



EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.
 City Hall, 8th Floor

Administrative Note: These Minutes Approved April 2006.

<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	Michael Bacigalupi	P	1	0	1
2	Pam Brown, Co-Chair	A	6	1	7
3	Brian Dassler, Co-Chair	P	6	1	7
4	Lu Deaner	P	7	0	7
5	Beth Gillon	A	5	2	7
6	Raphael Garcia	A	2	5	7
7	Alice Hendrickson	A	4	3	7
8	Pearl Maloney	P	4	3	7
9	Frances Payne	P	3	4	7
11	Elaine Schulze	P	6	1	7
12	Betty Shelley	A	3	4	7
13	Dr. Niara Sudarkasa	P	3	4	7
14	Olivia Vargas	A	2	5	7
15	Judy Zinn	P	1	0	1
Total Members Present		8			
Leslie G. Carhart, Staff Liaison		P	7	0	7
Charles Webster, BCPS Liaison		P	2	5	7
Dr. Elizabeth Hays, CFLCA Liaison		P	7	0	7
<p>Jamie Opperlee, Recording Secretary</p>					

EAB November 2005 Agenda

A. Opening - B. Dassler and P. Brown

- Attendance and Sign-in
- Announcements/Approve (Oct) Minutes & Current (Nov) Agenda
- Introduce New Members – Judy Zinn and Michael Bacigalupi

B. New Business

1. **Welcome** – Ms. Gwendolyn Batie, Principal, Sunland Park Elementary School
2. **Post-Wilma Comments-Discussion**
3. **Reports from Chairs**
 - a. Meeting with Dr. Earlean Smiley (regarding Arthur Ashe Middle)
 - b. Meeting with George Gretsas, City Manager (Mentoring, Sunland Park)
 - c. City Commission Report – December Target

C. Old/Ongoing Business

1. **City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items:** None
2. **Other/Regular Updates:**
 - a. Co-Chairs– 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 – General Discussion**

D. Next Meeting

- **Agenda Items:** TBD
- **Location:** Arthur Ashe Middle School - TBD
- **Date:** Regular Meeting Date: December 15th, 2005

E. Closing

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 by Co-Chair Dassler. The attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.

Approve October 2005 Minutes and November 2005 Agenda

The Board noted the misspelling of several names and a grammatical error in the October minutes.

Introductions

Board members introduced themselves in turn, including new members Judy Zinn and Michael Bacigalupi.

New Business

Welcome Gwendolyn Batie, Principal, Sunland Park Elementary School

Co-Chair Dassler informed the Board that Ms. Batie had been unable to arrange for them to meet at Sunland Park, but Co-Chair Brown was working with her to make this happen in the future. He reminded the Board of their intention to bring battery-operated alarm clocks and cases of bottled water to donate to the students when they did visit the school.

Dr. Hays noted that prior to the renovation of Carter Park, there were concerns about children from Sunland mingling with visitors to Carter Park. There were also concerns about a mold problem, a dry cleaner's proximity to the school, and student performance.

Ms. Zinn said that Dillard Elementary had benefited greatly from its partnership with Phil McNally as part of the Executive Partner Program. She felt that Sunland's relationship with Jasmine Shirley from the North Broward Hospital District could be strengthened.

Dr. Hays wanted to make the new members aware of her and some other members' concern over the Board's recent change of direction to advocating for and interacting directly with schools.

Dr. Sudarkasa felt they should try to find businesses that would be willing to support schools on an ongoing basis. Ms. Schulze suggested they contact Home Depot to supply water to Sunland Park's students. Dr. Hays felt that when the Board adopted a school, it would advise the City what a school's long-term needs were. Co-Chair Dassler agreed that they would advise the City on how to better support the schools; this could including advocating for a certain type of resource to be provided to the school.

Ms. Zinn felt that Jasmine Shirley, since she was affiliated with the Hospital District, might be able to supply water to the school. Mr. Bacigalupi felt that if the school had its own filtration system installed, they could provide water to the students themselves.

Post-Wilma Comments/Discussion

Co-Chair Dassler felt that the School District's emergency operations cooperation with local government was "pretty extraordinary." He felt local governments had really stepped up to the plate in making schools a county-wide priority by ensuring roads and crosswalks were clear and that school sites had support identifying post-hurricane problems.

Reports from Chairs

Meeting with Dr. Earlean Smiley (regarding Arthur Ashe Middle)

Co-Chair Dassler stated they had been informed by the Mayor that he had been asked by the Governor to become "Chair" of a community support group for Lauderdale Manors Elementary.

Co-Chair Dassler said the Board was working informally to get a county-wide exercise and health science magnet program established at Arthur Ashe pursuant to the principal's request. He and Co-Chair Brown would meet with Dr. Smiley tomorrow regarding Arthur Ashe's magnet program. Co-Chair Dassler noted that he and Co-Chair Brown were both members of the County Diversity Committee and perhaps that committee could be helpful in getting the magnet program established at Arthur Ashe. He and Co-Chair Brown had also had conversations with Arthur Ashe's School Board representative, Mr. Williams, to make him aware of their efforts.

Meeting with George Gretsas, City Manager (Mentoring, Sunland Park)

Co-Chair Dassler informed the Board that this item had been delayed by the hurricane and had not yet been rescheduled. The topics they hoped to cover with Mr. Gretsas were: release time for City employees for participation in mentoring programs, how the City could better support Sunland Park Elementary and how they could engage the City Commission in education issues. Ms. Carhart felt they should also encourage participation of advisory board members, civic associations and others in the mentoring programs to create community-wide involvement.

Dr. Hays remarked that the Citizen Volunteer Corps encouraged involvement in City projects by awarding points that could later be traded as money for a City project in one's own neighborhood. She felt this might be useful to encourage mentoring as well. Ms. Carhart agreed there were several types of inducements that could be introduced.

City Commission Report – December Target

Co-Chair Dassler asked the Board's input about what they felt should be included in their report to the City Commission. Dr. Hays wanted to include school demographics, progress pursuant to the CCC settlement, the Board's accomplishments of the past year and their directions for this year. She also wanted to include the Board's wish to put SROs back in the elementary schools. Dr. Hays was unsure if the Commission should be reminded of the school performance levels. Ms. Deaner explained for new members the loss of SROs in the elementary schools due to budget cuts. Ms. Carhart felt they should include the Board's involvement on the Municipal Leadership in Education Project.

Old/Ongoing Business

Commission/Manager Follow-up Items: None

Other/Regular Updates

Co-Chairs Report – Dassler and Brown

Staff Liaison Report –Carhart - None

Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster

Mr. Webster announced that the School Board would pay for people requiring Level-2 screening to volunteer in schools. The School Board could not accept clearances from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department because future updates would be processed through the requesting authority and the School Board would therefore not receive the updates.

Mr. Webster informed the Board that the education summit was tentatively rescheduled for February 3, 2006 at Piper. A boundary forum would be held this Saturday at Cooper City High School; the South Central area would be discussed between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

Dr. Hays asked the Board if there was anything she could bring back to the Council on their behalf. Ms. Carhart asked that the Council adopt a school. Ms. Deaner asked if they would be involved in the Community Showcase they discussed at the previous meeting. Dr. Hays felt that Hal Barnes would be the person to speak to in regard to that project.

Special Assignments: None

Other Matters/General Discussion

Co-Chair Dassler distributed several handouts and announced that Dr. Sudarkasa would be speaking at the African American Library and Cultural Center on November 21st at 7 p.m.

Dr. Sudarkasa said the Library's theme this year was "archiving history" and her lecture was intended to focus on archiving our history and the importance of history and different perspectives on history and historical efforts and events.

Ms. Carhart suggested that they hold their February 16, 2006 meeting at the African American Library and Cultural Center. Dr. Sudarkasa thought there might be a scheduling conflict and Co-Chair Dassler said they would find an appropriate date within the first 6 months of 2006 to meet at the African American Library and Cultural Center.

Next Meeting

Location: Proposed: Arthur Ashe Middle School

Date: December 15, 2005

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Handouts

1. Police press release regarding the vandalism at Dillard on November 5, 2005
2. Hurricane Wilma information
3. Copy of Miami Herald article regarding Broward graduation rate
4. Announcement regarding the November 21, 2005 event "Reclaiming Our Pat" with Dr. Sudarkasa as keynote speaker at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center