co-Chair</b>	A	7	2	9
4	<b>Lu Deaner, Co-Chair</b>	A	8	1	9
5	<b>Beth Gillon</b>	A	6	3	9
6	<b>Alice Hendrickson</b>	P	9	0	9
7	<b>Pearl Maloney</b>	P	6	3	9
8	<b>Lincoln Pasteur</b>	P	8	1	9
9	<b>Frances Payne</b>	A	5	2	7
10	<b>Elaine Schulze</b>	P	8	1	9
11	<b>Betty Shelley</b>	P	8	1	9
12	<b>Dr. Niara Sudarkasa</b>	P	3	3	6
13	<b>Nancy Thomas</b>	P	8	1	9
14	<b>Olivia Vargas</b>	A	2	3	5
15					
<b>Total Members Present</b>		<b>9</b>			
	Leslie G. Carhart, Staff Liaison	P	9	0	9
	Dr. Elizabeth Hays, CFLCA Liaison	P	9	0	9
	Earlene Horne, BCPS Liaison	P	7	2	9

### Recording

Jamie Opperlee

Guests - None

## January 2004 Agenda

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### **A. Opening** - L. Pasteur (Acting Chair)

- Attendance and Sign-in
- Announcements
- Approve (Dec) Minutes & Current (Jan) Agenda
- Introduce New Member – Pam Brown

### **B. New Business** (30 Minutes)

1. **Speaker: Ms. Jeannie B. Floyd, BCPS Director of Child Development Services**  
**Topic: School Readiness and Related**  
(15 minute presentation, Followed by 15 minutes Q&A)

### **C. Old/Ongoing Business**

#### 2. **EAB Work Groups** - (60 Minutes)

- a. Work Group Meetings – (30-45 Minutes)
- b. Work Group Reports and Board Discussion– (15-30 Minutes)

#### 3. **City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items**

#### 4. **Other/Regular Updates:** (30 Minutes)

- a. Co-Chairs Report – Dassler/Deaner - NONE
- b. BCPS Education Summit Report – Written Follow-up
- c. Report on Commission Presentation – December 21 Commission Conference
- d. Staff Liaison Report –Carhart
- e. Broward County School District Reports –Horne
- f. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

#### 5. **Other Matters** – (Administration, Announcements and Matters-of-Concern)

### **D. Next Meeting**

- **Agenda:** Proposed: Chief Roberts, re. School Safety
- **Location:** City Hall
- **Date:** Regular Meeting Date - Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

### **E. Closing**

## Opening (Acting Chair: Lincoln Pasteur) - Attendance and Sign-in

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:37 by Acting Chair Lincoln Pasteur. The attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.

## Announcements

Mr. Pasteur announced that the speaker, Ms. Floyd, had cancelled. There was discussion about rescheduling her presentation but no specific date was determined.

## Approve (Dec.) Minutes

(Postponed until 7 p.m. when a quorum was present)

Motion made by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Shelley, to approve the minutes of the December 2004 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## Introduce New Members – Pam Brown.

Ms. Brown introduced herself and explained that she was formerly with the city of Fort Lauderdale and was now at FAU teaching and performing research for her PhD.

## New Business

Speaker: Ms. Jeannie B. Floyd, BCPS Director of Child Development Services - **Cancelled**

Topic: School Readiness and Related Issues

## Old/Ongoing Business

EAB Work Group Reports - Full Board Discussion-Consensus-Motions (Taken out of order)

### Communications

Ms. Thomas stated that the Communication group's goal was to gather information to be presented to the City commission in an informative, meaningful way. They wanted to collect the following types of information:

- **Demographics:** Social and physical characteristics
  - Number of students,
  - Racial balance,
  - Students enrolled in lunch programs,
  - Total population,
  - Map
- **Achievement:**
  - Grades for the past four years
  - FCAT norm-referenced scores for some grades
- FCAT grades
- **Spending** per pupil
  - Note discrepancies in expenditures
- **Safety**
- **Teachers** profiles and quality issues
  - Degrees held
  - Teachers teaching "out of field"
- School / Community partnerships
- Facilities

They hoped to provide the information in a very succinct way on an annual basis, including a summary of priority issues for each school.

Ms. Carhart distributed draft copies of information collected by Ms. Gillon on school safety issues, financial data, and staff profiles. She also distributed copies of the article: "2004 Education Quotient: The Future of the American Economy Lies in our Public Schools" posted by Bill King and Michael Keating. Mr. Pasteur referred to a recent Sun-Sentinel article stating that Florida ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> in school spending per student in the nation and noted that, according to the article, some of the schools that had the highest spending per student had very low achievement. Mr. Pasteur wanted to see the actual ranking, as he suspected that, usually, increased spending did contribute to academic achievement. Ms. Thomas pointed out that achievement was multi-factorial. Ms. Carhart noted an article that correlated parental education levels to their children's educational achievement, suggesting that support our attentions to adult literacy, educational programs, etc.

### Equity

Ms. Brown stated that their goal was to concentrate on schools involved in the lawsuit and determine whether progress had been made. Members had selected individual schools to visit and hoped to coordinate with the School Board to visit the schools together. Ms. Horne had agreed to contact the School Board Diversity Committee to find out if this would be possible. Dr. Hays had agreed to compile a list of issues to address on school visits.

### **Readiness**

Ms. Schulze announced that they were drafting a letter to preschools including a list of items they considered to be necessary for a child to be “socially” ready for school. They would let the preschools know that their intent was not to tell them how to accomplish this or to judge their methods for accomplishing this, but to give them the opportunity to let the EAB know which preschools were doing a great job so they could be commended for it.

### **City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items (Taken out of order)**

Ms. Carhart explained the following City Commission Follow-up items that arose in conjunction with the December 21 Commission Conference presentation:

- Information about the donated vehicle at Stranahan
- EAB efforts regarding the MLE community forum
- Continued EAB support of Southside School
- Information related to the Chattanooga Initiative
- Student recognition for academic achievement
- Continuing to pursue information related to private schools
- Elementary School Resource Officers
- Assessment of School-area sidewalks

### **Other/Regular Updates**

#### **Co-Chairs Report – Dassler/Deaner - None**

#### **BCPS Education Summit Report – Written Follow-up**

Ms. Carhart distributed copies of the Broward Schools Education Summit Report. Ms. Horne asked that everyone review the packet including a very good article concerning Education Advisory boards.

#### **Report on Commission Presentation – December 21 Commission Conference**

Ms. Carhart said the Co-Chairs felt they had been well-received by the City Commission. She also noted they had previewed plans to provide the Commission with more detailed written materials about the schools.

Dr. Hays wanted to be sure the Resource officer issue was followed up on and Ms. Carhart felt that this could be addressed when Chief Roberts attended the next EAB meeting.

Ms. Brown stated that she had sent a letter to Co-Chair Dassler regarding Commissioners Teel and Moore’s desire for more information on mentoring programs. Ms. Carhart noted that she would create a commission memo covering this after she met with Irene Taylor this week to discuss details of the Governor’s initiative.

Ms. Carhart felt the issue of measuring student achievement and deciding which schools the EAB should concentrate on based on need could become very complicated. The Board may also want to evaluate which schools they considered “their own” based on the ratio of resident to non-resident students. Ms. Thomas pointed out that they needed to concentrate on collecting and understanding the information they were in the process of obtaining about the schools.

#### **Staff Liaison Report –Carhart**

Ms. Carhart announced that the EAB agendas and meeting minutes would be available online from now on.

### **Broward County School District Reports –Horne**

Ms. Horne stated that she had spoken with Maureen Dinnen, who asked to be invited to another EAB meeting.

Ms. Horne noted that some School Board members were conducting their own meetings with local school officials. A District 1 meeting was scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup> at South Broward High School from 8 a.m. to noon. A District 2 meeting was scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Flanagan High School from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. She would have a date for the District 3 meeting next week; it would probably be held in April.

Ms. Horne agreed to get meeting dates for all of the School Board committee meetings.

### **Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays**

Dr. Hays announced that the Council had invited Maureen Dinnen and Robin Bartleman to the February meeting. Ms. Carhart agreed to email a link to the legislative agenda to everyone after Dr. Hays expressed her desire to bring it to the next Council meeting. Dr. Hays wanted to encourage council members to write letters of support for legislative items. The next meeting of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations was on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### **Other Discussions – (Administration, Announcements and Matters-of-Concern)**

Mr. Pasteur wanted the EAB to seriously discuss some of the topics Ms. Carhart provided them information about on a timely basis. Ms. Carhart noted the Board's heightened level of passion and engagement since the creation of the work groups. She thought some of these current issues could be handled the same way, as a part of the general meeting.

Ms. Carhart confirmed that the Board wanted Chief Roberts to speak at the February meeting. She clarified that she would contact Ms. Floyd to perhaps attend the April EAB meeting to discuss school readiness. The March meeting would tentatively be held at Dillard Elementary School.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding a future meeting at the Museum of Science.

Mr. Carney announced that the Superintendent had met with legislators, who informed him of a summer pre-K program that would be held for 50 days, at 6 hours a day.

Ms. Horne distributed announcement cards for the Sistrunk Historical Festival.

### **Next Meeting**

Agenda: Speaker: Chief Roberts re: School Safety  
Location: City Hall  
Date: Regular Meeting Date - Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

### **Closing**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

### **Handouts**

1. City commission follow –up
2. School Safety report
3. Capital Funding Summary
4. 2004 Education Quotient: The Future of the American Economy Lies in our Public Schools  
posted by Bill King and Michael Keating
5. Summary of Education Summit Packet
6. Sistrunk Historical Festival announcements