



# Broward County Public Schools

## Parent/Community Involvement Task Force

### Meeting Minutes

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School Outreach Subcommittee  
Wednesday, June 15, 2011  
Plantation High School

**Co-Chairs:** Jodi Klein, Melodee Putt, Maggie Zalamea

**Attendees:** Janet Bravo, Annie Cohen-Coles, Edwina Coleman, Theresa Coleman, Elena Dolinski, Billy Fousek, Ruth Grasso, Kathie Hagood, Janet Holder, Lerrie Kennedy, Jodi Klein, Samy Pierre, Melodee Putt, Heather Sykes and Maggie Zalamea

#### Committee Purpose

To reach out to local schools; to determine how the school system can better support local schools; to solicit ideas for effective models for parent/community involvement; to engage parents and local businesses to be actively involved with local schools.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

**Introductions:** All members introduced themselves as well as provided some background information and their goals for the sub-committee task force.

#### Discussions:

The Task Force website was provided for future reference: [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com). Follow link to parent-community task force. We have numerous resources to utilize which include; BECON, Parent Link, Budget/Data Base and meeting with Jeff

We came to an agreement to meet every two weeks as one group for now until further discussion and reason to break apart into smaller groups. We cannot meet again until after July 11. Our next meeting will take place July 13, 2011 @ 5:30 at Plantation H.S per a unanimous vote. Room location TBD.

**Goals:** We all have very similar goals for this Task Force. We need to make initial contacts with the schools to determine what works and what doesn't. Where is the disconnect with parents. How come only the same minimal amount of parents show up to school meetings? What is it that makes certain issues relevant and some not? What can we provide to parents to make them want to get involved? There is a lot of diversity in our County, we need to know how to reach all households. There are many families that do not have computers with internet access, no home telephones, individuals/families that are homeless and live in hotels, cars, relatives etc.

**Communication:** Inter-email within members about committee business is okay. Anything that will be presented to the Board must be done pursuant to SUNSHINE guidelines.

**Mary Fertig:** Once we have an agenda we need to now voice it to the schools/community. We need to hear what they want to say. This is a critical group within the district. This is the single greatest outreach effort ever created by the School District. Their wants and our needs must be heard. ALL needs require representation. We need to touch all groups.

**Homework:** How do kids, parents and staff want to be involved? How will this task force work in different areas with different people. How do we want communication to take place and where we can have them answered by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm