



EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.
 Sunland Park Elementary School
 919 NW 13th Terrace,
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

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

EAB December 2005 Agenda

A. Opening - B. Dassler and P. Brown

- Attendance and Sign-in
- Announcements
- Approve November Minutes & December Agenda

B. New Business

1. **Welcome** – Ms. Gwendolyn Batie, Principal, Sunland Park Elementary School
2. **Speaker/Training: Mentoring** – Ms. Wanda Robinson, BCPS Mentor Coordinator

Note: EAB members and guests will be trained and fingerprinted to facilitate their participation in the Board school mentoring initiative. (45–60 Minutes)

C. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Reports and Updates from Chairs

- a. Meeting with Dr. Earlene Smiley - Arthur Ashe Middle
- b. Meeting with George Gretsas, City Manager - Lauderdale Manors
- c. Stranahan High School
- d. City Commission Report – December Target

2. City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items: None

3. 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

4. Other Matters – Safe and Happy Holidays!

D. Next Meeting

- **Agenda Items:** TBD
- **Location:** TBD
- **Date:** Regular Meeting Date: January 19th, 2006

E. Closing

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Co-Chair Dassler. The attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.

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This item was deferred due to lack of a quorum.

Introductions

Board members introduced themselves in turn.

New Business

Welcome

Co-Chair Dassler welcomed everyone to Sunland Park Elementary School and introduced Ms. Wanda Robinson, BCPS Mentor Coordinator.

Speaker/Training: Mentoring – Ms. Wanda Robinson, BCPS Mentor Coordinator

Ms. Robinson explained the mentoring program to the Board:

- Mentors meet with students one hour per week, on school property, during school hours
- The student – mentor relationship is considered confidential to engender trust
- Any harmful activity the student may discuss is reported to the mentor coordinator only
- Mentors should be consistent and committed
- Establish a relationship as a respected adult, not a playmate
- The initial time commitment should be at least one year

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that mentors would be trained and then matched with a child at a school of the mentor's choosing. She distributed copies of the Youth Mentoring Program package to the Board and told them that they could begin mentoring right after the holidays.

Board members then completed the application forms and Ms. Robinson fingerprinted them.

Old/Ongoing Business

Reports and Updates from Chairs

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

Co-Chair Dassler distributed printed copies of a letter he sent to Dr. Smiley after their meeting. At that meeting, Dr. Smiley agreed to report back to EAB at their January 19, 2006 meeting with the following:

- The results of her review process concerning a magnet program at Arthur Ashe Middle School
- The results of a study group to consider what actions must be taken to ensure that every student attending a school in the Dillard Innovation Zone is on grade level within three years

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

Co-Chair Brown informed the Board that she and Co-Chair Dassler had met with Mr. Gretsas to find out what his plans were for initiating a mentoring program for City employees, and what the City was doing at Lauderdale Manors. The principal of Lauderdale Manors had sent a letter to Mr. Gretsas with specific requests and Ms. Brown said the City was fulfilling her requests. The principal had also asked that any mentoring program be postponed until after the FCATs.

Co-Chair Brown reminded the Board that originally Jeff Moderelli was named as the liaison for the mentoring program, but he had recently been promoted and Co-Chair Brown did not know who the new liaison would be.

Co-Chair Dassler informed the Board that Ms. Robinson, Mr. Webster, Co-Chair Dassler and a couple of other people from the School Board had discussed the mentoring program and had decided to pursue Larkdale Elementary as the pilot site. Co-Chair Dassler stated that Mr. Moderelli had committed to laying

the foundation for a city-wide mentoring program. Mr. Moderelli had sent an email indicating that the plan was ready to go at Larkdale, and they were going to recruit City employees immediately after the new year.

Co-Chair Dassler explained that the incentives for the City employees was that they would be allowed the time to perform their mentoring during work hours.

Co-Chair Dassler also reported that Mr. Garretson, BCPS Deputy Superintendent, had sent an email regarding the dry cleaner (Sunland Park Elem.). He agreed to request an environmental impact update as soon as a plan was in place to address all of the hurricane damage.

Stranahan High School

Co-Chair Dassler announced that three seniors at Stranahan had been accepted by early decision at MIT.

Co-Chair Dassler informed the Board that an internal charette had taken place two weeks ago, and that group had decided on a \$55 million plan to rebuild Stranahan over 36 months. A community-wide planning meeting would take place on January 21, 2006 to discuss the plan in more detail.

City Commission Report – December Target

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 stated that the District 6 Education Summit would be held on February 3, 2006 at Piper High from 8:30 to 11:30. The first public hearing of the School Board would be on February 14, 2006 at 5:30 at Plantation.

Mr. Webster stated that the School Board wanted to hold Education Advisory Board workshops to increase their effectiveness throughout the county. The first workshop was scheduled for January 13, 2006 at 2:30 at the Broward County Extension and would concentrate on best practices. The second workshop would be held on January 25, 2006 at 2:00 at the Broward County School Board building and would focus on Education Advisory Board creation. The third would be held on February 1, 2006 at 2:00 the Kathleen C. Wright Building and topics would include civics and mentoring.

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

Dr. Hays said she had begun discussing with Hal Barnes of the BCIP how to get neighborhood associations involved in an adopt-a-school program. One incentive might be to award CVC points for participation. Dr. Hays noted that as little as a hundred dollars could be donated to the program and she felt this was certainly within the reach of a neighborhood association.

Special Assignments: None

Other Matters – Safe and Happy Holidays!

Ms. Shelly announced that a candidates' forum would be held on January 13, 2006 in the Commission Chambers.

Next Meeting: Date: Regular Meeting Date: January 19th, 2006

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

Handouts:

1. Broward County Mentoring Program packet
2. Copy of letter from Co-Chair Dassler to Dr. Earlean Smiley