



**MINUTES FOR BOARD APPROVAL
EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2007 - 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>
1. Michael Bacigalupi	P	6	2
2. Aaron Bass	P	4	3
3. Jacquelyn Bradley	A	5	1
4. Pam Brown, Co-Chair	P	7	1
5. Brian Dassler, Co-Chair	A	5	3
6. Jacquie Gross	A	3	3
7. Paula Haliczzer	P	3	3
8. Elizabeth Hays	P	4	0
9. Pearl Maloney	P	6	2
10. Leola McCoy	A	3	3
11. Janice Olson	A	4	4
12. Elaine Schulze	P	5	3
13. Niara Sudarkasa	A	6	2
14. Judy Zinn	A	3	5
Total Members Present	7		
<i>Current Membership: 15 Quorum: 8</i>			
Lu Deaner, Chair Emeritus	P		
Leslie G. Carhart, Staff Liaison	P		
Charles Webster, BCPS Liaison	A		
Betty Shelly, CFLCA Liaison	P		

EAB January 2007 Agenda

Special Notice(s):

Work groups of the EAB membership often meet at 5:30 pm in advance of the regular Board meeting. Best Practices Summit Committee met prior to the EAB meeting on January 18, 2007.

A. Opening - P. Brown and A. Bass

- Attendance and Sign-in
- Approve Minutes (**Oct & Nov**) & Agenda (January)
- Announcements
- Introduce New Members: NA
- Guest Introductions

B. New Business

1. Policy/Practice – Member Participation/Representing Board at Community Meetings

- a. City Policy – P. Brown
- b. Draft Discussion Points – B. Dassler

C. Old/Ongoing Business

1. Parental Involvement Discussions/Fort Lauderdale Parent Association Initiative

- a. Input/Invitations: South Central Area VP and South Central Advisory Chair
- b. Input/Invitations: Sunland, Ashe, Lauderdale Manors Principals
- c. Invitation to Early Childhood Coalition ref. Parental Involvement
- d. Contact Info/Outreach to Fort Lauderdale Schools

2. EAB Goals and Objectives

- a. 2007 EAB Goals – Discussion/Revision – J. Olson
- b. Update/Status on Proposed “Forum” – (Dinnen) – P. Brown & B. Dassler

3. Best Practices Summit Presentation – Continuation & Follow-up

4. Truancy Data (Arthur Ashe) - Committee Report

5. Chair Reports/Discussion Items – Brown/Bass

- a. EAB Letter regarding Arthur Ashe Magnet Program/StudyEAB Members Self Assessment
- b. “Good to Great” discussion

6. Other Reports/Updates/Discussion -

- a. City Commission/Manager Follow-up: None
- b. Liaison Reports & Updates:
 - 1) Staff Liaison Report –Carhart
 - 2) Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster
 - 3) Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Shelly

D. Other Matters - For the Good of the Board - TBD

E. Next Meeting and Closing

- Agenda Items: TBD
- Location and Date: City Hall, February 15th, 2007

BEST PRACTICES SUMMIT COMMITTEE
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Present: Elizabeth Hays, Lu Deaner, Pam Brown, Leslie Carhart

Minutes of meeting of January 8, 2007 were approved as presented.

Dr. Hays reported that she had several items for their display table. Committee members agreed to meet at 2:30 to set up.

Ms. Brown practiced the Power Point presentation and accepted feedback for changes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2007 - 6:30 P.M.

Opening – Co-chairs Pam Brown & Aaron Bass - Attendance and Sign-in

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Brown at 6:34. The attendance sign-in sheet was passed around.

Approve Minutes of October and November 2006 Meetings

[This item was deferred due to that lack of a quorum]

Approve Agenda of January 2007

[This item was deferred due to that lack of a quorum]

Announcements/Introduce Guests

Co-Chair Brown announced that Mr. Dassler would not be present this evening due to his father's illness.

New Business

Policy/Practice – Member Participation/Representing Board at Community Meeting

[This item was tabled until Mr. Dassler could be present]

City Policy

Draft Discussion Points

Old/Ongoing Business

Parental Involvement Discussions/Fort Lauderdale Parent Association Initiative

Input/Invitations: South Central Area VP and South Central Advisory Chair

Input/Invitations: Sunland, Ashe, Lauderdale Manors Principals

Co-Chair Bass distributed copies of letters he had created to send to school board members, school principals and City commissioners, as well as surveys he had created for Parent Association members to complete and asked for the Board's feedback.

Regarding the Parent Association Initiative survey, Ms. Carhart suggested that instead of asking the strengths of the parent association, a list of accomplishments and/or activities should be requested. She noted that school Parent Associations were constituted only for the duration of one school year. Ms. Carhart added that there were more appropriate terms to include under the areas in which a Parent Association might request help.

Dr. Hays suggested that a cover letter be created for parents as well, explaining the structure and objectives of the city-wide Parent's Association.

Co-Chair Brown noted that they must get approval from the City Commission to proceed. Ms. Carhart felt they should also pursue this in their meeting with Ms. Dinnen and Mr. Williams and it could become part of the Town Forum.

Co-Chair Brown suggested they consider this for discussion at their next meeting. Co-Chair Bass agreed to email the materials to all Board members prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Bacigalupi recommended that they include a definition of "best practices" in the parents' information, as this term might not be familiar. He also wanted to mention that one long-term goal of the city-wide Parent Association was to "increase enthusiasm and excitement and hopefully some buzz among Fort Lauderdale parents." Mr. Bacigalupi felt they should also let the parents know that this organization would be "a very effective tool for any service that needed to be done within our schools."

Invitation to Early Childhood Coalition ref. Parental Involvement
Contact Info/Outreach to Fort Lauderdale Schools

EAB Goals and Objectives

2007 EAB Goals – Discussion/Revision – J. Olson

[This item was deferred until Ms. Olson was present]

Update/Status on Proposed "Forum" – (Dinnen) – P. Brown & B. Dassler

Co-chair Brown had spoken with Ms. Dinnen, who informed her that she and Mr. Williams had a meeting scheduled with Mayor Naugle next week to discuss the Mayor and City Commission's possible involvement in the Forum. Ms. Dinnen would attend the Board's February meeting to discuss the EAB's involvement.

Best Practices Summit Presentation – Continuation and Follow-up

Dr. Hays informed everyone that there would be seven schools making presentations at five minutes each.

Co-Chair Brown practiced the presentation for the Board and invited their input.

Truancy Data (Arthur Ashe) - Committee Report

Ms. Schulze reported that she and Ms. McCoy had attended a community meeting at Arthur Ashe last month. Parents of truant children had been phoned and invited to this meeting, but not very many had attended. The school had provided food, entertainment and information.

Ms. Schulze said, "It was a lot of fun, and a lot of interest and a lot of things happening, but it still boils down to you've got to find a way to get them in there." She remarked that everyone from the school was very interested in finding a way to keep the kids in the classroom.

Dr. Hays wanted to consider other means of outreach to the unresponsive parents, such as area churches. Ms. Schulze said area churches were represented at the meeting.

Dr. Hays also wanted to explore the reasons kids became disinterested; she felt boredom was an important factor. Ms. Schulze remarked on the significance of the lack of physical education or movement. She also noted the structure and guidance that school sports teams and coaches used to provide that was now lacking.

Ms. Deaner had seen a television program with Clarence Page about a school in the northeast that had a "formula for making things work" and Ms. Deaner wondered why these principles were not adopted in more places. The program focused on positive, cohesive group behavior, structure, and discipline.

Ms. Carhart pointed out that it was likely a broader societal and family issue, not just or specifically a school issue. Kids who were involved and whose families kept closer tabs were not the problem.

Co-Chair Bass felt if they wanted to move forward with this, they could contact the principal at Arthur Ashe to discuss ideas on how they could help the school address this problem.

Ms. Schulze wanted to find alternatives to JIF and suspension for truancy. Co-Chair Brown suggested they report this to the City Commission in their presentation. Dr. Hays asked that Ms. Schulze and Ms. McCoy make some specific suggestions on this issue for the Board's next meeting that they could discuss and then submit to the Commission. Ms. Schulze agreed.

Chair Reports/Discussion Items – Brown/Bass

EAB Letter regarding Arthur Ashe Magnet Program/Study

"Good to Great" discussion

Co-Chair Bass referred to a leadership and organizational theory book by Jim Collins called "Good to Great," and the idea that "good" was the enemy of "great" because of complacency. Co-Chair Bass wanted the EAB to envision how they could become a great organization. He distributed copies of an assessment survey for EAB members to complete.

Co-Chair Bass said he had spoken with Mayor Naugle, who informed him that the City Commission wanted input from the EAB, including proposals and ideas from which the Commission could choose.

Other Reports/Updates/Discussion -

City Commission/Manager Follow-up

Co-Chair Brown reported that she had contacted the City Manager about attending the city-wide Parent's Association forum, and he had agreed to send Julie Richards, his "education Czar."

Liaison Reports & Updates:

Staff Liaison Report –Carhart

Ms. Carhart distributed a spreadsheet with statistics on Fort Lauderdale public school enrollment and asked the Board to consider its standard for the definition of a Fort Lauderdale School. Co-Chair Brown felt the definition should be schools that were within the City limits.

Broward County School District Reports – C. Webster

Mr. Webster was not present.

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations Report – Shelly

Dr. Hays announced that there was a CVC project on Saturday at Snyder Park at 8:00 a.m.

Other Matters/For the Good of the Board

The Board members present discussed the EAB's serious attendance problem. Ms. Carhart explained City policy and the actions taken when a Board member had missed too many meetings.

Ms. Schulze and Dr. Hays suggested Board members RSVP prior to each meeting via email so they would know whether they would have a quorum. Co-Chair Bass said he and Co-Chair Brown could phone or email members who did not respond to encourage them to attend.

Ms. Schulze did not feel the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program was accomplishing any of the goals they had hoped and she felt it would not last. She warned the EAB to be mindful of this situation. Co-Chair Brown encouraged Ms. Schulze to keep them up to date on this subject.

Dr. Hays distributed information on the Student Ambassadors program she had received from Cierra Pryor, a student at the Charter School of Excellence. Ms. Pryor was requesting donations to help with her tuition in the program.

Next Meeting and Closing

- **Location:** City Hall 8th Floor cafeteria
- **Date:** February 16, 2007

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Handouts:

- Fort Lauderdale public school enrollment data
- Draft letters for distribution to school board members, City Commission members, school principals
- Draft Parent Association survey
- EAB survey
- Copy of Sun Sentinel Article, "Coral Springs in the top 10 of survey of safe U.S. cities"

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- Information on Student Ambassadors program