



EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.

Ft. Lauderdale City Hall
 100 N. Andrews Avenue, 8th Floor
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

<u>MEMBERS</u>		Current Meeting	Cumulative Attendance		4/05 – 3/06 Meetings
<i>Current Membership: 15 Vacancies: 0 Quorum: 8</i>			<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
1	Pam Brown	P	3	0	3
2	Chris Carney	A	1	2	3
3	Brian Dassler, Co-Chair	A	2	1	3
4	Lu Deaner, Co-Chair	P	3	0	3
5	Beth Gillon	A	2	1	3
6	Raphael Garcia	A	2	1	3
7	Alice Hendrickson	P	3	0	3
8	Pearl Maloney	A	1	2	3
9	Lincoln Pasteur	A	1	2	3
10	Frances Payne	P	1	2	3
11	Elaine Schulze	P	3	0	3
12	Betty Shelley	P	2	1	3
13	Dr. Niara Sudarkasa	A	0	3	3
14	Nancy Thomas	P	3	0	3
15	Olivia Vargas	P	2	1	3
 Total Members Present					
	Leslie G. Carhart, Staff Liaison	P	3	0	3
	Dr. Elizabeth Hays, CFLCA Liaison	P	3	0	3

Recording

Jamie Opperlee

EAB June 2005 Agenda

A. Opening - B. Dassler and L. Deaner

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

B. New Business

1. None

C. Old/Ongoing Business

1. EAB Work Groups - (45 Minutes)
 - a. Work Group Reports and Board Discussion– (30 Minutes)
2. City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items: None
3. Other/Regular Updates: (15 Minutes)
 - a. Co-Chairs Report – Dassler/Deaner
 1. Southside School
 2. Education Summit
 - b. Staff Liaison Report –Carhart
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 2. School Board Workshop Meeting – CCC & Partnership Items
 3. Fort Lauderdale High Master Plan Meeting(s)
 - c. Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster
 - d. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays
 - e. MLE Report – Carhart/Committee
 - f. Special Assignments:
 1. Principals Feedback – Vargas
 2. Southside School – Deaner
 3. Sunland Elementary School - Brown
4. Other Matters – (Administration, Announcements and Matters-of-Concern)
 - a. Summer Schedule
 - b. Planning for 2005-06

D. Next Meeting

- Agenda: Proposed: Cancel July meeting for Summer Break
- Location: Proposed: City Hall
- Date: Regular Meeting Date: July 21st , August 18th , 2005

E. Closing

Opening L. Deaner - Attendance and Sign-in

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Co-Chair Deaner. The attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.

Approve April 2005 Minutes and June 2005 Agenda

Motion made by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the minutes of the April 2005 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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

New Business - None

Old/Ongoing Business

EAB Work Groups

Work Group Reports and Board Discussion

This item was deferred due to member absences.

City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items: None

Other/Regular Updates

Co-Chairs Report – Deaner
Southside School

Co-Chair Deaner stated that Mary Fertig's committee had done a great job. A fair would take place on December 3 in the downtown area and Southside would participate. A mosaic project was planned for the school and donations were currently being accepted for articles to incorporate into the mosaic. Co-Chair Deaner said that the EAB had approved a letter for a grant for which Mary Ann Slough was applying. She advised that any information on Southside alumni should be sent to her, Mary Fertig, the Madfis Group or the Florida Craftsmen.

Education Summit

All who had attended agreed that the education summit was a good event. Ms. Shelly remarked that members of the EAB already knew a lot of what was discussed. Ms. Brown stated she was disappointed with Ms. Smiley, the Director of Curriculum. She had been unsuccessful in getting Ms. Smiley to discuss the achievement gap. Ms. Schulze noted that Mr. Garretson, BCPS Deputy Superintendent was very good. Dr. Hays noted that Ms. Dinnen had the opportunity to hear from several people regarding their concerns.

Ms. Carhart felt it was a highly scripted, one-way conversation, but noted that she intended to meet with Ms. Dinnen in the future. Ms. Carhart had also been able to meet Noel who had provided her with the student demographic breakdown. Ms. Carhart was still working on getting the demographics for resident youth to compare with the public school profile.

Ms. Carhart explained to Ms. Thomas that the chart she distributed "City of Fort Lauderdale Resident Student Demographics" described the students registered to attend any public school; not all of these students attended Fort Lauderdale public schools. The demographic profile of the schools would be different because Fort Lauderdale residents only made up half of the population of the schools. Ms. Carhart stated she was trying to obtain census data but they may need to pay for a demographic breakdown. Dr. Hays stated that a few years ago, the Parks Department had created a report including the City's demographics. Ms. Carhart asked Dr. Hays to help them get this information.

Staff Liaison Report –Carhart

Education Summit

School Board Workshop Meeting – CCC & Partnership Items

Ms. Carhart announced that the meeting had taken place at the Fort Lauderdale High School Media Center. She distributed printed copies of the Power Point presentation from the meeting to members of the EAB Equity Committee.

Ms. Carhart noted that the School Board was trying to modify the conditions of the CCC settlement. She felt Mr. Williams and Ms. Dinnen had been both forceful and eloquent in reminding the School Board to stay the course. Ms. Carhart distributed reports on the FCAT grades and school calendar and everyone agreed that the school grades should be put on a future agenda for discussion.

Fort Lauderdale High Master Plan Meeting(s)

Ms. Thomas stated she had attended; she felt this was a long-neglected issue. She thought they were making progress thanks to Mr. Garretson who seemed to be on top of things.

Co-Chair Deaner informed the Board that funding for Stranahan had been replaced and when it was approved, she thought they should send a thank-you note to the Board of Education

Co-Chair Deaner felt this was a good example of the influence the community could have when it became involved.

Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster

Mr. Webster was absent.

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

Dr. Hays distributed copies of an article titled “How cities use parks to help children learn” from the American Planning Association and the “Strength Through Community” pamphlet from the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations. She stated that she had given the schools parks report at the last Civic Associations meeting.

Dr. Hays stated that Jack Seiler had given the legislative update and later Ellyn Bogdanoff had spoken. Dr. Hays noted that in education, the differential was a concern. Mr. Seiler had informed them that something would be done on the slots issue and this would provide some money for schools.

MLE Report – Carhart/Committee

Ms. Carhart agreed to edit the list of volunteers’ contact information and distribute it.

Ms. Carhart noted that they had not come out with specifics for action. She felt they should revisit their priorities and include only those that every group mentioned.

Ms. Thomas felt they should set a deadline for presenting information to the City Commission since they were the decision makers. Ms. Carhart felt the information must be provided to the community as well to encourage their involvement.

Ms. Brown felt that education was just one of many issues with which City Commissioners must be concerned. She felt they should keep going as they had been and noted that what they accomplished was more than many other communities did.

Special Assignments:

Principals Feedback – Vargas

Ms. Vargas stated that this would be covered at the next meeting.

Sunland Elementary School – Brown

Ms. Brown announced that she was Ms. Dinnen’s representative on the County Diversity Committee and the Visitation Committee.

Other Matters

Summer Schedule

The Board agreed to take hiatus in July and meet next in August.

Ms. Carhart agreed to email the results of Co-Chair Dassler's questionnaire prior to the August meeting so they could prepare to discuss it. She would also include information on the SROs, FCAT scores and final MLE report on that agenda.

Ms. Brown asked to hear what EAB members who worked in the school system thought about the FCAT scores. Ms. Thomas explained that the schools' score were a reflection of the FCAT scores and also how much the schools had met the criteria of bringing the lowest kids up. She noted that Sunrise had received a B because they had really helped their lower rated kids to improve.

Ms. Carhart felt it was important not to blame the kids, teachers, or the school district and instead to focus on what they could do to genuinely help the kids. She thought mentor and parental outreach programs could be effective. Ms. Thomas wanted the EAB to concentrate on identifying best practices and then find ways to implement them. Ms. Schulze and Ms. Hendrickson wanted to speak with Dr. Dixon from Dillard Elementary and ask her exactly what she had done at her school. Ms. Thomas wanted to create a subcommittee to visit schools that were doing well and obtain a list of three recommendations for how the EAB could help other schools. Ms. Carhart thought this fell under the purview of the communications subcommittee.

Planning for 2005-06

Co-Chair Deaner announced that she did not wish to continue as Co-Chair and the position would be available to someone else in August.

Next Meeting

Location: Proposed: City Hall

Date: August 18th, 2005 [Regular Meeting Date: July 21st, cancelled for summer hiatus]

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Handouts

1. Strength Through community pamphlet from the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations
2. Article: "Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Engaging the Community to Improve Education"
3. June 14 memo from Ms. Carhart to EAB members regarding BCPS Board Workshop
4. June 14 memo from Ms. Carhart to EAB members regarding BCPS District 3 Education Summit
5. Transcript of Fort Lauderdale FCAT grades
6. BCPS spreadsheet of Fort Lauderdale schools racial demographic
7. June 16 memo from Ms. Carhart regarding the Fort Lauderdale High School Master Plan Meeting
8. Printout of Power Point presentation on Business Mentoring and Executive Partnerships Program from the May 24 BCPS Board Workshop
9. Copy of article: "How cities use parks to help children learn"
10. Copy of June 16 memo from Ms. Carhart regarding MLE Study Circles Community Action Forum preliminary report
11. Copy of the Broward County School Board CCC Status Report & Site Visitations