



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### *Curriculum Advisory Committee*

*September 15, 2014*

*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, Dr. Connie Dennis, Ms. Lori Fayhee, Mrs. Susan Goldsberry, Miss Jacqui Chevalier Hill, Mr. Thomas Latino, Mrs. Patti Lochner, Dr. Lois Redmond, Mr. Matt Smith, Mr. John Steakley, Mr. John Traube, and Mrs. Sandra Worth

**Committee Members Absent:** Mrs. Kathleen Cherasia

**School Board Liaison:** Ms. Mary Fischer

**Staff Members Present:** Mrs. Christy Kutz – Assistant Superintendent Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Melissa Robery - Director Curriculum Services Secondary, Mrs. Soretta Ralph – Director Curriculum Services Elementary

**Recording Secretary:** Mary Reider

**Guests:** Mrs. Shannon DiMurro, Ms. Shirley Weiler, and Dr. Judy Wilkerson

#### **Welcome**

Mrs. Christy Kutz welcomed committee members and introduced Mrs. Melissa Robery and Mrs. Soretta Ralph as the new District liaisons for the Curriculum Advisory Committee. Mrs. Kutz thanked members of the committee who attended some of the District's professional development this past summer. She hoped the presentations were enjoyed & found to be a learning experience. Mrs. Kutz excused herself to attend another meeting and turned the meeting over to Ms. Mary Fischer.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mary Fischer at 6:08 P.M. Ms. Fischer welcomed CAC members and began the meeting with round robin introductions.

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

Motion to approve meeting minutes from the May 19, 2014 as presented was made by Mrs. Patti Lochner, seconded by Mrs. Sandra Worth. Motion carried.

Motion to approve draft meeting agenda for tonight's meeting was made by Miss Jacqui Chevalier Hill, seconded by Mr. Thomas Latino. Motion carried, agenda is approved as presented.

## **Nominations/Elections**

Nominations were opened for the CAC chair position. Each candidate was given the opportunity to talk about their qualifications and rationale for the position.

- ✓ Mr. Thomas Latino asked to be considered, seconded by Ms. Lori Fayhee
- ✓ Mrs. Patti Lochner was nominated by Dr. Lois Redmond and seconded by Dr. Connie Dennis (Mrs. Lochner declined)
- ✓ Mr. John Traube asked to be considered, no second

Mr. Thomas Latino elected as the new Chair for FY2014-2015.

Nominations were opened for the CAC vice chair position.

- ✓ Mrs. Patti Lochner nominated by Dr. Lois Redmond and seconded by Mr. John Steakley
- ✓ Mrs. Kathleen Cherasia, asked to be considered (via Ms. Fischer), no second

Mrs. Patti Lochner elected as the new Vice Chair for FY2014-2015.

Ms. Fischer reiterated the makeup and purpose of the Curriculum Advisory Committee and read Board Policy 1.18 pertaining to CAC and the CAC Mission Statement. Discussion ensued among Committee Members and guests.

## **Board Member Report**

None

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

Mrs. Shannon DiMurro voiced her concerns regarding the amount of testing/timing her child is required to take each week; and the lack of consistency among schools for the types of testing utilized.

## **New Business**

### **FY2014-2015 CAC Meeting Schedule**

Future CAC meeting dates were discussed. The following dates were selected:

October 20, 2014  
November 17, 2014  
January 12, 2015  
February 16, 2015  
March 16, 2015  
April 20, 2015  
May 18, 2015

### **Selection of Topics for Future Committee Meetings**

Discussions ensued among committee members and guests. Topics suggested:

1. Report from Board Liaison on Previous recommendations made by the Curriculum Advisory Committee to the Board.
2. SWAT Analysis on the Statute Purpose

3. Assessments – impact positive/negative How many will be given? How will the curriculum be modified based on those results. What can be done to minimize the number of tests? What can be done about the lack of uniformity (inconsistency) in formative testing among schools? CAC would like a copy of the District Assessment Calendar (to include name of tests and how will the assessments be used).

#### **Good of the Order**

None

#### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Susan Goldsberry, seconded by Mrs. Sandra Worth. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

The next meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 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.