



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Education

MEETING SUMMARY

Of

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

SCHOOL RELEVANCY - WORKGROUP

February 27, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey –
Education
Education Subcommittee
Education Relevance Workgroup
February 27, 2008
11:00 A.M.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey – Education Subcommittee, Education Relevance Workgroup taken on Monday, February 27, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor, Room 825 – 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 12:00 Noon

Education Relevance Workgroup

Terrie Brady, Chair
Tom Majdanics, Member
John Fletcher, Member
Gerlieve Oliver, Member
Michael Edwards, Member
Robert Lee, Member
Linda Lanier, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

TERRIE BRADY, Chair
TOM MAJDANICS, Member
LINDA LANIER, Member

ABSENTEE MEMBERS:

JOHN FLETCHER, Member
GERLIEVE OLIVER, Member
MICHAEL EDWARDS, Member
ROBERT LEE, Member

STAFF:

GLORIA F. BLAKE

OTHERS PRESENT:

KATHY GRAW
W. EARL KITCHINGS
CHERYL GRYMES

PROCEEDINGS

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Education Sub-Committee, Education Relevance Workgroup

11:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Comments. The meeting began at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance. She then informed the committee the goal was to quantify, prioritize and list their recommendations.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF TEACHERS

- Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (top three concerns of the District)
 - Alternative Certification Scholarships
 - Start the Florida Future Educators of America Program (FFEA) in all schools (\$85k)
 - Relocation Stipends
 - In Kind Requests
 - Free Lodging at Hotels
 - JEA - housing deposits being waived
- Supporting Documentation to be attached to the recommendation (2 page document)

CAREER ACADEMIES

- District Career Academies
 - Additional funding for the Schultz Center for obtaining certification status
 - Funding for Certification of Career Academies

“DROP BACK IN” PROGRAM

- Comprehensive *Accelerated Learning Centers* - available after hours (\$534 K)
- *Renaissance Academies* (\$2 Million) – Overage students can work in 2 hour blocks
- *Standards Base Promotions* (\$1.8 Million) located only in the middle schools.

CHALLENGED SCHOOLS

- Extended School Days and After School Transportation (1 additional hour per day)
- Saturday School and Meals (all voluntary)
 - Programs for Adults to Participate (tutoring)
 - Cultural Diversity Training for Communities
- Spiral Up Summer Program (non-mandatory)

JACKSONVILLE COMMITMENT \$462k (Guidance Counselors)

- Hiring of Six (6) Counselors

The Chairman stated she would assimilate this information along with supporting documentation and submit to the committee for review. Our goal is to keep our kids off the streets and get them excited about being in school and learning. We need to provide the tools necessary to keep them in school and help them graduate. We cannot achieve this without the brightest and the best teachers. Our deficiencies have been the work environment and working conditions. Paperwork requirements are another reason several teachers are leaving the district.

The Chairman stated she is excited about Ed Pratt-Daniels for several reasons. He is one of us - a member of this community; he's not going anywhere, his daughter goes to school here; he's a gifted man; he's brilliant; he "gets it"; he has a "with-it-ness" when it comes to the big picture. She stated she believes that come April, there will be some changes and some of these issues will be resolved soon.

6. Adjournment – Following a motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.