



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### ***Curriculum Advisory Committee***

***February 16, 2015***

***6:00 p.m. – Training Room D***

**Meeting Minutes**

#### **Mission Statement**

To advise the School Board by recommending approaches to obtaining improved student achievement for all students through a coherent, rigorous academic course of study that provides the tools necessary to succeed in today's society. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic development of a K-12 curriculum within a safe environment leading to both career and technical majors, the methods of instruction used to implement it, and the assessments of its effectiveness, together with a complementary professional development program to support it.

**Committee Members Present:** Ms. Christine Cartaya, Mrs. Kathleen Cherasia, Dr. Connie Dennis, Ms. Lori Fayhee, Ms. Jacqui Hill, Mr. Thomas Latino, Ms. Kelly Lavis, Mrs. Patti Lochner, Mr. John Steakley, Ms. Lauren Torres, and Mr. John Traube

**Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Judy Wilkerson (excused), and Mrs. Sandra Worth (excused)

**School Board Liaison:** Mrs. Pamela H. LaRiviere

**Staff Members Present:** Mrs. Melissa Robery - Director Curriculum Services Secondary, Mrs. Soretta Ralph – Director Curriculum Services Elementary, Mrs. Jennifer Edwards – Coordinator of Secondary Math, Mr. Lee Hughes – Coordinator of Science, Mrs. Mikeol Stroh – Coordinator of Social Studies & Fine Arts, Mrs. Everly Rivera – Coordinator of ELL Multicultural Language, Mr. Rob Stratton – Coordinator of Instructional Technology/Instructional Materials, and Mr. Keith Martin – Board Attorney

**Recording Secretary:** Mary Reider

**Guests:** None

#### **Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Patti Lochner at 6:05 pm.

#### **Review /Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Lochner asked everyone to take a look at the proposed agenda and previous meeting minutes from 01-12-15. Mr. Traube asked for the *Good of the Order* to be added to the agenda. Ms. Patti Lochner called for a vote to add *Good of the Order* to the agenda. The vote was unanimous. A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Cathleen Cherasia, seconded by John Steakley. Motion Carried. Ms. Kelly Lavis asked for her name to be added as *present* to the January meeting minutes. Mrs. LaRiviere reminded everyone to remember to sign in on the attendance sheet.

Motion to accept the amended meeting minutes made by Cathleen Cherasia and seconded by Mr. John Traube. Motion Carried.

Chair Thomas Latino asked everyone to place their cell phones on vibrate and called for the Board Member Report.

#### **Board Member Report**

Mrs. Pamela LaRiviere attended the Leader In Me Symposium in Charlotte County with other District members. She congratulated Skyline Elementary for being chosen as the first Lighthouse School in Lee County by Franklin Covey Organization. Skyline has adopted the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* leadership model.

Mrs. LaRiviere completed her training last week in school finance and understanding State Statutes. She wanted to remind everyone she is still learning the processes.

Mrs. LaRiviere encouraged the Curriculum Advisory Committee to give advice to the District in order to develop a dynamic and proactive education for our students.

#### **Public Comment – Non CAC Members**

None

#### **Textbook Presentation**

Mrs. Soretta Ralph shared copies of the tentative Textbook Adoption Policy 2.18 with Curriculum members. This policy is the District management and selection of materials. The policy will be voted on at the next Board Meeting. Additions/changes in the policy are marked in red. All information was shared with the Board Members during Board Briefings. Mrs. Ralph stated 50% of District textbook allocation funds must to be used for electronic presentation of materials and all of the current district resources are available on line for review. Pending Board approval the District will begin a 1 to 1 rollout using technology for our middle school students using Chrome Books. Discussion and questions ensued among committee members and staff.

Mr. Rob Stratton shared the textbook adoption process and applications for parent participation on the Textbook Adoption Committee were distributed. Mrs. Robery encouraged committee members to participate in the adoption process. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Vice Chair Patti Lochner to adopt School Board Policy 2.18 as corrected in red to meet Florida Statutes and seconded by Ms. Kelly Lavis. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend School Board Policy 2.18 line 62 and 117 to read: *in addition to parents add any citizen of Lee County having the opportunity to file an objection both to instructional materials currently in use and to those that have been recently adopted thru the process* made by Mrs. Lori Fayhee and seconded by Lauren Torres. Chair Thomas Latino called for a vote. All in favor of motion to amend signify by say I (7), Nay 4). Motion to amend carried. All in favor of adopting the policy as amended signify by say I (9), Nay 2). Motion carried. The recommendation made by the Curriculum Advisory Committee will be presented in writing to the Board by Chair Thomas Latino and Vice Chair Patti Lochner at the regular Board Meeting, February 24, 2015 – 6:00 pm.

Motion made by Christine Cartaya to carry on with the agenda. Seconded by, Kelly Lavis. Motion Carried. Chair Latino dismissed committee members to the Curriculum Resource Room to review the textbook showcase and asked members to return by 7:20 pm.

### Good of the Order

Mr. John Traube - would like to see the Curriculum Advisory Committee deal with substance/issues and not vocabulary in order to make recommendations to the Board.

Vice Chair Patti Lochner - tomorrow at 2:00 pm, there is a School Board workshop on Florida Standards and Assessment and on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm, at South Fort Myers High School there is a presentation by Kevin Baird on the same issue.

Lori Fayhee – *Let's Talk Testing Seminar* Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Housing Authority of Fort Myers. Mrs. Fayhee has flyers if you are interested. State Board of Education is meeting on February 27, 2015 and is within their ability to adjust the concordance score on the FCAT. Mrs. Fayhee suggests if you have an interest to please call them.

Ms. Kelly Lavis distributed copies of the FSA samples for the Curriculum Advisory Committee to review.

### Closing Remarks

Chair Thomas Latino called for suggestions future Curriculum Advisory Committee Meetings:

Mr. John Traube – how does the testing affect the psychology of the student?

Ms. Kelly Lavis – English Issues in K-12 (spelling, vocabulary, writing and critical writing).

Discuss FSA Samples in the future

### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Connie Dennis, seconded by John Steakley. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

The next meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM**. Curriculum Advisory Committee meetings are held at the Lee County Public Education Center, 2855 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida – Training Room D.