

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – November 16, 2010

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Chairperson; Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Peggy L. O'Shea, Mr. Lew Williams, Members; Dr. Julie Janssen, Superintendent; Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel.

The following topic was presented and discussed during this workshop session:

- **Budget Update**
- **Legislative Platforms – PCS and Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards** – An item will be added to the PCS platform that will request the strengthening of enforcement traffic laws around school zones and increase the penalties for violations occurring in school zones.
- **Student Assignment & Achievement Opportunities** – Mr. Bill Lawrence presented an overview of the changes incorporated into the Procedures For ~~Countywide~~ District Application Program Handbook. The handbook contents will be carefully reviewed to make sure the language is consistent regarding the process to be followed for re-assigning students who leave a program located within a school. District staff has started the renovations/clean up needed to reopen Kings Highway Elementary. The Board requested that the proposed reopening of Kings Highway be reviewed by DMAC as soon as possible and that their input be provided to the Board. Also, any possible impact on Sandy Lane is to be shared with the Board. Information will be provided to the Board regarding the number of students who attend Thurgood Marshall Fundamental and Osceola High School and who receive transportation. This information to include the numbers and associated costs. Dr. Janssen requested that the Board allow her and her team to put the changes in place and then review the implications with the Board. Concern was expressed by several Board Members with the proposed move for Lakeview and Gulfport. Additional information is to be brought back to the Board regarding what is happening in the schools surrounding Gulfport; what services would be incorporated into the changes; the number of levels 1 & 2 students; number of office referrals; number of out-of-school suspension; and, number of students who walk to school. Board Members were encouraged to e-mail any additional questions or concerns into the Superintendent's Office. Dr. Janssen will look into a concern brought forward by Ms. Clark regarding the coursework performed by students at Countryside High who are involved in sports.
- **Leadership**
 - Committee assignments – this topic was delayed.
 - Pinellas Planning Council – Mrs. Lerner requested that she be allowed to remain on the PPC until the future of that council has been determined. Further discussion will be scheduled and an agenda item will be prepared.

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- 2011/12 Calendar – Mrs. Cook presented a brief report from the calendar committee and stated that there is some concern with the start-up date following the winter holidays for that calendar.
- Pending workshop topics were discussed.

No official actions were taken by the Board at this workshop. An audio recording of this workshop is filed in the Board Office archives. This workshop adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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