



# MINUTES FOR BOARD APPROVAL

## EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.**

Ft. Lauderdale City Hall

100 N. Andrews Avenue,

First Floor Commission Chambers

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**Administrative Note:** These Minutes Approved April 2006.

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

## EAB March 2006 Agenda

### **A. Opening** - Brian Dassler and Pam Brown

1. Attendance and Sign-in
2. Announcements
3. Approve February Minutes & March Agenda
4. Acknowledge departing member Deaner and Shelly

### **B. New Business**

1. **Magnet Program/Arthur Ashe Middle –**  
Guest: Dr. Earlean Smiley, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction/Student Support

### **C. Old/Ongoing Business**

1. **Update on Arthur Ashe Middle Magnet Program**
2. **Other Discussions**
  - a. Partnering / initiatives with other schools
  - b. Reminder of EAB Meeting Schedule Change – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month
3. **Reports/Updates from Chairs**
  - a. Partnering/Sunland Park Elementary
  - b. Mentoring/Larkdale Elementary
  - c. Project Update/Stranahan High School
  - d. Project Update/Fort Lauderdale High

### **D. City Commission/Manager follow-up Items - None**

### **E. Other Regular Updates**

1. Co-Chairs– Dassler/Brown
2. Staff Liaison Report –Carhart
3. Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster
4. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

### **F. Other Matters - TBD**

### **G. Next Meeting**

- **Agenda Items:** TBD
- **Location:** City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor Commission Chambers
- **Date:** Regular Meeting Date: April 17, 2006

### **H. Closing**

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

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

**Approve December 2005, January and February 2006 Minutes and March 2006**

**Agenda**

This item was deferred due to lack of a quorum.

**New Business**

**Old/Ongoing Business**

**Magnet Program at Arthur Ashe – Update**

Co-chair Brown said she had no update as yet on the status of the Magnet Program at Arthur Ashe. She agreed to email Dr. Smiley and report back to the Board.

**Other Discussions**

**Partnering/Initiatives with Other Schools**

Co-Chair Brown stated she and Co-Chair Dassler had agreed to meet with the City Manager prior to meeting with Commissioner Moore regarding Sunland. They had a meeting planned with Mr. Moderelli, the Business Enterprises Director, on Wednesday to discuss the school's SRO situation, and also the dry cleaner and car shop next to the school. On March 30, they planned to meet with Commissioner Moore. They hoped to appear later before the Broward School Board regarding Sunland.

Co-chair Brown announced that Commissioner Moore had donated \$500 to Sunland.

**King Tut Field Trip Sponsorship**

Dr. Hays informed the Board that she had spoken with Lynn Mandeville at the museum and learned that the Jason Taylor Foundation would sponsor 40 students and 5 chaperones to attend the exhibit on April 5. Dr. Hays had also collected \$60 from the Council of Civic Associations.

Dr. Hays informed the Board that Marilyn Marcus, a member of the Council of Civic Associations, also was a member of the Children's Aid Club. She encouraged Dr. Hays to apply to them for additional assistance. Dr. Hays distributed a Children's Aid Club flyer and the Board discussed possible uses for any contribution they might make.

Co-Chair Brown stated Ms. Zinn had notified her that Communities in Schools had purchased 40 King Tut tickets, of which Dillard would only need 20, so the other 20 could be donated to another school.

**EAB meeting schedule change**

The Board agreed that their new location was not suitable, and agreed to determine a new meeting place and time. Co-Chair Brown felt it would be best to go back to their old meeting place and time.

**Reports and Updates from Chairs**

**Partnering at Sunland Elementary**

Mr. Webster noted that there were delays in implementing the mentoring; he attributed this to procedural and process problems, as well as the upcoming FCAT.

Ms. Carhart remarked that schools had enrichment and tutoring programs before and after school, and felt they might make more of an impact volunteering as a group for these programs. This would provide the same benefit as the mentoring program and also show that the EAB had taken Sunland under their wing. Co-Chair Brown reminded the Board that Ms. Batie would soon leave, and suggested they contact the new principal.

Ms. Carhart noted that any member could volunteer to be a representative on their School Improvement Committee; Co-Chair Brown agreed to get more information and report back to the Board. *April Minutes Correction for approval by Ms. Zinn: The public can attend the SAC-School Advisory Committee meetings, but acceptance for membership is subject to applying and approval by the School Administration as a community or business representative.*

#### Mentoring at Larkdale Elementary

Co-Chair Brown announced she had received an email from Mr. Moderelli regarding the City mentoring program. Mr. Moderelli informed her that they would work with Lauderdale Manors and Sunland, but not Larkdale, and would begin the program after the FCATs. She would get more information from Mr. Moderelli on Wednesday.

Mr. Webster informed the Board that Ms. Hicks at Lauderdale Manors was creating a training program for volunteers and mentors at her school

Project Update: Stranahan High School - None

Project Update: Fort Lauderdale High School - None

#### **Commission/Manager Follow-up Items - None**

#### **Other/Regular Updates**

##### **Co-Chairs Report – Dassler and Brown**

##### **Broward County Diversity Committee**

Co-Chair Brown stated that it was often “embarrassing” and “appalling” to be at the Diversity Committee meetings, and she noted that this was terrible because this was “such an incredibly serious issue.” She informed the Board that one member was developing a proposal that would change the way the committee operated. He was suggesting that the committee be made much smaller and concentrate on equity only. Co-Chair Brown felt this would be an improvement.

##### **Staff Liaison Report –Carhart**

##### **Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster**

Mr. Webster said they hoped to come up with a date for the Consortium of Education Advisory Boards to meet again soon.

Mr. Webster announced that The Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards had met to discuss adequacy, and address the problem that Florida schools ranked in the bottom 10% in the nation. Mr. Webster acknowledged that once the legislative session began, everyone “fought over the pie,” and pointed out that the “pie” really wasn’t big enough. He noted that the Senate had rejected Governor Bush’s budget recommendation, and wanted to increase it by \$1.8 billion.

Mr. Webster described the two bullying proposals, noting that one had categories and the other did not. He explained that proponents of eliminating the categories felt this would ensure that everyone would be treated equally. He added that right now, most school boards would need to re-write their codes of conduct to incorporate the lack of categories, as most currently included them.

The Board discussed the recent public discussions regarding the length of the school year, and Mr. Webster remarked that he wished this sort of passion were exhibited regarding Florida's education ranking.

Mr. Webster said there was also an idea among some people that if a school system were larger than 200,000, it could be broken up. This would present a problem with Certificates of Participation, which were based on the assumption of an intact school district. He noted that this would also cause the bond rating to go down and the insurance rates to go up.

Mr. Webster agreed to keep the Board updated on these issues.

### **Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – None**

#### **Other Matters**

Ms. Deaner reminded the Board that the Southside School kick-off and barbeque was on April 1 from noon to 4 p.m.

#### **Next Meeting**

Agenda Items:	TBA
Location:	First Floor commission Chambers, City Hall
Date:	Monday April 17, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Handouts:

1. Children's Aid Club flyer