



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

Administrative Note: These Minutes Approved April 2006. November 2005 minutes reflect name misspellings.

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

Jamie Opperlee, Recording Secretary

Guests

Terri Murru, Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations

*Reflects Resignation of EAB Member Chris Carney

EAB October 2005 Agenda

A. Opening - B. Dassler and P. Brown

- Attendance and Sign-in
- Announcements
- Approve (Sept) Minutes & Current (Oct) Agenda

B. New Business - None

1. **2005-06 Planning Highlights**
2. **Report on Principal Meetings**
 - a. Sunland Park
 - b. Lauderdale Manors
 - c. Arthur Ashe
3. **School-based Mentoring**

C. Old/Ongoing Business

1. **City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items: None**
2. **Other/Regular Updates:**
 - a. Co-Chairs Report – Dassler/Brown
 - b. Staff Liaison Report –Carhart - None
 - c. Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster
 - d. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays
 - e. Special Assignments: None
3. **Other Matters**

D. Next Meeting

- **Agenda Items:** TBD
- **Location:** Arthur Ashe Middle School
- **Date:** Regular Meeting Date: November 17th, 2005

E. Closing

Opening – Co-chairs Dassler and Brown - Attendance and Sign-in

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 by Co-Chair Brown. The attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.

Approve September 2005 Minutes and October 2005 Agenda

Dr. Hays noted a spelling error on page three.

Motion made by Ms. Deaner, seconded by Ms. Schulze, to approve the minutes of the September 2005 meeting as amended. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Introductions

Mr. Webster explained that he started as BCPS liaison in June. He noted that he had been involved with advisory boards and had been on the old Board of Counselors.

Ms. Murru stated she was on the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations with Dr. Hays.

Members of the Board then introduced themselves in turn.

New Business

2005-2006 Planning Highlights

Co-Chair Brown announced that she and Co-Chair Dassler had visited with the principals of Arthur Ashe and Sunland Park. Co-Chair Dassler felt the direction the EAB was going this school year was exciting and would make a difference. The Co-Chairs then described their visits with the principals.

Reports on Principal Meetings

Arthur Ashe

Co-Chair Dassler said they had met with Luwando Hines, principal of Arthur Ashe Middle School. Co-Chair Dassler noted that Arthur Ashe was now a school where students were proud to attend and teachers were proud to work. Under a previous principal two years ago, student behavior was out of control and teachers did not feel safe. Co-Chair Dassler stated Ms. Hines had changed this; everyone now felt safe at the school. Ms. Hines had also engaged several business partners to help with equipment and incentives for students.

Ms. Hines had informed Co-Chairs Dassler and Brown that she needed mentors; Co-Chair Dassler assured her that this was already on the EAB's agenda. They had also discussed the fact that Arthur Ashe was at a significant disadvantage due to its boundaries, having absorbed all of the neighborhoods that other schools did not want. Co-Chair Dassler noted that the school district had promised a new middle school to the black community and built Arthur Ashe just $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from William Dandy.

Later on, Ms. Hines had told Co-Chairs Dassler and Brown that she wanted a countywide Health and Wellness magnet program at Arthur Ashe. This would make kids feel proud and grounded and also serve to unite students, faculty and community. Ms. Hines had proposed this and been denied because the school was over-crowded at the time. Co-Chair Brown pointed out that the school was no longer over-crowded because the school's "double F" status had enabled kids in the voucher program to go elsewhere.

Co-Chairs Dassler and Brown planned to meet with Dr. Smiley, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, on November 3 to give her an opportunity to make this happen. Co-Chair Brown explained that Dr. Smiley had suggested in the past that she could be approached in a personal way and asked for her help in such matters. Co-Chair Brown had also spoken with Commissioner Moore, who was meeting with Mr. Williams, Vice Chair of the Broward County School Board.

Ms. Thomas wondered what Ms. Hines hoped to accomplish with a magnet program. Ms. Murru explained that she had sent her children to a magnet school and the school now received approximately \$1 million in additional outside funding.

Co-Chair Brown felt it was unfair that this one middle school did not have the wherewithal to lift its population up and bring in funding and other things that a magnet program would afford it. If the magnet program were denied, Co-chair Brown wanted the School Board to give a reason why. Ms. Thomas noted that Dillard Elementary had gotten their scores up without changing their population. The school could also develop special programs that were not necessarily a magnet program. Ms. Thomas said she would rather see the money that would be spent on transportation for a magnet school spent on the kids already in the school. Ms. Gillon said that Ms. Hines had identified what she felt was the best option for her school.

Ms. Thomas wanted to be sure the EAB voted on any actions Co-Chairs Dassler and Brown intended to take, since they were representing the EAB in their meetings.

Sunland Park

Co-Chair Brown remarked that Sunland's neighborhood was depressing, but the atmosphere and staff at Sunland was "warm and open and pleasant...with the most wonderful attitudes." The principal, Ms. Batie, was a legend in Broward County. Ms. Batie said her school needed the following:

- Adults to befriend the children
- Clocks to help the kids get to school on time
- Bottled water
- City Services meeting for families
- Business involvement

Co-Chair Brown said she had been very inspired by Ms. Batie.

Lauderdale Manors

Co-Chair Brown said they had not met with the Lauderdale Manors principal because Jeb Bush had asked Mayor Naugle to get involved with Lauderdale Manors as part of an achievement program. City Manager Gretsas had then met with the principal and received a list of her needs.

Co-Chair Brown said she had sent her mentoring program presentation to City Manager Gretsas and offered to meet with him. The City Manager's assistant, Jeff Moderelli, had informed her that the City was already working on a mentoring program. Co-Chairs Dassler and Brown were now scheduled to meet with City Manager Gretsas tomorrow.

Ms. Murru felt if the EAB could create templates and models for where corporations, citizens, and neighborhood associations could get involved, they could expand these initiatives to other schools whenever they were needed. Co-Chair Dassler agreed and noted that they could become the "connectors"; matching needs with resources.

Dr. Hays thought the City Services meeting at the school was a very good idea. Ms. Thomas felt the parents must be involved as much as possible.

Co-Chair Brown made the following recommendations:

- Find out from City Manager Gretsas what the City was doing with regard to Lauderdale Manors
- Discuss a magnet program for Arthur Ashe with Dr. Smiley
- Make a plan for adopting Sunland Park this year

Ms. Thomas was concerned that they had not fulfilled their obligation to keep the City Commission informed and advised about all Fort Lauderdale schools. She was frustrated that the EAB seemed to keep changing direction. Dr. Hays reminded her that they had included reporting to the City Commission in their goals for 2005-2006 at the last meeting. Ms. Carhart noted that the EAB had reported to the City Commission at least once per year in the past.

Motion made by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Gillon, to create a schools report for the City Commission. In a voice vote, the motion passed.

Co-Chair Dassler suggested they request to be put on the December 6 City Commission agenda.

Motion made by Ms. Gillon, seconded by Ms. Deaner, to approve the recommendations made by Co-Chair Brown. In a voice vote, the motion passed.

School-based Mentoring

Co-Chair Brown announced that City Manager Gretsas had put his assistant, Jeff Moderelli in charge of this.

Old/Ongoing Business

Sunland Dry Cleaner

Co-Chair Brown informed the Board that she had a conference call with several people who were creating a map of schools located near hazardous waste sites for a future press release. The woman Co-Chair Brown spoke to, from a law firm, said they would determine if the emissions near Sunland were dangerous and then contact someone from the EPA. Co-Chair Brown pointed out that three years ago, the school board said they would buy the land, but Mr. Garretson had then stated that they could not buy it.

Commission/Manager Follow-up Items: None

Other/Regular Updates

Co-Chairs Report – Dassler and Brown

Co-Chair Dassler announced that he, Co-Chair Brown and Ms. Carhart had attended Mr. Williams's educational summit at Dillard High School on October 17. Co-Chair Dassler remarked on Commissioner Moore's reluctance to support School Resource Officers in the elementary schools. Dr. Hays felt that Commissioner Moore's appointees on the EAB should take this matter up with him. Co-Chair Brown said she had discussed the matter with him, but could not convince him of her belief in the importance of SROs in elementary schools. Instead, Commissioner Moore was an advocate of the Grandparent Program. Ms. Maloney said Commissioner Moore came from the same background she did: one in which family came first. She agreed to speak to him about the benefits of SROs in elementary schools.

Staff Liaison Report –Carhart - None

Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster

Mr. Webster announced that there would be another educational summit at Piper on November 4, hosted by Marty Rubenstein.

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

Special Assignments: None

Other Matters

Co-Chair Dassler stated that the Master Plan at Stranahan was proceeding. There had been a meeting yesterday, which the Mayor had attended, and a community forum would be held soon.

Next Meeting

Location: Proposed: Sunland Elementary - To Be Confirmed

Date: November 17, 2005

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Handouts

1. District 5 Educational Summit Agenda from October 17, 2005
2. School Funding Power Point presentation
3. Emergency Preparedness information
4. School Board of Broward County proposed legislative program for 2006
5. Flyer for Success Summit on October 29