



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Continuous Systemic Improvement (CSI) Advisory Committee

February 27, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Training Room A

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Mary Jo Potter, Betsy Vaughn, Maureen Bice, Danielle Damianov, Pete Pavel, Susan Shin-Harris, Anthony Beougher

Committee Members Absent: Tamisen Traiger (excused), Brian Rist (excused), Polly Kiely (excused), Angel Braham (excused), Noel Siler-Hercek (excused), Genaro Martinez III (excused), Kally Shiner-Nunes

School Board Liaison: Ms. Mary Fischer

Staff Members Present: Dr. Denise Carlin, Executive Director, Strategic Engagement and Community Partnerships and Cindy McClung, Coordinator, Curriculum and Staff Development

Recording Secretary: Cassandra Bishop

Guests: Randy Scott

Welcome

Ms. Fischer welcomed the committee and introductions ensued.

Review /Approval of Minutes and Meeting Agenda

Ms. Fischer reviewed the meeting minutes and agenda. Mary Jo Potter made a motion to approve both the meeting agenda and the February 27, 2017 meeting minutes which was seconded by Pete Pavel. The committee voted unanimously to approve both the meeting agenda and February's meeting minutes.

Public Comment

N/A

Board Member Report

Ms. Fischer commented that the 2017 legislative session has started and the Board presented their priorities:

- Invest in High Quality Instruction
- Protect Public Assets/Provide Needed Student Stations
- Respect Local Constitutional Authority of School Boards
- Support Fair Competition
- Restore Smart Accountability

The Board is holding a Legislative Advocacy workshop on 3/21/2017 to discuss ways they may spread the word to employees and the community regarding our district's need for capital funds. The Board sent letters to Senator Simmons to request the restoration of the 2.0 mill cap for capital outlay purposes.

Ms. Fischer talked about Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program, which rewards Florida's teachers who have been evaluated as highly effective and who have earned college entrance exam scores that indicate they were exceptionally well prepared for college level coursework. Ms. Fischer also stated that future funding is contingent upon legislative approval.

Recommendations to the Board

Cindy McClung reviewed the topics from the previous meetings and then led an activity, in which each committee member rotated around the room making suggestions on each of the past meeting topics. The committee reconvened to review the suggestions and to draft formal recommendations to the School Board.

*** Consider bringing city police officers in schools as SROs.**

The committee discussed the pros and cons of having the Lee County Sheriff's office providing the SROs to the schools.

The committee recommends developing a funding partnership/arrangement that allows The School District of Lee County to get all city (municipals) police officers back in schools as SROs, as long as it meets the current parameters of the school district budget.

Anthony Boegher made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mary Jo Potter seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the recommendation.

***School Uniforms**

The committee's consensus is not to make a formal recommendation regarding school uniforms.

***Examine the approach of cumulative referrals/consequences per the Code of Conduct.**

The committee's consensus is not to make a formal recommendation regarding discipline referrals or the Code of Conduct.

***Accelerated Students**

The committee discussed whether or not an accelerated target should be added to the Vision 2020 Plan, under Goal 1: Increase Student Achievement.

The Committee recommends that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee discuss adding a target for accelerated students under Goal 1: Increase Student Achievement.

Anthony Boegher made a motion to approve the above recommendation. Danielle Daminov seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the recommendation.

Good of the Order

The committee requested the following data:

1. What if any recognition do the high impact teachers receive?

Soretta Ralph, Chief Academic Officer and Lauren Stillwell, Director, Communications, Public Relations and Marketing provided the committee with their responses regarding question 1.

Each teacher on the state's high impact teacher list received a certificate from the state and a personalized letter from the State Board of Education and Pam Stewart, Commissioner of Education. The state also invited each teacher to participate in a state webinar explaining the VAM calculation.

Principals with teachers on the high impact teacher list received a letter from Pam Stewart listing the name(s) of the teachers at their school that were being recognized. Individual schools may have done additional things at the school level to recognize the teachers in their building who received this honor.

The Superintendent sent personalized letters to each of the teachers designated by the DOE as high impact. The Communications Department sent a press release out to the community and shared it on social media and the school district's website.

2. What is the percentage of minority students in accelerated programs?

Soretta Ralph, Chief Academic Officer provided the committee with her response regarding question 2.

The table below shows the breakdown of students enrolled in 15-16 who took at least one advanced course exam (AP, IB, or AICE). Approximately, 41% were Minority students.

2015-16 Ethnicity Breakdown of AP, IB, AICE Exam Takers

Ethnicity	Count	%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7	0.12%
Asian	198	3.58%
Black, Non-Hispanic	396	7.02%
Hispanic	1512	27.07%
Multiracial	193	3.47%
White, Non-Hispanic	3296	58.74%
Grand Total	5602	100.00%

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

The next meeting of the CSI Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, March 20, at 6:00 PM in Training Room A**. CSI meetings are held at the Lee County Public Education Center, 2855 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida.