



Broward County Public Schools

Parent/Community Involvement Task Force

Meeting Minutes

McFatter Technical Center

Culinary Arts Building – Bistro

February 24, 2014 / 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Present Members: Mary Fertig (Chair), Debbie Aleman, Karen Davis-Powers, Wayne Johnson, Jodi Klein, Colleen LaPlant, Gloria Moschella, Lew Naylor, Cathie Starkey

Guest: Wanda Robinson

- [Call to Order](#)

Ms. Fertig called the meeting to order.

- [Introductions](#)

The group welcomed Colleen LaPlant. Ms. LaPlant was appointed to the Task Force by Board Member Nora Rupert.

- [Recommendations](#)

Ms. Fertig distributed copies of the 2012 recommendations for new members. She stated Laurie Rich Levinson will review updates/progress at the next meeting.

- [Non-Profit Forum](#)

The invitation for the March 6, 2014 event was distributed, along with a survey form. The survey will be given to participants prior to the event. Ms. Fertig welcomed comments – please email her your feedback as soon as possible.

Ms. Moschella suggested asking if the forum attendees' experience in connecting with the District and providing services has improved since the last Non-Profit Forum (held November 14, 2011).

Ms. Fertig stated the prior forum was a very successful Task Force event. We reviewed feedback from the participants (positive comments and barriers).

Please invite any non-profit organizations you would like to invite. Remember, reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis until capacity in the KCW Board Room is full.

The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Board Room is reserved until 2:00 p.m. for networking and wrap-up.

Todd Sussman will invite Tracy Clark, Public Information Officer, and Craig Kowalski, Detective, Security Clearance Office, to the forum. In addition, he will inquire with KCW staff to see if participants may park in the KCW South Parking Lot. (Update: Ms. Clark and Mr. Kowalski agreed to attend; the parking lot is reserved for this purpose.)

Ms. Robinson explained the process of the Superintendent's Screening Committee and its review of non-profit agencies offering to provide services to schools.

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Minutes from the August 28, 2013 Task Force meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Sussman will email members the draft January 21, 2014 minutes (as well as a draft of tonight's minutes) for review; to be approved at the next task Force meeting.

- [High School and Middle School Forums](#)

On behalf of Ms. Rich Levinson, Ms. Fertig asked for forum notes to be collated in an organized format so they may be brought forth to the Board. Ms. Bravo, Ms. Davis-Powers, and Mr. Naylor agreed to be part of a subcommittee for this purpose. They will meet with Ms. Fertig in her office on May 11, 2014. (Update: a new date for the subcommittee meeting is in the works.)

In addition to the high school and middle school forums, members suggested additional categories, including a charter school forum, elementary school forum, and student forum. At the next meeting, the group will decide which forums they would like to hold and dates.

Ms. Moschella recommended having elementary schools forums for separate areas (South area, North area, etc.).

Ms. Fertig suggested the members discuss ideas for elementary school forums at the advisory committee meetings.

- [Academy for Parent Engagement](#)

Ms. Robinson informed the members “Academy for Parent Engagement” is the new name for “Parent University.”

She reminded the group of “pillars” introduced at the previous Task Force meeting:

1. Health & wellness
2. Home & school connection
3. College & career readiness
4. Parent empowerment

- [Future Plans:](#)

Task Force bylaws will be created.

The composition and roster of members will be reviewed. Mr. Sussman read the list of roles (as approved by the Board in 2011) for Task Force members. Nineteen (19) positions include Board Member appointees, community representatives, and more.

- [Next Task Force Meeting:](#)

April 28, 2014 at McFatter (Bistro)...5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- [Adjournment:](#)

Ms. Fertig adjourned the meeting.