

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 6, 2013**

SUMMARY

Members Present:

Andy Ansola	Jessica Abby Herthel	Esther Mizell
Harve Brosten	Jeanne Jusevic	Ernestine Price
Rebecca Dahl	Charlie King	Francisco Vargas
Michael DeGruccio	Thomas Lauder	Carlos Verney
Julian Gazzano	Kevin Love	Bryan Wilson
Douglas Harrison		

Members Absent:

Brendan Barry	Annette Gardiner
Susan Edwards	Rev. Luc Harrigan

District Staff: Leona Miracola, Director, Innovative Programs

Student Support Initiatives Staff: Terri Jones; Latricia Lauture

Diversity, Cultural Outreach & Prevention Staff: Amalio Nieves; Carolyn Salters; Marion Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jusevic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted, as presented 10-1.

APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY MINUTES

May 16, 2013 Summary Minutes were adopted, as distributed.

Ms. Mizell and **Ms. Price** requested a copy of the audiotapes of the May 16, 2013 Summary Minutes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Jusevic provided members a copy of her Chair's Report dated June 6, 2013. **Ms. Jusevic** is forming a new ad hoc committee which will: review all past site visit reports, identify current gaps, access trends, and bring forward best practices. A two to four page introduction and synopsis of the state of the District, based on past Diversity Committee Reports, will be part of the 2012-2013 Site Visit Report. Members were encouraged to volunteer for this ad hoc committee. **Ms. Jusevic** said she is forming a Bylaws/Procedures Subcommittee. **Ms. Jusevic** said she would like this Subcommittee to review the revised Bylaws, as well as work on a set of procedures and guidelines for the Committee and Subcommittees to operate from. **Mr. Verney** inquired as to whether the Legal Counsel Department has reviewed the revised Bylaws. He said he believes Legal Counsel will advise of striking at least one item, approved by the Committee, which is contradictory to Florida State Statute. **Ms. Jusevic** requested that **Mr. Verney** send her the particulars of that item and she will forward it, with the revised Bylaws, to the Legal Counsel Department.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Lauder thanked **Ms. Dahl** for all her hard work on the Site Visitation Subcommittee. **Ms. Dahl** said it is a team effort.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nieves said he was reporting on **Ms. Pope's** behalf. He said a board item to form a Human Relations Committee will be presented at the June 11, 2013 Board Meeting. Moving forward there will be a Board Workshop on June 18, 2013 to discuss the topic further. The focus will be on formation of a new and separate committee, not discussion about splitting or eliminating the Diversity Committee. **Mr. Nieves** said staff will be facilitating a three-day, *Diversity Bridge to Prevention Academy* for teachers, members of the Black Male Success Task Force and school leaders. Diversity Committee members were invited to attend.

Motion by Ms. Dahl: "to cancel the July 2013 Diversity Committee meeting." Motion passed 14-0.

Motion by Mr. Love: "to waive the attendance requirement for the May 16th meeting for members not in attendance." Motion passed 12-3.

MAGNET/INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

Leona Miracola, Director, Innovative Programs gave a presentation regarding Magnet and Innovative Programs. She discussed the differences and the focus of the two programs. **Ms. Miracola** spoke about the Montessori Program in the District. She said the District's goal is to find funding to add an additional Montessori school. She spoke about the application process for Magnet and Innovation Programs as outlined in 5004.1 Innovative Programs Policy. <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/SITE VISIT REPORTS

Ms. Jusevic said staff is in the process of copying drafts of the seventeen Site Visit Reports to be given to members. She requested members to review the reports and come to the August meeting ready to discuss them. **Ms. Jusevic said hearing no objection the Committee will move to the Indicator Discussion on the agenda.**

INDICATORS DISCUSSION

Mr. DeGruccio said, the Committee received the *CCC Steering Committee's Recommendations & Rationale Indicators Update* one day prior to the meeting. With consensus, members agreed to move forward, look at each Indicator and make recommended changes. Members were asked to read both the Committee's Indicators document and the CCC Steering document, along with any recommended changes made this evening and be prepared to discuss the Indicators further at the August Diversity Committee meeting.

Motion by Ms. Dahl: "to re-word indicator 1.1 to read: The school has one textbook per child per subject for every student." Motion failed 5-8.

Motion by Mr. Wilson: "1.1 The school has one textbook per student for classes requiring texts." Motion passed 12-2.

Recommendation by Mr. DeGruccio: "that all members receive Exhibit A as distributed tonight; members make recommendations based solely upon Exhibit A (not the current Indicators as written); email recommendations two weeks prior to the August meeting."

Mr. Love inquired about the Information Request submitted on February 7, 2013 requesting information pertaining to the Board Policy to make Reading an elective for 8th [grade], at the level 1 and 2. **Ms. Jusevic** said the information was distributed to the Committee and she would ensure **Mr. Love** receive a copy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

These minutes are summarized and were recorded at the June 6, 2013 Diversity Committee meeting. To obtain a copy of the audio recording, a Public Records Request may be submitted by contacting Public Relations & Government Affairs Department, SBBC, at 754-321-2300.

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