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DRAFT MINUTES FOR BOARD APPROVAL EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2005 - 6:30 P.M.

Fort Lauderdale City Hall
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Eighth Floor Cafeteria

<u>Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Cumulative Attendance</u>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael Bacigalupi	A	2	2
Aaron Bass	P	2	1
Pam Brown, Co-Chair	A	3	1
Jacquelyn Bradley	P	2	0
Brian Dassler, Co-Chair	P	2	2
Jacquie Gross	P	2	0
Paula Haliczner	P	2	0
Alice Hendrickson	A	0	4
Pearl Maloney	P	3	1
Leola McCoy	P	2	0
Janice Olson	A	2	2
Frances Payne	A	0	4
Elaine Schulze	P	3	1
Dr. Niara Sudarkasa	A	3	1
Judy Zinn	P	3	1

Total Members Present 9

Current Membership: 15 Quorum: 8

Leslie G. Carhart, Staff Liaison P
Charles Webster, BCPS Liaison A
Dr. Elizabeth Hays, CFLCA P
Liaison

Jamie Opperlee, Recording Secretary

EAB August 2006 Agenda

A. Opening - B. Dassler

- Attendance and Sign-in
- Announcements
- Approve Minutes (July) & Agenda (August)

B. New Business -

1. Presentation: **Breakthrough Fort Lauderdale** Program - Aaron Bass
2. Broward County Public Schools Capital Program – Brief Discussion

C. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Discussion of EAB Status and Activities/Initiatives for the Upcoming School Year
2. Other Reports/Updates/Discussion -
 - a. City Commission/Manager Follow-up Items
 - b. Regular Reports and Updates
 - 1) Staff Liaison Report –Carhart
 - 2) Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster
 - 3) Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Hays

D. Other Matters – (TBD) - For the Good of the Board

E. Next Meeting and Closing

- **Agenda Items: TBD:** Proposed Bond Issue, Charter School Presentation, Other
- **Location and Date:** September 28, City Hall Cafeteria
 - **Rescheduling due to conflict with City Clerk Better Boards Academy Training Sessions**

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Opening – Co-chair Brown - Attendance and Sign-in

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

Approve July 2006 Minutes, August 2006 Agenda

Motion made by Ms. Zinn, seconded by Ms. Bradley, to approve the agenda of the August meeting. Board unanimously approved.

Motion made by Ms. McCoy, seconded by Ms. Gross, to approve the minutes of the July 2006 meeting. Board unanimously approved.

New Business

Presentation: Breakthrough Fort Lauderdale - Aaron Bass

Mr. Bass showed a brief movie and added the following points about the Breakthrough Fort Lauderdale Program

- It is a national program
- It recruits “at risk” students
- After one year in the program, 60% of students showed improved FCAT reading scores; 80% had improved FCAT math scores
- Summer-session teachers are from all across the country
- Program needs teachers for the School-Year Saturday program
- Students selected based on their motivation to achieve and desire to attend college
- A parent or guardian must be involved – family empowerment is an important aspect of the program
 - Parents are taught advocacy
 - Parents are advised how to conduct a parent/teacher conference
 - Parents work with other parents
 - A support community exists among the parents and the students

Mr. Bass distributed a brochure and invited the Board to visit the program at Pine Crest and meet parents and students. Mr. Bass explained that the program helped find funding for the students to attend college. Co-Chair Dassler noted that many of his students were eligible for various grants and scholarships; the only impediment to obtaining the aid for them was finding someone to fill out all of the paperwork and submit it. Dr. Hays remarked that if a student had relatively good SAT scores, he or she would have no problem being accepted into a college and finding some funding.

Mr. Bass explained that they were developing an alumni network with the goal of helping students who had moved on to college to remain there. Co-Chair Dassler stressed that the support should not end when the students left high school. Dr. Hays agreed, and noted that how well a student fit in to a college environment was a very important factor in how successful he or she would be there. Mr. Bass explained that his program did encourage a cohesive culture of school to get the students to identify with the program.

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Co-Chair Dassler felt the EAB could meet at Pine Crest in October. He suggested they invite members of the City Commission, and hold a reception prior to the meeting. Ms. Schulz suggested that they invite some High School principals as well, and make them aware of the program's need for Saturday teachers.

Broward County Public Schools Capital Program - [This item taken out of order]

Co-Chair Dassler distributed copies of the Fort Lauderdale 5-Year Capital Improvement Program and noted that even though these were approved projects, the increasing costs of construction may affect the ability to fund some of the projects years ahead.

Co-Chair Dassler stated that judging by the report from Superintendent Till to Commissioner Hutchinson regarding Fort Lauderdale High School; he felt it would become "the kind of facility that students of our community deserve." He admitted that the pace of progress at Stranahan was "troubling." Co-Chair Dassler said EAB members or City Commission members could request an update from the School Board to bring more attention to the issues at Stranahan. Co-Chair Dassler went on to describe the assessment process used to determine whether renovation or demolition was more appropriate for aging school facilities, and added that anyone involved with a school could request an evaluation for repairs.

Motion made by Ms. Schulz, seconded by Ms. McCoy, to send a letter to the School Board requesting an update and encouraging progress on the facility needs at Stranahan. Board unanimously approved.

Old/Ongoing Business

Discussion of EAB Status and Activities/Initiatives for the Upcoming School Year

Co-Chair Dassler noted that the EAB had been most successful in its advocacy of Fort Lauderdale and Stranahan High Schools. Dr. Hays commented that the School Board Diversity Committee's negative report after its Stranahan visit had given the EAB the "ammunition" they needed to push for action. Co-Chair Dassler pointed out that they had been effective because they had taken advantage of relationships and partnerships. Co-Chair Dassler talked about the three schools the Board had selected last year for their particular attention and some of the progress achieved at those schools.

The Board brainstormed regarding issues they felt were of particular concern and to which they could devote their energies this year, and developed the following list:

- Wellness
- Safety and security
- Environmental hazards
[air quality and other environmental
contaminants]
- Physical education
- Parental involvement
- Community outreach
- Early childhood issues

They felt the schools they had singled out for attention last year, Sunland Park, Arthur Ashe and Lauderdale Manors, still required their attention, and agreed to keep these as "unfinished business." Ms. Carhart recommended that the Board consider how they could engage other

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groups to help accomplish their goals. The Board voted in order to establish their priorities, and decided that their top two issues were:

- Unfinished business with their three schools**
- Parental involvement**

Co-Chair Dassler proposed that the Board spend an hour of their September meeting defining strategies for the coming year.

Other Reports/Updates/Discussion

Commission/Manager Follow-up Items - None

Regular Reports and Updates

Staff Liaison Report – Ms. Carhart

Ms. Carhart advised the Board she was checking some data on the CIP report she had presented last month and stated she would advise them if there were any changes and provide them a revised copy.

Broward County School District Reports – Mr. Webster - NA

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Dr. Hays

Dr. Hays announced that the Education Advisory Boards Coalition would hold a showcase on November 16 [coincidentally the EAB's November meeting night] at Piper High School, 8000 Northwest 44th Street in Sunrise, from four to six p.m. The Fort Lauderdale EAB was scheduled to give a presentation and Dr. Hays asked Ms. Carhart to assist in developing a presentation showing their past activities.

Dr. Hays read an excerpt of a Miami Herald editorial from July 25 titled, "A Clear-eyed look at the State of Education." The article indicated that public school students often performed as well, or better, than private school students in math and reading. The editorial stated that "The results show that within the public school system, there lies much success and of course, given the right leadership, also room for growth."

Other Matters - None

Next Meeting

Co-Chair Dassler reminded the Board that the Better Boards seminar would conflict with their regular meeting date. After some discussion, the Board decided to change their meeting date to allow Board members to attend both.

- **Agenda Items:**
- **Location:** City Hall Cafeteria
- **Date:** September 28, rescheduled due to the Better Boards training

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Handouts:

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1. **Fort Lauderdale Schools 5-Year Capital Improvement Program**
 2. **Letter from Schools Superintendent Till to Commissioner Hutchinson regarding Fort Lauderdale High School**