



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Online

**Committee Members Present:** Warren Baucom, Lucinda Defreitas, Ryan McLain, David Montrose, John Miller, Brian Rasnick, William Ribble, Denis Ryan, Dr. Michele Stork

**Absent:** Anthony Bennie, Amanda Smelker

**School Board Liaison:** Gwynetta Gittens

**Staff Members Present:** Cindy McClung, Director, Continuous Improvement

**Recording Secretary:** Julie Holcomb

**Guests:** N/A

#### Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michele Stork at 6:04 p.m.

Cindy welcomed the members to the meeting.

#### January 13, 2021 Meeting Change of Process

Cindy McClung recommended holding the January 13, 2021 meeting virtually rather than in-person due to the rise in COVID numbers.

Mr. Ribble made a motion to have the meeting on January 13, 2021 held virtually. Dr. Stork seconded the motion. All committee members unanimously approved the motion to move the January 13, 2021 meeting to virtual through Zoom.

#### Review and Approval of Agenda and Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

The December 9, 2020 meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

The November 14, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

#### Board Member Report

Ms. Gittens encouraged members to watch the Board meetings or review agendas, as presentations are timely and provide current information and updates.

A presentation by Academic Services was presented at the Board Workshop held on Monday, December 7, 2020, and reviewing the content of that session will give members a perspective of how serious the situation is with students as it relates to virtual learning, etc. The meeting can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtohKuN7uvq&t=10046s>

## Legislative Priorities

### Accountability

Ms. Gittens shared information regarding the issues surrounding assessments, VAM Scores for teachers, as well as concerns about graduation rates.

The draft document of the Board's FY21 legislative priorities was presented, which included nine topics: Accountability, Safety & Security, Budget & Finance, Teacher Certification & Retention, Early Childhood, Career & Technical Education; Facilities, Transportation, and Comprehensive Health.

Members discussed the issues around accountability and how it affects school grades.

Mr. Ribble is going to work with Ms. Gittens regarding information that shared with our local mayors so that they may include the District's talking points in their own discussions with legislators.

Dr. Stork mentioned lost instructional time due to students being in various programs, social emotional issues, technology issues, etc. Testing takes a lot of instructional time, and that now more than ever time is needed for classroom instruction.

Cindy noted that the FLDOE has decided to move forward with testing, but there has not been a decision around school grades and/or VAM scores.

There are many districts with the same issues, and also presenting their concerns to leaders.

Discussion took place regarding members preparing a message to be send to District administrators, community leaders, parents, etc., to extend beyond legislators, and how to get the message out to the largest number of people.

Ms. Gittens will get details on who will be presenting next week, and provide details regarding talking points to Mr. Ribble so that he and the local mayors can present the same, consistent message.

The other topics on the Legislative Priorities document are just as important as testing. The committee discussed the implications of the Early Childhood platform, as well as the difficulties in finding instructors for technical classes. Dr. Stork related information about her visit to Bonita Springs High School and the issue of finding HVAC instructors.

Ms. Gittens let members know that they can contact her with any other topics on the document to address additional concerns.

The funding available from the CARES act was discussed, and how the District could potentially request some of the additional funds that meet the program requirements.

The School Guardian program wording was clarified.

## **CSI Advisory Committee Recommendation**

Mr. Ribble made a motion to submit the CSI Advisory Committee Recommendation supporting the Board's legislative priorities, with an emphasis on the accountability topic. Ms. Defreitas seconded the motion to submit the CSI Advisory Committee Recommendation. The recommendation was unanimously approved by all members.

Ms. Defreitas then made a motion to amend the wording of the recommendation to reflect *State-mandated standardized tests* rather than *FSA* only. Dr. Stork seconded the motion to amend the wording of the recommendation to reflect *State-mandated standardized tests* rather than *FSA* only. The motion to amend the wording of the recommendation to reflect *State-mandated standardized tests* rather than *FSA* only was unanimously approved by all members.

Final recommendation:

The CSI Advisory Committee endorses all of the Board's legislative priorities with particular emphasis on the Accountability topic, recommending that the State-mandated standardized tests be administered, but students, teachers, schools, and school districts be held harmless, and the tests be used as a diagnostic tool.

### **Public Comment**

N/A

### **Good of the Order**

Mr. Montrose is going to be a teacher with the District and asked about "conflict of interest." Cindy McClung confirmed that Mr. Montrose can continue to participate on the CSI Committee Member as a District staff member.

Cindy let members know that the January 2021 meeting topic will be presented by Lori Brooks and Mary Lynn Rodriguez from Student Services and cover Student Emotional Learning, and the February 2021 meeting topic will be presented by Adam Malloy, Coordinator for Community Engagement, covering updates to the Proximity Plan.

Cindy McClung noted the change in the CDC COVID-19 quarantine protocols, and that schools were working on providing the information to parents and updating processes accordingly effective immediately. The current quarantine listings for the District will be reviewed by the Department of Health, and those in the 14-day quarantine will be changed to 10-days for quarantine.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

### **2020-2021 Meeting Schedule**

September 16, 2020 (Online via Zoom)

October 14, 2020 (Online via Zoom)

November 11, 2020 (Online via Zoom) – CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

December 9, 2020 (Online via Zoom) – Make-up

January 13, 2021 (Online via Zoom)

February 10, 2021(Online via Zoom)

March 10, 2021 (Online via Zoom)

April 14, 2021(Online via Zoom)

All meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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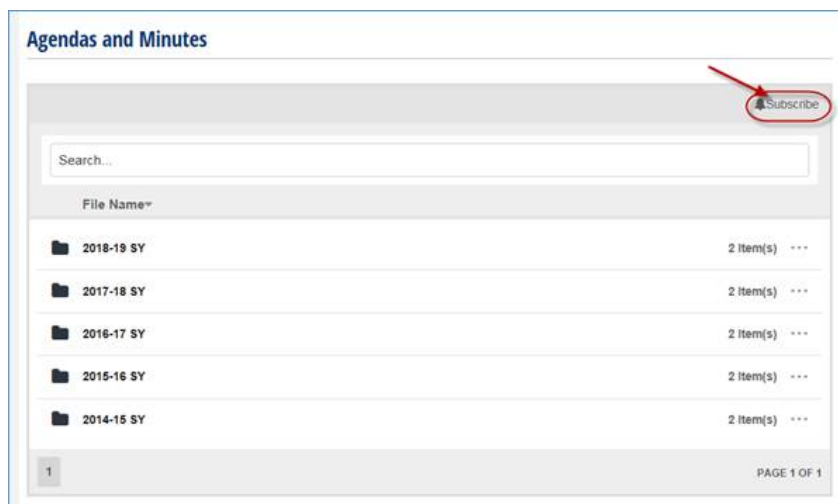
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