



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy

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CHAIR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Education, Truancy,

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1:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy CHAIR Subcommittee Meeting taken on Monday, January 24, 2008, City Hall, 4th Floor - 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 1:30 p.m. in Mayor's Small Conference Room.

Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy CHAIR(s)

W.C. Gentry, Chair
Terrie Brady, Subcommittee Chair
Tom Majdanics for Terrie Brady
Skip Cramer, Subcommittee Chair
Connie Stophel, Subcommittee Chair
Bill Sheu, Subcommittee Chair

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT

W.C. GENTRY, Chair
SKIP CRAMER, Member
BILL SCHEU, Member
CONNIE STOPHEL, Member
TOM MAJDANICS (for Terrie Brady)

ABSENT

TERRIE BRADY, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

SUSIE WILES
LINDA LANIER
RACHELLE SUNDY

PROCEEDINGS

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Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Chair/Committee

Meeting Purpose

Chairman Gentry met with individual Chairs for presentation of their workgroup recommendations. First recommendation came from Chairman Bill Sheu – Truancy Workgroup. Discussion ensued about items that should or should not make the final recommendation – Chairman Gentry discussed how he planned to approach the Steering Committee with this workgroup’s recommendation. Chairman Gentry congratulated Chairman Sheu and his Workgroup for the wonderful job they did with their hard work and recommendations.

The second recommendation came from Chairman Skip Cramer – School Security. Chairman Gentry wanted to make sure that Chairman Cramer prioritized the recommendations as they went through the process. There was discussion about the best way to situate the information so that it is comprehensive and portrays the intent of the Workgroup. It was noted that some of this work will overlap work that is being done in other sub-committees (i.e., Neighborhood Safety & Stability). Again, Chairman Gentry thanked and congratulated this workgroup for their hard work and commitment to a job well done.

The next recommendation came from Chairwoman Connie Stophel – Early Learning. Chairman Gentry noted that this was probably some of the best work he had seen so far. After some initial review, Chairman Gentry noted that there was very little to discuss in the way of making any changes and congratulated Chairwoman Stophel and her Workgroup for their excellent effort.

The final recommendation came from Mr. Tom Majdanics on behalf of Chairwoman Terrie Brady – School Relevancy. Chairman Gentry noted that he had a more difficult time with these recommendations due to the fact that they didn’t seem complete. Mr. Majdanics noted that there is so much to get their hands around with this topic, that more time is truly needed in order to do

justice to the task they were given. Discussion ensued about what should be presented to the Steering Committee and what would be presented at a later date.

Chairman Gentry thanked Mr. Majdanics and asked him to extend his appreciation to Chairwoman Brady and adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

It should be noted that all Education Sub-Committee Workgroup Recommendations can be found on the website at www.coj.net; click on the *Jacksonville Journey* Icon and go to the Meetings, Agendas and Minutes link on the left hand side of the page.