



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy

MINUTES

OF

EDUCATION, TRUANCY, DROPOUT &

LITERACY SUB-COMMITTEE

January 14, 2008

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Literacy Sub-Committee

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1:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Sub-Committee taken on Monday, January 14, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Sub-Committee

W.C. Gentry, Chair
Tony Bellamy, Member
Terrie Brady, Member
Nancy Broner, Member
Vicki Burke, Member
Skip Cramer, Member
Pastor Criswell, Member
Michael Edwards, Member
John Fletcher, Member
Deborah Gianoulis, Member
Cheryl Grymes, Member
Bill Hodges, Member
Connie Hodges, Member
Kevin Hyde, Member
Mia Jones, Member
Robert Lee, Member
Tom Majdanics, Member
Nongongama Majova-Seane, Member
Gerlieve Oliver, Member
Perry Robinson, Member
Bill Scheu, Member
Connie Stophel, Member
Barbara Gubbin, Ex Officio

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

W.C. GENTRY, Chair
TONY BELLAMY, Member
NANCY BRONER, Member
SKIP CRAMER, Member
PASTOR CRISWELL, Member
MICHAEL EDWARDS, Member
DEBORAH GIANOULIS, Member
CHERYL GRYMES, Member
BILL HODGES, Member
CONNIE HODGES, Member
MIA JONES, Member
TOM MAJDANICS, Member
NONGONGAMA MAJOVA-SEANE, Member
GERLIEVE OLIVER, Member
PERRY ROBINSON, Member
BILL SCHEU, Member
BARBARA GUBBIN, Ex-Officio

PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

Debra Braga, Office of General Counsel

STAFF:

SUSIE WILES
LINDA LANIER
RENEE BRUST
STEPHANIE BARNETT
RACHELLE M. SUNDY

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harris Warren, NBFA
Jonathan Bryce, Duval County Public School
Wesley Royal
Lem Baxter, C.I.S.
Jared Goldman, Duval County Public School
Donna Cobb, Duval County Public School
Ed Pratt-Dannals, Duval County Public School

PROCEEDINGS

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Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Chair/Committee 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Gentry called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Education, Truancy, Dropout and Literacy Sub-Committee.

Chairman Gentry welcomed the group and thanked them for their willingness to be in attendance; and proceeded to introduce the Mayoral staff support, Ms. Susie Wiles, and asked the group to go around the table and introduce themselves. Once introductions were complete, the meeting was turned over to Ms. Debra Braga of the General Counsel's office for the Sunshine Law presentation. Chairman Gentry thanked the group for their participation and Ms. Braga for her helpful presentation and proceeded to introduce Ms. Susan Main, Executive Director of the Early Learning Coalition of Duval County. Ms. Main proceeded to present an overview of what the Early Learning Coalition does in the community (presentation available on the website - www.coj.net). Chairman Gentry thanked Ms. Main and then introduced Jonathan Bryce of the Duval County Public School system. Mr. Bryce spoke about the truancy problem that the community faces. (For full details of the presentation and discussion afterwards, please review the recorded minutes and the presentation at www.coj.net). Chairman Gentry thanked Mr. Bryce for his time and presentation and proceeded to introduce Mr.

Ed Pratt-Dannals of the Duval County Public Schools and asked him if he would like to say a few words. Mr. Pratt-Dannals thanked the Chair and committee and noted he felt all of the presentations and discussions were well worth the time to listen and participate. Chairman Gentry then moved onto the sub-committee (workgroup) appointments, which hopefully move us into the direction of breaking down the larger group into smaller sub-workgroups to help the flow of each area of importance as it relates to education. He noted at the next meeting, Ms. Linda Lanier of the Jacksonville Children's Commission will make a presentation on After School Programs. Chairman Gentry then noted that all should recognize the Sunshine Laws and encouraged the group if they wish to meet and have discussions, contact either Susie Wiles or other support staff to create a Public Notice and schedule the meeting. He then opened the floor to comments? Ms. Wiles noted that all work done by these committees, will ultimately flow into the Funding committee, who will be holding their first meeting next month. She asked that if Ms. Main and Mr. Bryce could provide a cost estimate, it would be helpful for that committee to begin their work toward helping the Education Sub-Committee. Chairman Gentry noted that if they had questions for either Ms. Main or Mr. Bryce, please forward that information to one of the staff members, and those will be handled appropriately. He further noted that if any of the group had comments or suggestions going forward, please also forward that information to the support staff for handling. Chairman Gentry thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting by 3:40 pm.

2. Action Items

Bring current issues facing the community under the charge of the committee.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.