



APPROVED

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.
 Dillard Elementary School
 2330 NW 12 Ct.
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

MEMBERS

Current Membership: 14 Vacancies: 1
Quorum: 8

Current Meeting	Cumulative Attendance		*Y-T-D Meetings
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	

1	Chris Carney	A	9	2	11
2	Brian Dassler, Co-Chair	P	9	2	11
3	Lu Deaner, Co-Chair	P	10	1	11
4	Beth Gillon	P	7	4	11
5	Alice Hendrickson	P	10	1	11
6	Pearl Maloney	P	8	3	11
7	Lincoln Pasteur	P	10	1	11
8	Frances Payne	P	7	2	9
9	Elaine Schulze	P	9	2	11
10	Betty Shelley	P	10	1	11
11	Dr. Niara Sudarkasa	P	5	3	8
12	Nancy Thomas	P	10	1	11
13	Olivia Vargas	A	3	4	7
14	Pam Brown	P	3	0	3
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Total Members Present

12

Leslie G. Carhart, Staff Liaison	P	11	0	11
Dr. Elizabeth Hays, CFLCA Liaison	A	10	1	11
Earlene Horne, BCPS Liaison	A	7	4	11

*NOTE: March is the last meeting of the current appointment year.

Recording

Jamie Opperlee

Guests

Dr. Pat Dixon, Principal, Dillard Elementary and Florida Principal of the Year
 Ms. Tara Pasteur, Dillard Elementary Media Specialist and Dillard Teacher of the Year
 Ms. Pam Wilkes
 Mr. John Wilkes
 Mr. Michael Garretson, BCPS Deputy Superintendent, Facilities and Construction Management Division

EAB March, 2005 Agenda

A. Opening - B. Dassler and L. Deaner

- Attendance and Sign-in
- Announcements
- Approve (Feb) Minutes & Current (Mar) Agenda
- Introduce New Members – NA

Welcome - Ms. Patricia Dixon, Principal, Dillard Elementary (15 Minutes)

B. New Business (30+ Minutes)

1. Speaker: Michael Garretson, BCPS Deputy Superintendent, Facilities and Construction Management Division

Topic: BCPS Facilities Planning, School Capital Improvements

C. Old/Ongoing Business

1. EAB Work Groups - (30 Minutes)

- a. Work Group Reports and Board Discussion– (15 Minutes)

2. City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items

3. Other/Regular Updates: (15 Minutes)

- a. Co-Chairs Report – Dassler/Deaner
- b. Staff Liaison Report –Carhart
- c. Broward County School District Reports –**NA**
- d. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

4. Other Matters – (Administration, Announcements and Matters-of-Concern)

D. Next Meeting

- **Agenda:** Proposed:
- **Location:** Proposed:
- **Date:** Regular Meeting Date - Thursday, April 21st

E. Closing

EAB March, 2005 Minutes

Opening B. Dassler and L. Deaner - Attendance and Sign-in

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 by Co-Chair Dassler. The attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.

Approve February 2005 Minutes and March 2005 Agenda

Motion made by Dr. Sudarkasa, seconded by Ms. Payne, to approve the minutes of the February 2005 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Maloney, to approve the agenda of the March 2005 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Welcome - Dr. Patricia Dixon, Principal, Dillard Elementary

Dr. Dixon welcomed the EAB to Dillard Elementary School and explained that Dillard had been an “F” rated school in 1999. She had come to Dillard in 2001 from Montgomery County, Maryland, and noted that this was her first opportunity to work in a school where the kids “looked like me – 99.9% of them.” Dr. Dixon had utilized the following to make improvements:

- Staff development and collaboration
- Team building
- Data-driven instruction
- Determining students’ needs
- Obtaining grants and doing things that made sense for the kids

Dr. Dixon pointed out that Dillard was now an “A” rated school and Darden School of Business had selected Dillard for a case study and documentary.

Co-Chair Dassler stated, “The commitment manifest here at Dillard is making a meaningful difference in the lives of kids who need that difference made the most and it’s been her leadership and the leadership of her staff that’s made that possible.”

New Business

Speaker: Michael Garretson, BCPS Deputy Superintendent, Facilities and Construction Management Division

Topic: BCPS Facilities Planning, School Capital Improvements

Mr. Garretson stated that the BCPS was in the process of updating the 5-year capital improvement plan right now and they were concentrating on the following priorities:

- **Protect the indoor environment of the school**
 - Roofs – identify potential problems and make timely repairs as an alternative to having to replace entire roofs.
 - Analyze Heating, Ventilation and AC systems
 - Painting – paint schools on a 5 year cycle and re-paint whole schools/areas versus just portions.
 - Air Condition all kitchens and locker rooms
 - Repair and replace toilets
 - Assure more regular and effective cleaning
 - Computers – 4 per classroom
 - Window replacement
- **Security**
 - Establish single points of entry for better access control and monitoring
 - Assure double perimeter fencing – i.e. School yard and school buildings
 - Replace black and white security cameras with color cameras
 - Note pilot initiatives at Pine Ridge and Cypress Run Lanier James to tryout digital ID technology for access to premises and busses
- **Budgets: (issues and savings strategies)**
 - Price and availability of land in Broward County becoming higher and scarcer
 - Construction costs rose 12.9% last year alone
 - New steel Portables are being used because they take up less space, are safer and better equipped
 - Looking at locating cell phone towers on school property to generate revenues, estimated at \$250,000/year leases
 - Looking to create standardized “prototypical” school models/plans to speed construction and reduce costs

Mr. Garretson explained plans for the following schools:

- **Harbordale:**

A new Cafeteria and 22-classroom building were planned but the construction activities were going to pose a threat to student safety, additionally planned roadwork on adjacent Miami road was going to created added access/traffic challenges. The Superintendent was provided with a list of 10 options, which included moving the students for a year to Rogers, Edgewood or Croissant Park, while the construction was underway.

Ms. Thomas noted that Harbordale was a “School near the workplace” where parents could enroll their kids and be close to them while at work. As a result only about half of the students actually lived in the area. Parents had been upset because they had not been included in the discussion of all of the options.

- Stephen Foster:
Getting a new student drop-off area and cafeteria.
- Stranahan:
The BCPS had applied to build a new school, but must first demonstrate to the state that it is more cost effective to build a new school than repair the existing one.
- Fort Lauderdale High School:
Plans are having to be redesigned to conform to new code, so improvements are behind schedule.
- Northside:
A major renovation was recently completed and additional property is being purchased to provide for needed parking.
- Bayview:
Note that required permissions were never given by the state to tear down Bayview.

In response to Ms. Brown's question about any plans the School Board might have for joint use with other agencies, Mr. Garretson noted that a school in Hollywood was sharing City park land for their playground. He acknowledged that there were currently 24 joint-use agreements between schools and the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Garretson mentioned that Coral Springs and Weston as models of cooperation who had actually given the District land for schools at no cost. In contrast, Mr. Garretson explained that currently the Pine Ridge Alternative Center needed an easement on City land for school access. Problems had arisen as Mayor Naugle wanted the easement to have a 2-year rescission clause which was unacceptable because statute required a 40-year lease.

In response to Mr. Pasteur's question regarding the dry cleaner adjacent to Sunland Park School, Mr. Garretson acknowledged concerns related to the property's past use and possible contamination. He explained that their Risk Management Department did not want to purchase the property and therefore be responsible for mediating any environmental problems. He felt it might be wiser to hire an attorney to research the chain of title to identify past owners and pursue having the EPA do any clean up needed.

Ms. Thomas pointed out that many parents and community members felt that the community input part of the planning process was missing or ill-managed. Mr. Garretson noted that Oakland Park Elementary had just been refurbished and the whole community had been involved in the process. In Coral Springs, Mr. Garretson stated, "Those parents know before I do about things that are being proposed or are being planned and inject themselves in the process; Weston is the same way." Mr. Garretson said that those parent groups knew their way around the school system and monitored the School Board meetings closely. Ms. Thomas felt this had to do with socioeconomic; those districts had more affluent parents with more influence and more time.

Mr. Pasteur felt it was the responsibility of the EAB to "make sure that those schools that do not have a voice, have someone to speak for them... and that someone helps to empower those school communities."

Ms. Carhart wanted to know more about the process for the 5-year plan. She was concerned that the Interlocal agreement only required that the plan be submitted to the City (for a 30 day review period) at least 14 days before it was submitted to the School Board for approval. Mr. Garretson stated that specifics for Fort Lauderdale could be delivered before the final report was submitted. He offered to send this to the EAB prior to May 10th.

Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Schulz, for Ms. Carhart to speak with City staff to determine the City's position concerning the lease on the easement at the Old Dixie Well Field and report back to the EAB. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Old/Ongoing Business

EAB Work Groups

Work Group Reports and Board Discussion - item deferred to next meeting

City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items - item deferred to next meeting

Other/Regular Updates:

Co-Chairs Report – Dassler/Deaner

Co-Chair Deaner explained the following options and plans being discussed for Southside School. Co-Chair Deaner had met with representatives from the Culinary Institute to possibly create a teaching kitchen and serving area for lunches and catered events. The following uses for the building are possibilities:

- A replica of a 1920s schoolroom
- Several multi-purpose rooms:
 - Dance, yoga, tai chi room with special flooring
 - Crafts room
 - Film, music, and catered events room
 - Technology room
 - Meeting room for civic associations, garden clubs, etc.
 - Outdoor amphitheater for concerts, films and art shows

Mr. Wilkes reported that he had sent a memo today regarding Southside School. On Tuesday, the City approved moving forward with limited interior demolition. Private funding was covering the cost of this work and it should be completed within 45 days. Recommendations could then be made to the City Commission within the next 2 to 3 months as to uses for that building.

Co-Chair Dassler announced that the MLE project was wrapping up in May.

Co-Chair Dassler informed everyone that the district was in the process of finding a replacement for Earlene Horne.

Staff Liaison Report –Carhart

Ms. Carhart distributed the new board members manual to members. Mr. Dassler thanked her for her efforts and Ms. Deaner and Ms. Shelly for helping to assemble the notebooks.

Broward County School District Reports - NONE

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report - Dr. Hays was absent from the meeting.

Other Matters – (Administration, Announcements and Matters-of-Concern) - None

Next Meeting - Date: Thursday, April 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Closing

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Handouts

1. EAB member handbook
2. Capital Funding Summary highlights for Fort Lauderdale public schools