

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**DIVERSITY COMMITTEE EMERGENCY MEETING**

**KCW Administration Building**

**May 21, 2008**

**SUMMARY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The emergency meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. and was called to order when quorum was reached at 6:43 p.m. by **Roland Foulkes**, Chair.

**Members Present:**

Jawhar Badran	Patrick Jabouin	Michael Rajner
Phoebee Francois	Bapthol Joseph	Sherry Reece
Lina Gioello	Jeanne Jusevic	Nancy Rogan
Randy Fleischer	Marguerite Luster	Simone Ruiz-Narcis
Roland Foulkes	George Pedlar	Alyce Zahniser

**Members Absent:**

Cedric Douglas	Ernestine Price	Alex Lange, Student
Julian Gazzano	Barbara Williamson	Advisor Designee
Pepe Lopez	Suzanne Yach	LaToya Jackson, Student Rep.
		Daniel Starman, Student Rep.
		Zach Fertel, Student Rep.

**Diversity & Cultural Outreach Staff:**

Dr. Elizabeth Watts, Director; Jean Darius, Coordinator; Terri Jones; Nancy Weintraub

**Guests:**

School Board Member Phyllis Hope

The **Chair** called the Emergency Meeting of the Diversity Committee to order at 6:43 p.m. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether or not to divide the Diversity Committee into two committees, Equity and Diversity. The **School Board** requested this information at their May 13, 2008, workshop following the CCC Settlement Agreement orientation. The **Diversity Committee's** recommendations were to be presented to the School Board at their May 27, 2008, workshop.

The **Chair** suggested four options for discussion: 1) To change the name of the Diversity Committee to include Equity; 2) To divide into two committees, Equity and Diversity; 3) To remain one committee with a subcommittee focused on equity; or 4) To maintain the "Status Quo".

The **Chair** reminded the members that the Diversity Committee is governed by School Board Policies 1.5 and 1.7, and noted that "equity" was included, but not defined, in Policy 1.5.

**Mr. Rajner** requested that, in the future, information packets be marked with the name of the person or entity from whom the documents came, i.e. a cover sheet identifying the source.

The **Chair** asked for, and received, input from each of the members present.

**CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE:** Keep one committee, but consider changing the name to indicate a focus on equity. Suggestions included:

Diversity & Equity Committee.

Equity & Diversity Committee.

Diversity Equity Committee.

Diversity & Educational Equity Compliance Committee.

Maintain Diversity Committee and rename Site Visit Subcommittee to Equity Subcommittee.

**MOTION by Ms. Gioello, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Zahniser: “That we remain one committee.”**

**Motion passed 14-0 (Ms. Luster was not present for the vote.)**

**Ms. Hope** spoke to the members about the importance of relating concerns to the School Board Members. Committee members are appointed by the School Board and should keep the Board informed of what is happening.

**Motion by Mr. Badran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Joseph: “To rename the Diversity Committee to the Equity & Diversity Committee.”**

(Motions to extend the meeting for 15 minutes and an additional 10 minutes passed.)

**Mr. Rajner** asked to amend the motion to rename the Committee the Diversity Equity Committee.

**Mr. Badran** declined. Mr. Rajner offered a second motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms., Zahniser to that effect.

Motion failed 1-14.

**Original motion by Mr. Badran to rename the Committee was withdrawn.**

Ms. Zahniser arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Pedlar arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Francois arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Reece left at 8:20 p.m.

The Emergency Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.,  
in the Board Room of the KCW Administration Building.**

**These minutes are summarized and were recorded at the May 21, 2008 Emergency Diversity Committee meeting. If any Committee member or other interested party would like more detailed information as to the contents of this summary, contact the Diversity & Cultural Outreach Department at 754-321-2090.**