

**Parent Subcommittee on District and School Budget Priorities
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

SBAB - Room 559

MEETING AGENDA

October 3, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 7:30pm

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Karen Rivo | 5:30pm |
| II. | Election of Officers | | 5:45pm |
| III. | Set 11 – 12 meeting calendar | | 5:55pm |
| IV. | Review of 10 - 11 Committee Work: | | 6:10pm |
| | a. Motion Log Review | | |
| | b. Committee Recommendations 10- 11 | | |
| V. | Issues to Consider 11 – 12 | | 6:35pm |
| VI. | Adjournment | | 7:30pm |

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District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
School Board Administration Building
1450 N.E. 2 Avenue, Room 559
Miami, FL 33132

Monday, October 3, 2011

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Karen Rivo, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Darla March, Ms. Gloria Simmons

Members Absent: Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Rose Painson, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez, Ms. Teri Trivizas, Mr. David Williams Jr.

Others Present: Dr. Richard Hinds, Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Anne Thompson, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Susan Kairalla, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Karen Rivo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests. She asked the members to introduce themselves to the committee for the New Year. After the individual introductions she welcomed the newest member Ms. Mensch Raval. Ms. Rivo then thanked Ms. Thompson, who is retiring, for her dedicated and devoted work to the school district and to the Parent committee. She thanked her for her expertise and guidance during her tenure as liaison and also while working closely beside her.

II. Election of Officers: Ms. Rivo thanked the parent committee, Ms. Marte for her dedicated work, Dr. Hinds and all the other executives that attended the committee meetings. This committee has strived to be a voice and to bring about a change to help strengthen the school district. When you sit in this position you have the opportunity to work with amazing staff and members. As chair you are entrusted with a lot of vital information and that you have to relay to the committee and spread throughout the community. You have to be able to sit, listen and juggle issues in two and half hours. It has been a real privilege being your chair, but now it is time to pass the baton. She explained that last week she was invited to speak at the Council of the Great City School CGCS review with Ms. Marte and Dr. Hinds, where the school district is competing for an Award called "Excellency in Financial Management". The (CGCS) staff consisted of six Chief Financial Officers from major school districts. They were very impressed with the services that this parent committee renders and they mentioned how they knew of no other school district that had a parent committee such as ours. Thank you again for all that we have accomplished in my tenure.

Now that my tenure as chair has come to a close the floor will be opened for nominations of officers. Ms. Rivo noted that the chair and vice-chair positions can be filled by either self nomination or by someone else nominating. Also she explained that the tenure of the officers should not be one of long-term, so that it will be revolving to help keep fresh perspectives. Ms. Wollmann nominated Mr. Eddy Barea who is the vice-chair to be moved to the chair position. The committee called for a question and the nomination was unanimously accepted. The floor was then opened for vice-chair and Ms. Leslie Coller who nominated for the position, a question was called and the nomination was unanimously accepted. This is now the committee's chair, Mr. Barea and the vice-chair, Ms. Coller. Ms. Rivo then turned the meeting over to the chair, Mr. Barea.

III. Setting of FY 2011-12 Meeting Calendar: Mr. Barea thanked the committee for welcoming him as chair and Ms. Wollmann for nominating him, Ms. Rivo for her dedicated service, Dr. Hinds for providing us with important information and special thanks to Ms. Marte for all her diligent work. He told the committee that he wants them to work closely together and continue to accomplish many things especially with the legislation and payroll. As we get ready to start the meeting let us keep in mind the issues at hand that Miami-Dade County Public schools is facing. Mr. Barea opened the floor for discussion, then Ms. Marte advised him to set the meetings dates for the calendar. He then asked the committee what dates were feasible. It was explained that the meetings occurred the first Monday of each month, unless a special meeting was requested in between. The calendar dates to be voted upon were as follows: November 7th, December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, and June 4th (this date may change due to graduation ceremonies). The committee voted and the calendar dates were accepted unanimously. The time of the meetings will remain the same 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the committee unanimously accepted.

IV. Overview of Legislations and Further Issues: Dr. Hinds spoke to the committee regarding the issues that are looming for the Miami-Dade school system is as follows:

- Property taxes – Tallahassee has a forecast that Miami and Miami-Dade property taxes will go down an additional 7% for next year. This news will have a devastating effect on the Miami-Dade County schools.
- Medical Insurance – It has been indicated that it will increase next year.
- Charter Schools – Their enrollment has increased by nearly 6,000 pupils this year alone. The population of charters in the Miami-Dade school district is one of the highest across the country.
- E-RATE – The dollars that we receive from E-RATE from the state for next school year will be zero dollars. Those dollars were for the improvement of WIFI, telecommunication and for technology.
- Class size funding – The methodology that the state has in place for class size will affect the budget in a negative way.
- Title I and II classes – The state has Title I and II classes with the same regulation of the class size regulations. The regulation will have a crippling affect on the budget.

Dr. Hinds mentioned that this will be a challenging year for this committee, with the issues at hand and forthcoming. With the revenue going in the wrong way it may mean that programs may be considered for further review. The committee then spoke on some of the issues. Ms. Coller stated that we need to educate those in the school system and in the community regarding property taxes so that programs will not be considered for review. Mr. Spaulding explained that we need to get more knowledgeable about legislation issues so that we could be more advised how to handle them. Mr. Barea asked if the medical expense was going to increase by nature. The response by Dr. Hinds was yes. Also regarding the increase of population for charter schools, Ms. Marte indicated it is the third largest expense for this school district. Dr. Hinds told the committee that Dr. Blanch is very knowledgeable about the charters and we are moving in a direction to be a viable school district.

V. Review of FY 2010-11 Committee Work: Ms. Marte mentioned that the committee did an amazing work last fiscal year. She looks forward to getting things accomplished with this committee. Then the committee and Ms. Marte reviewed the motion log. Once reviewed there was a vote to move the motion log forward into census, then two motions were made as follows:

Motion #1: Move that each committee member be allowed to speak on a topic no more than two minutes twice. Also to allow guests to speak up to one minute at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller, motion passed unanimously.

Motion #2: Move that all items the committee left on the list at the end of last year be moved forward to the front of this year's list and all items left "to be considered" and those still being discussed be added back onto the list.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns, motion passed unanimously.

Items on the Recommended Proposal Platform:

- \$ per Teacher Workday (All Staff except DCSMEC who took 20%)
- Achieve a health insurance savings
- Identify Non-School Site cost cutting
- Bucket non-teaching, non-security allocations and reduce by same % as overall legislative cut
- Do PE, Art & Music thru homeroom teacher in 2nd grade
- Restructure elementary bilingual program to switch to more effective opt-in Extended Foreign Language (EFL) and BISO models
- Any non required ESE Allocations
- Eliminate early release days

VI. Issues to Consider FY 2011-12: Ms. Wollmann suggested inviting someone from the chambers or education committee to come to the table with the committee. Mr. Barea asked about getting information on funds from gambling that are used toward education funds. Mr. Kearns would like for a presentation on the charters, especially with the legislation regulations. Ms. Rivo is asking for information from Mr. Scott's area in what is in place regarding the medical insurance issues. Mr. Viscito and committee are requesting a review of the school calendar, especially the week of Thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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November 7, 2011

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

- I. 5:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions Mr. Eddy Barea, Chair
- II. 5:40 p.m. Minutes of October 3, 2011 review Mr. Eddy Barea, Chair
- III. 5:45 p.m. Review of 2010-11 Budget Recommendations Ms. Judith Marte,
Chief Budget Officer
- IV. 6:15 p.m. Legislative Update Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya
Assistant Superintendent
Intergovernmental Affair, Grants Administration and Community Engagement
- V. 6:30 p.m. Discussion Mr. Eddy Barea, Chair
 - A. Charter Schools
 - B. Marketing Plan for District
 - C. Areas of Possible Revenue Generation
 - D. Meeting with Principals
- VI. 6:45 p.m. New Business Mr. Eddy Barea, Chair
- VII. 7:30 p.m. Adjournment

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

December 5, 2011

March 5, 2012

January 9, 2012

April 2, 2012

February 6, 2012

May 7, 2012

June 4, 2012

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Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Kairalla, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Darla March, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Rose Painson, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Karen Rivo

Members Absent: Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Dr. Richard Hinds, Dr. Helen Blanch, Ms. Judith Marte, Mr. Bob Strickland, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests. He asked the members to introduce themselves. He gave a special welcome to the newest members Ms. Rose Painson and Ms. Susan Kairalla. He then stated that this will be a challenging year ahead for us. To ensure an orderly and productive meeting there were proposed regulations and accepted by the group: 1) that each committee member is allowed to speak on a topic no more than two minutes twice and 2) to allow guests to speak up to one minute at the beginning of the meeting.

II. Minutes: The minutes of October 3, 2011 were accepted into the records a motion was made and seconded for the minutes to be filed.

III. Review of 2010-11 Budget Recommendations and 2011-12 Review: Ms. Marte mentioned that she and the chair were discussing the issues at hand. Ms. Marte told the committee that Dr. Hinds has prepared a color coded handout to help cover those issues and hopefully the handout could be used as an advocacy tool to help get the issues at hand spread.

Dr. Hinds started with a statement "Someone once said that the past is a prelude of the future". Well unfortunately this is very true with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). As we go through and review the handout you will see the breakdown for the past five years. The first sheet gave detail of "The Recent History of Selected Revenue Sources" and the second sheet detailed "A Look Ahead: 2012-13 Budget". The first sheet had the five year breakdown starting with 2007-08 as the baseline when our total budget was \$6 billion and with over \$270 million in Capital. The next following years the budget started decreasing and as of today has decreased by nearly \$2 billion dollars. As for the capital dollars there will be a decrease from \$270 million to \$120 million for next year and those funds are used for projects for the rehabilitation of older schools and the upgrade of schools. The Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for the Stabilization funds of \$132 million and the Education Jobs Bill funds of \$73 million that was strong in 2009, 2010, and 2011 have come and gone. The property values in Miami-Dade have dropped by 40% and continue to drop. The history of education funding for Miami-Dade in particular in the State of Florida has been one cut back after another for the past several years. As you can see we are weathering the affects of state revenue declines.

Dr. Hinds continued to the second sheet "Look Ahead to 2012-13 Budget", and stated that the budget does not look very promising. This sheet is split into two sections revenue and appropriations. The revenue column shows that it is projected to be down because of these factors: public education revenue will decrease; local property taxes required local effort is going to drop; Jobs Bill funds are gone; and capital funds have decreased because of a 7% drop in the local property tax roll and the maintenance transfer will drop by \$29 million dollars. In the appropriation column these factors are looming: Florida Retirement System contribution will be changing; Medical Insurance will more likely have increases over the next couple years; and the affect of the charter schools increase in students.

Ms. Marte told the committee as the legislation session develops, we will share with you what we believe to be the issues at hand. Ms. Marte acknowledged the concern the committee had regarding what we had on the table for Art, Music, and World Languages that were taken off the priority list at the eleventh hour. They were taken off due to the legislature passing a bill and M-DCPS picked up \$21 million dollars through the Value Adjustment Board, therefore there was no reduction that occurred in those programs. So we will keep you updated. Ms. Marte then handed out a list showing the "Summary of Accepted Recommendations". This is what the committee had recommended for last year totaling \$40.5 million dollars of cost savings. After a brief review, the floor was then opened for questions and comments. Ms. Cohen asked what will be the projected increase for the medical insurance for 2012 will it be about \$65 million, Dr. Hinds replied yes. At what percentage will it be at, Dr. Hinds replied around 20%. Mr. Viscito asked based on what we are about to face for next year do we anticipate or foresee a mid-year budget adjustment this year to increase next year budget? Ms. Marte responded that the budget office with the direction of Dr. Hinds do a mid-year resolution in February identifying the favorable and unfavorable variances. If you want you can put this question into a motion for further review. As result this motion was created as follow:

Motion #1: For the Budget Office to consider a Mid-Year Budget Adjustment to boost Reserves in anticipation of significant 2012-13 budget shortfalls.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann, motion passed, those opposed were Ms. Kelli Cohen, Mr. Don Kearns and Ms. Jennifer Wollmann.

IV. Charter School Review: Dr. Blanch stated that her discussion on charters will be pretty simple. When the first twenty charter schools opened years ago there was no urgency because Miami-Dade was growing at a rate of 10,000 students per year, there were enough students to share between the two. Now there are 109 charter schools in operation and the guidelines that Tallahassee has in place for charter schools has created a not so fair playing field between the traditional public schools and charter schools. Here are some of those issues which affect budget:

- Class Size – Charters can meet classroom class size across the school; whereas M-DCPS has to meet class size per classroom. This factor is a cost saving for charters and major multi-million dollars deficit cost for M-DCPS.
- Labor Contracts – Charters do not have any; whereas M-DCPS have several labor contracts.
- Pension Plans – Charters do not pay into; whereas M-DCPS does pay into pension plan.
- Capital Outlay dollars – Charters receive dollars in capital outlay; whereas M-DCPS receives no funding. These dollars are necessary for the renovation and upgrade of schools and buildings.
- Textbooks- Charters are not required to use; whereas public schools are required.
- Certification – Charters are not required to have certified teachers; whereas we are required.

These are some of the guidelines difference that can cause mayhem on the budget. We are advocating these matters in Tallahassee, Ms. Mendez-Cartaya is our liaison. We just want the guidelines to be fair and equal for every educational institution across the board. Mr. Strickland then handed out a package illustrating varies programs at the individual M-DCPS magnet schools called "It's Your Choice". He mentioned they have been working with the magnet schools to give them a laundry list of things to help promote their programs throughout and the results have been very productive.

The floor was then opened for questions and comments. Ms. Collier asked what are we doing to compete with the charters, Dr. Blanch replied one way we are competing is marketing each school

individual programs throughout the county. Another way is by promoting cliental service in which each individual school along with the Principal advertises their program(s). Mr. Gebara stated cliental service is very important in marketing; you must be able to draw your custom to you to be able to show them what you can offer. Ms. Kairalla suggested that getting volunteers to come and help out with the cliental service is always an excellent option; this is a no cost to the district. After the questions and comments were completed, Mr. Barea thanked Dr. Blanch and Mr. Strickland for coming and speaking to the committee. Before they left Mr. Barea asked Dr. Blanch regarding the study that was in progress on understanding why students were migrating to charter schools, after they received the quote on the study to please inform the committee. This would be the first study the district has done on students migrating to charter schools.

V. New Business: Ms. Marte stated that the Cabinet Budget Committee had their first meeting and are putting things on the board. One thing they did was the three categories Compensations, Program and Transportation; they grouped into these categories, Programs, Business Practices and Revenue, in which this committee could mirror them. Ms. Cohen said yes this would be an excellent idea to mirror those categories, Mr. Kearns seconded and the committee accepted this unanimously. Ms. Marte then explained that the Legislation Session will be occurring early and we need to make progress with the recommendation list. As a result these motions were made as follows:

Motion #2: To have categorization of areas to mirror the Cabinet Budget Committee in the programs, business practices and revenues.

Motion made by Ms. Kelli Cohen and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns, motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3: For the Budget Office to bring back a written report on the reform and cost savings for elementary foreign languages.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller, motion passed unanimously.

Motion #4: For the Budget Office to bring back a written report on the reform and cost savings for elementary art and music.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann, motion passed unanimously.

Motion #5: For the Budget Office to bring back a written report on the reform and cost savings for transportation.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller, motion passed unanimously.

Motion #6: For the Budget Office to bring back a written report on the reform and cost savings for calendar.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann, motion passed unanimously.

Motion #7: For the Budget Office to bring back a written report on the reform and cost savings for gifted education.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns, motion passed. those opposed were Ms. Kelli Cohen and Ms. Darla March.

Motion #8: For the Budget Office to bring back a written report on the reform and cost savings for reading and math coaches.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Mr. Pablo Orta, motion passed unanimously.

Motion #9: For the Budget Office to bring back a written report on the reform and cost savings for counselors by type.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns, motion passed, those opposed were Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and Ms. Darla March.

Motion #10: Report for alternative revenue for capital improvement.

Motion made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller, motion passed unanimously.

Items on the Recommended Proposal Platform:

- \$ per Teacher Workday (All Staff except DCSMEC who took 20%)
- Achieve a health insurance savings
- Identify Non-School Site cost cutting
- Bucket non-teaching, non-security allocations and reduce by same % as overall legislative cut
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The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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December 6, 2011
5:30 p.m. – 7:30pm

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:30pm |
| II. | Approval of Minutes Nov. 7, 2011 | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:40pm |
| III. | Update on White Papers | Ms. Judith Marte | 5:45pm |
| IV. | Areas to review for FY2012-13 | Mr. Eddy Barea | 6:00pm |
| | a. Motion Log Review | | |
| | b. Some ideas (list) | | |
| | c. Items Committee wants to add | | |
| V. | Adjournment | | 7:30pm |

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Mr. Don Kearns, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Rose Painson, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Karen Rivo, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann

Members Absent: Ms. Darla March, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Marie Antenor, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

II. Minutes: The minutes of November 7, 2011 were accepted into the records a motion was made and seconded for the minutes to be filed. Ms. Marte handed out two documents regarding the ethic regulations and procedures for members who volunteer on a committee. Committee members need to review and then sign the required document for the purposes of acknowledging the regulations and procedures.

III. Update on the White Papers: Ms. Marte addressed the committee on the individual motions from the last meeting. She gave the responses from the prospective departments as follows:

- Elementary Foreign Language – Ms. Fornell and her staff are working on an analysis for the models on how to deliver Bilingual Education in a variety of ways. This analysis is not complete, a work in progress.
- Art, Music and PE – These areas are a work in progress. They are considering a model that this committee recommended to have second grade teachers render art, music and physical education.
- Transportation – Dr. Moran sent a memo addressed to Dr. Hinds in regard of the age of our fleets. Significant cost savings is the leasing of buses with deferred payments. There will be 250 buses that need to be replaced, 150 are being scheduled to be replaced in April 2012 the first lease payment starts in July 2012. The other 100 buses will be replaced in July those payments will be deferred in fiscal year 2013-2014; the buses that are being replaced are from 1998, 1999 and 2000. Also with the new buses the fuel efficiency will be a cost savings because they get 8.5 miles per gallon as opposed to the buses being replaced that only get 4 miles per gallon. Mr. Barea asked if maybe the first leasing of the 150 buses could be moved into the next year due to April being so close to the end of the school year, Ms. Marte answered we could address this to Dr. Moran. She added it maybe that the new buses have better fuel efficiency which is a cost saving that occurs right away. The breakdown of the cost saving in transportation will be given at the next meeting. Ms. Coller asked regarding the replaced buses what happens to them, Marte answered we auction them. Mr. Orta asked is those funds from auctioning of the buses ever budgeted; Ms. Marte answered that those dollars are not budgeted due to the amounts varies; they are placed in a specific account once auction is completed and revenue is recognized at that time.
- Calendar – Mr. Woodson is working on this matter and will get back with us. Ms. Coller mentioned that Ms. Perez has a copy of the calendar that UTD is voting on; Ms. Marte

responded that this calendar is being reviewed. You all have been discussing the three days for the Thanksgiving week off is being considered. Ms. Baker Hoover asked how much the savings of the three days will be; Ms. Marte answered that Mr. Woodson have the saving cost amount and will get the information sent out with the other issues.

- Gifted – There are no proposals on the table right now for gifted at this point.
- Reading and Math Counselors – This is not being discussed at this point.
- Counselors – No changes are being considered in this area.
- Capital Improvement – This issue has been publicly discussed. One way that the Superintendent has been addressing this capital improvement is with a tax swap in which he has been addressing at the Town Hall meetings. He is discussing a potential solution that the public swap a one cent penny sales tax for property tax relief, so that this would shift from homeowners who have homestead exemption to the general public including tourists. In addition to go from ½ cent to a full penny this will generate a \$7 million dollar gain.

If there be any changes or any further updates, the information will be present to you at the next meeting. Ms. Marte stated that the Governor's budget is in scheduled to be presented by tomorrow. The Governor made a statement that "he values education", we will be awaiting his budget. One way he is considering to fill in the budget hole is with a 2% increase to retirement. By January is when their budget will be finalized, we will have clearer numbers to work with.

IV. Areas to review for FY 2012-13: Ms. Marte stated we have come to the section where we start making our list of recommendations to be put on the table, remember that we have a \$200 million dollar target. Your motion log from prior years will be our guiding point. I will now read a paragraph from the "Changes to School Allocation Plan Areas to Discuss" before we get started with our list. The committee listened and then gave their recommendations as follows:

- Thanksgiving Furlough 3 days
- Parent is required to volunteer if receiving Magnet Transportation
- Eliminate a teacher planning day
- Re-evaluate dependent subsidy for health insurance
- Re-evaluate World Language Program
- Eliminate half day early release days
- Evaluate virtual education
- Other revenue generating options (advertising)
- Textbook Flexibility
- Change transportation to 2.5 miles
- Change delivery of art/music/pe at second grade
- Consolidate schools
- Make programs/services available within feeder pattern not necessarily at every school
- Bus to Boarder – student goes to closes school and gets moved where they need to go
- Differentiated teaching salary schedule based on type/certification
- Gifted centers
- Pay to participate sports/extra curricular programs
- E-books
- Shared principals (elementary to elementary)
- Expand K-8 center conversions
- Eliminate 5 teacher work days
- Review under-utilized buses
- IT services fees to others
- Lease underused schools
- Naming rights revenue
- Lab Fees – Charge lab fees for electives
- One administration for Arch Creek Elementary and No Miami Middle
- Hourly vs full time teachers
- Cost of teacher training

- Evaluate vacation/personnel and sick leave allocations
- Hire full time team to work on revenue generating
- Increase student FTE through advertising our schools
- Eliminate gifted in high school in favor of full time consultation model
- Look at revenue from ed fund and foundation
- Adopt a class

As the recommendations were being written down and discussion on them, one topic that Ms. Johnson mentioned that the Superintendent has an aggressive fundraiser to help update schools with the WIFI technology, what will be done for those schools that cannot handle the upgrade; Ms. Marte answered that this issue is already being considered; Mr. Torrens and Dr. Diaz are the lead on this. Ms. Kairalla mentioned a cost savings could be for teachers who left the system for some reason, one reason could have been for childcare, the teacher do not want to teach full time but teach part time twice or three times a week. This can be a cost savings due to the pay rate will be hourly and fringe benefits will not be applied, Ms. Marte answered this issue can be reviewed further. After much discussion on the listed recommendations Ms. Marte read the items from the "The Changes to School Allocation Plan Areas to Discuss" document to the committee, mentioning that this list is not inclusive. The committee listened and discussed the items one by one; as a result these items were accepted by the group to be added to their list as follows:

- Purchase all custodial supplies centrally
- Develop attendance incentive for staff where substitutes are required
- Reduce work year
- Reduce/renegotiate maintenance agreements
- Consolidate schools
- Consolidate alternative education centers
- Seasonal workers

Mr. Barea thanked the committee for coming and now we have a list of recommendation to work with, the next meeting it will occur on January 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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MEETING AGENDA

January 9, 2012
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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:30pm |
| II. | Approval of Minutes , Dec 6 2011 | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:40pm |
| III. | Code of Ethics Documents | | |
| IV. | Opinion from Attorney – Sunshine | Mr. Ron Steiger | 5:45pm |
| V. | Impact of Governor’s Budget | Dr. Richard Hinds | 6:00pm |
| VI. | Review of recommendations | Mr. Steiger | 6:15pm |
| VII. | Additional areas to review | Mr. Barea | 7:00pm |
| VIII. | Adjournment | Mr. Barea | 7:30pm |

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Members Excused Absent: Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Rose Painsong, Mr. Thomas Spaulding

Members Absent: Ms. Darla March, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Dr. Richard Hinds, Mr. Ron Steiger, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

II. Minutes: The minutes of December 6, 2011 were accepted into the record after an amendment was noted; a motion was made and seconded for the minutes to be filed.

III. Code of Ethics Documents: Mr. Steiger indicated that all committee members are to sign a copy of the ethic document for the purpose of acknowledging the procedures and regulations.

IV. Opinion from Attorney – Sunshine: Mr. Steiger handed out an email from Ms. Marte with her communication with the Attorney's office regarding the matter of whether this committee is subject to Florida's Sunshine Law? Their reply was "Yes". Mr. Viscito then stated that he has inquired via email whether or not this committee abides under the jurisdiction of school board policy 9140 or not; Mr. Steiger replied this will be looked into. Ms. Kairalla stated that she will inquire further from a state attorney regarding the Florida's Sunshine law abidance. Mr. Barea told her okay, but in the meantime this committee will abide by the Florida Sunshine Law as provided.

V. Impact of Governor's Budget: Mr. Steiger started the discussion reflecting on the handout that was distributed at the November 7th meeting, "A Look Ahead: The 2012-13 Budget" with the column that shows the breakdown of the State Revenue. He stated the state revenue will have a decrease about \$220 million dollars for the district. The state of Florida budget proposes a \$2 billion dollars shortfall, in which Governor Scott said that it will increase to \$3 billion to include a \$1 billion addition for Education. When and if the budget passes in the legislation, we are already looking at the pros and cons. Legislative Session starts tomorrow and Ms. Mendez-Cartaya will be there in attendance. The Governor's budget will pump about \$150 million dollars in state aid into the district. In total that means that the school district will have now a \$100 million dollars deficient, best case scenario if the budget passes. Other issues that the state has implemented these factors will increase appropriation as follows: the increase of the reading allocation, which means the school districts, will have to purchase more Reading Coaches; the School Recognition subsidy for teachers; the increase in Health Insurance which will be increasing about 18%; and the capital funding which has a \$50 million dollars shortfall. There are two factors that create the shortfall for capital, one it doesn't receive state aid and the second the decline in property taxes. Since sales tax revenue are down, we assumed that the Governor was going to cut the education budget, but he did the exact opposite in which he proposes to take it from Medicaid which is roughly \$200 million dollars. In total the district is looking at a \$100 million dollars shortfall overall.

Dr. Hinds thanked Mr. Steiger for the updates. In addition when we look at the state budget there will be an issue for health insurance, it proposes a problem of \$62 million dollars that will impact the district the second half of this fiscal year and the first half of next year. The Florida Retirement System will have a \$35 million dollars deficient, in which school districts will have to share the funding responsibility. The floor was then opened for questions and statements. Ms. Wollmann asked the district is now looking at \$100 million shortfall, instead of the \$200 million dollars which was told at the beginning of the year; Mr. Steiger replied with the best case scenario of the Governor's present budget, yes. Ms. Rivo asked what about the class size penalty; Mr. Steiger replied the penalty is \$8.6 million dollars in which the district had to submit to the state by this February and with sending it before the due date 75% percent will be sent back; our district has already submitted. Mr. Barea stated as we are aware minimum wage has been increased, will this increase affect the budget because of salaries increases; Dr. Hinds replied most of our teachers, personnel and even part-timers make for more than minimum wage and would not affect the budget.

VI. Review of Recommendations: A hand out was distributed detailing the synopsis of the committee priorities recommendations. The recommendations are divided into four categories, Compensation, Other, Program and Revenue. Mr. Steiger and the committee reviewed and discussed the four categories on the list as follows:

Compensation:

- \$ per Teacher Workday (All Staff except DESMEC who took 20%)
- Employees pay own life insurance cost
- Thanksgiving Furlough 3 days
- Eliminate a teacher planning day
- Re-evaluate dependent subsidy for health insurance
- Differentiated teaching salary schedule based on type/certification
- Eliminate 5 teacher work days
- Hourly vs full time teachers
- Evaluate vacation/personnel and sick leave allocations

Other:

- Support extending the eligibility for school bus transportation from 2.0 to 2.5 miles from home to school be added to District's State Legislative Program
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- Expand K-8 center conversions
- Review under-utilized buses
- IT services fees to others
- Lease underused schools
- One administration for Arch Creek Elementary and No Miami Middle
- Adopt a class

Program:

- Do PE, Art & Music thru homeroom teacher in 2nd grade
- Restructure Elementary Bilingual program to switch to more effective opt-in Extended Foreign Language (EFL) and BISO models
- Re-evaluate World Language Program
- Evaluate Virtual Education
- Textbook Flexibility
- Change delivery of Art/Music/PE at second grade
- Make programs/services available within feeder pattern not necessarily at every school

- Gifted centers
- E-books
- Cost of teacher training
- Eliminate gifted in high school in favor of full time consultation model

Revenue:

- Other revenue generating options (advertising)
- Naming rights revenue
- Lab Fees – Charge lab fees for electives
- Hire full time team to work on revenue generating
- Increase student FTE through advertising our schools
- Look at revenue from Ed fund and foundation Charter Schools

Ms. Collier said that these recommendations were accepted at the last meeting and should be included on the priorities recommendations list:

- Develop attendance incentive for staff where substitutes are required
- Reduce work year
- Reduce/renegotiate maintenance agreements
- Consolidate schools
- Consolidate alternative education centers
- Seasonal workers

After the review the floor was then open for questions and statements. Mr. Kearns asked for the cost to consolidate a school is a half a million; Mr. Steiger replied yes. Ms. Rivo and Ms. Collier asked how many schools are under enrolled; the reply about twenty schools. Ms. Rivo then asked if there is specify study being done to identify those particular schools that are under enrolled; the reply is yes there is a subcommittee conducting a study. Mr. Barea asked for the breakdown of the delivery of Virtual education in the schools; the reply we will prepare a presentation to be presented. Ms. Collier stated E-Books may become a cost saver, but for those students who do not have a computer or laptop at home this can cause other funding problems. Mr. Viscito stated for magnet transportation it was recommended not to eliminate magnet transporting, but centralizing the location pick-up.

VII. Additional Areas to Review: Mr. Steiger stated after the review and discussions that the main issues that this committee wants to address are adding those items to the priorities list; evaluating virtual education; evaluating hourly v full time in all areas; looking at the calendar; re-evaluating the delivery of Art/Music/PE; and bilingual education. Mr. Barea said yes we want those items and we also want more information on these: world language (white paper); study of under enrolled schools; and review on charter schools. Mr. Steiger concluded by saying that the Principals have a meeting January 23rd, any recommendations they come up with and are not on your list do you want us to update, and the consensus from the committee was yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Parent Subcommittee on District and School Budget Priorities
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
SBAB - Room 559

MEETING AGENDA

February 6, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:30p.m.

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Mr. |
| | Eddy Barea | 5:30 pm |
| II. | Approval of Minutes | Mr. Eddy |
| | Barea | 5:40 pm |
| III. | Budget Update | Ms. Judith |
| | Marte | 5:45 pm |
| IV. | Go through list to make it shorter | |
| | Ms. Judith Marte | 6:00 pm |
| V. | Presentation of Marketing of our | |
| | schools | Mr. John Schuster 6:15 pm |
| VI. | Request presentation on | |
| | a. | Calendar Dr. Marcos |
| | Moran | 6:35 pm |
| | b. | Under-enrolled schools Dr. Marcos |
| | Moran | 6:45 pm |
| | c. | Hourly Teachers vs. Salary Ms. |
| | Enid Weisman | 7:00 pm |

VII.

Adjournment

7:30pm

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

March 5, 2012

April 2, 2012

May 7, 2012

June 4, 2012

MINUTES

District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
School Board Administration Building
1450 N.E. 2 Avenue, Room 559
Miami, FL 33132

Monday, February 6, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Rose Painson, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Karen Rivo

Members Absent: Ms. Darla March, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Dr. Marcos Moran, Mr. John Schuster, Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Enid Weisman, Ms. Karen Cohn, Mr. Richard Barea, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

II. Minutes: The minutes of January 9, 2012 were accepted and a motion was made and seconded for the minutes to be filed.

III. Budget Update: Ms. Marte explained to the committee that the estimated shortfall is \$40 million dollars for General Fund. In Capital the shortfall is estimated to be \$50 million dollars. For Capital one issue that is looming, is House Bill 903. It will be catastrophic for Capital if it passes, it will force the closing of schools, we will not have the dollars to maintain them. Federal dollars are already going to Charter schools, they receive funds from Title I and they receive services from IDEA. The other federal dollars they receive through services is from Title II, if HB 903 passes, the charter schools will get cash in the future.

Our general problem is much less due to the efforts of Ms. Weisman's diligent work in curtailing the \$64 million dollars problem with the medical insurance. She was able to negotiate the major unions to agree to pick up \$28 million dollars of the cost. Mr. Barea thanked Ms. Marte for providing the updated information.

IV. Presentation of Marketing of our Schools: Mr. Schuster told the committee that marketing is a shared responsibility. That is takes the investment of all to help promote the awareness of Miami-Dade County Schools' programs, offerings and student/school achievements. We all have to be a voice in our communities by sharing vital information. What the Communication department promotes strongly is school based marketing, a promotion that is done at the school level. One particular principal in the south regional area is an advocate of promoting his school by using marketing. He goes into the community and even to the air waves via television or radio and because of his efforts the seats at his school are filled to their capacity. This is very important since charter schools are very prevalent in the south. Also, there is a Regional Superintendent who is an advocate of getting her principals to be building based marketers for their schools and it has been very successful. The district as a whole is communicating via Facebook and Twitter a multi-media method, which is cost efficient. The Superintendent has a successful Facebook page. Mr. Schuster acknowledged that Dr. Blanch came and spoke to the committee. During her discussion she showed a package detailing Magnet Schools, this technique is an excellent marketing tool that is being utilized. Mr. Viscito said we know

that the opening of charters goes through our board meetings, it would be a good idea to target those areas and advise the parents of the programs our schools offer to prevent an exodus. Mr. Barea agrees that this would be an excellent idea to promote our programs. Mr. Gebara stated that being effective in communication is important and we know that our programs offered here at M-DCPS outweigh any other, letting the communities know that it is vital. Mr. Barea then asked Mr. Schuster to give the committee an ideal budget format for marketing as to be effective in promoting our schools and be successful in retaining and gaining students. Ms. Perez inquired about Rockway Elementary being located next to Rockway Middle, what would be the cost to unite them as a K-8 school? Ms. Perez also inquired about many of the students attending Rockway Elementary do not transition to Rockway Middle, can this please be looked into. Mr. Schuster said that these two issues will be looked into and will get a response back to the committee. Ms. Marte asked if Mr. Schuster can just give all the information to her to present and the response from the Chair and committee was yes. Mr. Barea thanked Mr. Schuster for coming and sharing information on the subject matter.

V. Requested Presentation: Ms. Marte told the committee that Dr. Moran will address the topics of the calendar and under-enrolled schools. Ms. Weisman will address the topic of the hourly teachers vs. salary.

- Calendar – Dr. Moran told the committee your recommendation of the three days for the Thanksgiving week being off, is also on all the committees' list. This is being reviewed because there is a potential cost savings. Mr. Barea said we are very interested in revamping the calendar, especially with this recommendation. Dr. Moran stated that the three days off would be a contractual issue with the unions and needs to be addressed, with that being said it is being taken into consideration. Ms. Wollmann stated that revamping the calendar for the consideration of teacher's planning days and early release days needs to occur. For this month children had two teacher's planning days and one early release day, we are only in the second week of this month. Ms. Wollmann expressed concern because of the instructional days children are receiving. Dr. Moran stated that the calendar is compiled together with three counties, so revamping the school calendar would take the effort of the three counties. Our school calendar has the least amount of teacher's planning days out of the counties. Dr. Moran asked Ms. Cohn to please expand more on this subject. Ms. Cohn said that this is correct that we have the least amount of days out of school. By union contract, our calendar has to have ten teacher's planning days. The teachers use these days for meeting with parents, preparing the grade book, and planning daily curriculum. Also, three of those ten teacher's planning days are at the end of the school year to keep from interfering with instructional days. It is refreshing to hear parents stating that they want more instructional days, Ms. Cohn office often receives calls that they want more days off for their children. Dr. Moran stated that the timeframe for Ms. Cohn and staff to complete the calendar is very limited. After collaborating with the other counties, considering the contractual commitments and the preparation itself leaves very little time for preparing. With this being said our calendar is on the table for review and your suggestions of the teacher's planning days, early release, and all the other matter will be taken in consideration. Ms. Marte emphasized that Dr. Moran has done excellent work with the revamping of the school buses schedule doing much more with less. Revamping of the calendar will be done with efficiency. Mr. Barea thanked Dr. Moran and Ms. Cohn for coming and discussing this topic, now as we move forward Dr. Moran will be discussing our next topic under-enrolled schools.
- Under-enrolled schools – Dr. Moran explained to the committee that last week they met with the Superintendent to again review the under-enrolled schools. Several options were presented to address the under-enrolled schools; in return the options would generate cost savings. One option was combining certain schools. Another option was closing certain schools, which is a complicated matter and needs to be handled with care and sensitivity. One example in the south there was a population explosion; schools were built to accommodate this growth spurt. When Hurricane Andrew came and destroyed the entire infrastructure there, it resulted in a population decrease, resulting in under-enrolled schools. We tried in the past closing certain schools and it became very complicated; we do not want to repeat this. To note that once a

school is closed it opens the doors for charters to come and take ownership and we maintain the building. Another option would be to convert the school into a K-8 center and also bring in effective programs to draw students. Mr. Barea asked that this matter be put on the table to enable the committee to get a projected budgeted dollar amount. Ms. Marte responded for every school that we close is \$500,000 on average in administrative overhead. Mr. Spaulding stated that he agrees with Dr. Moran that closing a school needs to be done with care and sensitivity. Mr. Barea again thanked Dr. Moran for coming and presenting on the two topics.

- Hourly Teachers vs. Salary – Ms. Marte explained that she and Ms. Weisman will address together questions at the end of her discussion. Ms. Weisman stated your recommendation of hourly teachers vs. salary teachers is for good discussion. To have hourly teachers in a core class is not very practical. In core classes you would want a permanent “Highly Qualified Teacher”. Almost all teachers work 5 hours a day which fits in the criteria of a full-time employee. Hiring an hourly teacher in the electives is practical. For example a dance class, it is more probable to hire an hourly teacher to accommodate the class. Mr. Barea, yes we want “Highly Qualified Teachers”, hopefully hiring hourly teachers can be qualified and as well create a cost savings. Ms. Marte said this committee had talked about hourly positions in more areas other than teaching. Ms. Marte said that when a full-time custodian or paraprofessional retires, we convert that position into part-time positions to make it feasible to accommodate the work flow creating a cost saving. Ms. Weisman stated that principals have asked if they could hire hourly wherever they can and we replied “Yes” wherever it is probable to do so. An example of a school that accommodates more hourly teachers is Coral Reef. Also, it important to say that to ask a principal to build its schedule on hourly teachers is not practical as well; there need to be some format of stability. Mr. Viscito asked can this be a budgeted item to state hourly vs. full-time employee on the payroll. The response from Ms. Weisman was we may be able to do this, Ms. Marte answered when we go through the list next week we will review this. Mr. Barea thanked Ms. Weisman for coming and discussing with the committee on this particular topic. Mr. Barea said for the next meeting we will cover the items on this agenda that we did not review.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Parent Subcommittee on District and School Budget Priorities
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
SBAB - Room 559**

MEETING AGENDA

March 5, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:30 p.m. |
| II. | Approval of Minutes, February 6, 2012 | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:40 p.m. |
| III. | Code of Ethics Documents (FINAL) | Ms. Judith Marte | 5:50 p.m. |
| IV. | Update on Legislative Session | | 6:00 p.m. |
| V. | Review of recommendations | | |
| VI. | Work of Principal Committee | | |
| VII. | Additional areas to review | Mr. Eddy Barea | 7:00 p.m. |
| VIII. | Adjournment | Mr. Eddy Barea | 7:30 p.m. |

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

April 2, 2012
May 7, 2012
June 4, 2012

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District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
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Monday, March 5, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Darla March, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Rose Painsion, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Karen Rivo Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Jacqueline Perez

Members Absent: Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. and welcomed all members.

II. Minutes: The minutes of February 6, 2012 a motion was made, seconded and accepted for the minutes to be filed.

III. Codes of Ethics Documents: Ms. Marte explained to the committee that each member that sits on a committee must sign the Codes of Ethic documentation. Many of you have already signed and for those who have not to please do so by tonight.

IV. Update of Legislative Session: Ms. Marte told the committee that the legislative session is coming to a close. The shortfall the district is now looking at is \$80 million dollars \$40 million in the general fund and \$40 million in capital. Afterward, a document was handed out entitled "Transmittal of Budget Calendar FY 2012-2013" that highlights key events and calendar dates for the monthly school board meetings, committee meetings, budgetary activities and availability of data. For the month of May the budget office will submit spring resolutions and in July the tentative budget. Secondly a document was handed out detailing the "House vs. Senate Budget Comparison" on page one and "FY 2012-2013 Appropriation Issues" on page two. Ms. Marte explained page one detailing the district standing as of today with the House vs. Senate budget, it gives an understanding of the legislative budget. The House, Senate and the Governor's budget compared with the third calculation from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) that was adopted at the February 15th school board meeting. The FLDOE made an adjustment to our FTE numbers; they prorated our monies because it was less than what they expected it to be keeping \$40 million dollars of funds districts were supposed to have received. Looking at this comparison it shows million of dollars are based on more children. Next year we are expecting about 4,884 more children in Miami. The House and the Senate have given on average \$125 million toward Base Student Allocation (BSA), a little more toward District Cost Differential (DCD) and state funding went up for next year. As for local funding for Miami, it has declined due to the property taxes that continue to decrease about ~\$63.4 million, thankfully the state did step up and help replace some of those monies that we lost locally, and they also replaced the Jobs Bills monies that sunset last year. The total funding for Miami was \$85.9 million, with the adjustment of the new FTE ~\$31.00 million, the adjustment for the McKay and adjustment for prior year of ~\$43.1 million, leaving a balance of \$12 million dollars. Now that the Senate has accepted the House budget and the district is looking at to receive zero dollars. Ms. Coller asked about the 4,000 new students that will be coming to

Miami next year, is that what will be going to charter schools, response yes about 6,000. Ms. Coller then asked of the children the legislature is estimating for the population growth using the demographics to estimate the numbers and what method did they use, the response was they based their numbers from the revenue estimated conference formula which was held in November. They prorate for each population growth based on this calculation for each district. Ms. Marte stated that the shortfall in maintenance and capital is now at \$34.5 million dollars. We saved programs in FY 2011-2012 with the pupil protection funds, a non-reoccurring fund. At the end of the last year we had a favorable end of year fund balance of \$15 million dollars, a variance savings to help balance this year's budget. In capital based on revenue there is a high level of debt service in projects, we may have to look at moving some expenditures, like property insurance into the general fund. We are in the midst of reviewing projects in capital that have been carried forward to check their status. Right now interest rates are very good. Mr. Viscito asked for the recommendation this committee had for the \$30 million health insurance to help compensate toward the shortfall, we cannot anticipate for next year budget, the response was correct because it was resolved in this budget's year budget, all to the contribution from the unions of \$35 million and what the board is also contributing. The chair, Mr. Barea thanked Ms. Marte for the legislative updates.

V. Review of Recommendations: Ms. Marte provided an excel sheet with the recommendations the committee had proffered to date. Mr. Viscito proposed a process to review and prioritize the items and that process was agreed to. The chair asked Ms. Marte to read the items from the list and the committee would move to either 1.) rank it as a high priority, 2.) rank it as a low priority or 3.) remove the item from the list. It was agreed that individual items would not be discussed at this point. Following is the result of the ranking:

Item: \$per teacher workday (All staff except DESMEC who took 20%). (Value \$44M) Motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Alice Mensch Raval to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Employees pay own life insurance cost. (Value \$2.9M) Motion was made by Mr. Don Kearns and seconded by Mr. Joseph Gebara to remove this item from the list. Motion passed with Ms. Darla March opposed.

Item: Thanksgiving furlough 3 days. (Value \$24M) Motion was made by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Eliminate a teacher planning day. (Value \$8M) Motion was made by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and seconded by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Re-evaluate dependent subsidy for health insurance. (Value not determined) Motion was made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Ms. Darla March to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Differentiated teaching salary schedule based on type/certification. (Value not determined) Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Mr. Pablo Orta to keep this on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Eliminate 5 teacher workdays. (Value \$40M) Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passes with Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval and Mr. Thomas Spaulding opposed.

Item: Hourly versus full time teachers. Motion was made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Mr. Charles Viscito to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Evaluate vacation/personal and sick leave allocations. Motion was made by Mr. Charles

Viscito and seconded by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed with Ms. Leslie Coller, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Karen Rivo and Mr. Pablo Orta opposed.

Item: Support extending the eligibility for school bus transportation from 2.0 to 2.5 miles from home to school is added to the District's Legislative Program. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Darla March to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Parent required to volunteer if their child receives Magnet Transportation. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Eliminate half day early release days. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Mr. Thomas Spaulding to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Consolidate schools. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed with Mr. Charles Viscito and Mr. Thomas Spaulding opposed.

Item: Bus to Boarder – student goes to closest school and gets moved where they need to go. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Mr. Charles Viscito to keep this on the list as a lower priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Pay to participate sports/extra curricular programs. Motion made by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Shared principals. Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Expand K-8 conversions. Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Mr. Charles Viscito to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Review under-utilized buses. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: IT service fees. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns to remove this item from the list. Motion passed with Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover against.

Item: Lease underused buses. Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Darla March to keep this item on the list as a low priority. Motion passed with Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and Ms. Alice Mensch Raval opposed.

Item: One administrator for Arch Creek Elementary and No. Miami Middle. Motion made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to remove this item from the list. Motion passed with Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover opposed.

Item: Adopt a class. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Ms. Darla March to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Do PE, Art & Music through homeroom teacher in second grade. Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume to keep this item on the list as a high priority. Motion passed with Ms. Jennifer Wollmann, Ms. Darla March and Ms. Alice Mensch Raval opposed.

Item: Restructure elementary bilingual program to switch to more effective opt-in extended foreign language (EFL) and BISO models. Motion made by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to keep this item on the list as a high priority. Motion passed with Mr. Pablo Orta opposed.

Item: Re-evaluate entire World Language program. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla to keep this item on the list as a high priority. Motion passed with Ms. Darla March, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Michelle Johnson and Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover opposed.

Item: Evaluate virtual education. Motion made by Mr. Don Kearns and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume to keep this item on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Textbook Flexibility/E-Books. Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Ms. Alice Mensch Raval to keep this item on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Change delivery of art/music/PE. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Darla March to keep this item on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Make programs/services available within feeder pattern not necessarily at every school. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Darla March to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Gifted Centers. Motion made by Ms. Alice Mensch Raval and seconded by Ms. Michelle Johnson to remove this item from list. Motion passed with Ms. Darla March and Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover opposed.

Item: E-Books. Motion made by Mr. Pablo Orta and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume to remove this item from the list and add the phase E-books in the textbook/flexibility savings. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Cost of teacher training. Motion made by Mr. Thomas Spaulding and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Eliminate gifted in high school in favor of full time consultation model. Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to keep this item on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Other revenue generating options (advertising). Motion made by Mr. Eddy Barea and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns to keep this item on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Naming rights revenue. Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to keep this item on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Hire full time team to work on revenue generating. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Ms. Darla March to keep this item on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Increase student FTE through advertising our schools. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Mr. Thomas Spaulding to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Look at revenue from the ed fund and foundation. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: District managed charter schools. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to keep this on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Develop attendance incentive for staff where substitutes are required. Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Mr. Pablo Orta to keep this on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Reduce work year. Motion made by Ms. Leslie Coller and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to remove this item from the list. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Reduce/renegeotiate maintenance agreements. Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume to keep this item on the list as a high priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Consolidate alternative education centers. Motion made by Mr. Eddy Barea and seconded by Mr. Thomas Spaulding to keep this item on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

Item: Seasonal Workers. Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to keep this item on the list as a low priority. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Principal Committee Work: Ms. Marte asked the committee at the next meeting for the principals' recommendations to be presented and reviewed. Ms. Karen Rivo made a motioned that the principal' recommendations be presented and reviewed at the next meeting, it was seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller, after discussion was made the motion was amended to reflect "Will review all the committees' recommendations without specifications of whom recommended", the vote was made and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Parent Subcommittee on District and School Budget Priorities
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
SBAB - Room 559**

MEETING AGENDA

April 2, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:30pm

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:30pm |
| II. | Approval of Minutes , March 5, 2012 | Mr. Eddy Barea | 5:40pm |
| III. | Final Budget results from session | Dr. Richard Hinds | 5:50pm |
| IV. | Review list of items – other committees | Ms. Judith Marte | 6:15pm |
| V. | Review of recommendations | Mr. Eddy Barea | 7:00pm |
| VI. | Additional Meeting Discussion | Mr. Eddy Barea | 7:15pm |
| VII. | Adjournment | Mr. Eddy Barea | 7:30pm |

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

May 7, 2012
June 4, 2012

MINUTES

District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
School Board Administration Building
1450 N.E. 2 Avenue, Room 559
Miami, FL 33132

Monday, April 2, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Darla March, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Rose Painson, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Karen Rivo, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann.

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Leslie Coller

Members Absent: Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Dr. Richard Hinds, Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Viviana Jordan, Mr. Wilbur Hoover, Ms. Arlene Martinez, Ms. Susie Castillo, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Mr. Chris Miles, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. and welcomed all members.

II. Minutes: The minutes of March 5, 2012, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Final Budget results from Session: Dr. Hinds stated there is good and bad news to report. The good news is that revenues have increased, the bad news is that it is replacing other revenues that have already been in the budget. To guide you in the discussion, Dr. Hinds distributed a document entitled "General Fund 2012-12 Balancing" to give a picture of the general fund revenue and expenditures. The highlights of the document are:

- uFTE – The measure of unweighted full time equivalent (FTE) students. The state is projecting an increase of 4,000 students to the district; 6,000 will be going to charters, decreasing the traditional schools by 2,000. In translation this is revenue coming in the front door and out the back door.
- Base Student Allocation (BSA) – The gross state dollar allocation per FTE student. The state funding for this is slightly up. The reason for this is over the last couple years the school systems received stimulus funds from the American Recovery Reinstatement Act (ARRA) of \$250 million dollars and from the Jobs Bill of \$75 million dollars which were non-recurring funds. These two funding sources equal \$325 million dollars which were used to cover jobs, recurring expenditures. These two stimulus funds have sunset.
- Property Tax – Over the last couple years property tax monies have decreased by 3% due to the decline of property value. This giant housing bubble has collapsed over the last couple years. The state of Florida has the second highest foreclosure rate in the nation, though there will be recovery, it going to be slow progress.
- Prior Year Adjustment – Several years ago the state, especially in Miami had the highest commercial properties appeal for their assessments. This means they did not have to pay their property taxes until the appeal was resolved. There were over 100,000 appeals alone in Miami-Dade County, the effect of this was devastating to the school district and that homeowners had to pay higher property taxes. Change had to come; thanks to assistance of Representative Logan the rule for appealing property tax assessment was amended. Now

when appealing property assessment the property owner has to pay 75% of the taxes or their appeal will not be heard. The prior year adjustment revenue is down by \$10 million.

- Fund Balance – This is monies that are left over from ending balance from the prior year and is forwarded to the next year beginning balance. Next year the district is starting the fund balance with \$80 million dollars shortfall. That consists of two revenues Jobs Bill and a reserve that was formed to prevent the cutting of jobs, these two revenues have sunset.
- Capital Outlay transfers – Monies used to pay maintenance, property insurance, and construction overhead from property taxes. We had to reduce some of the capital outlay by moving capital budget to the operating budget by \$15 million dollars.
- McKay Scholarships – This program provides Florida students with special needs the opportunity to attend a participating private school or public school choice. For those students that are going to the private schools their funding at budget adoption is revenue, but during the mid-year it flips to become expenditures. That flip has caused a reduction in funding of \$32 million dollars.
- Medical Insurance – Money was spent to cover the self-insurance increase this year. There is no additional change at this point.
- Charter Schools – With 6,000 students going to charter schools next year, it's going to drain the district by \$31 million dollars more. Most of the charters in Miami Dade County are maintained by one company called Academica. Academica pulls in according to study about \$100 million dollars to run all kinds of charter schools. These companies influence in Miami and in Tallahassee is strong. In Miami-Dade County there are about 49 thousand children enrolled in charters.

Dr. Hinds mentioned with all this being said, we are working on solutions, this committee is working on solutions, the principals are working on solutions, the Cabinet is working on solutions and together we will derive an answer. Next month hopefully there will be a workshop addressing the problem and the solutions to the \$85 million. Dr. Hinds then commended the committee for their diligent work that was appreciated not only by him, but by the district. Now we open the floor for questions and statements. Mr. Viscito asked what can we say to the public when they ask us about the \$85 million dollars shortfall, when they see that FTE have gone up. Response by Dr. Hinds: that the monies went to cover losses due to non-recurring revenue that was generated from ARRA, Jobs Bill, the decline of property tax and the shift of capital outlay. Ms. Marte also reiterated that the McKay scholarship is part of the equation, it deflated the state funding. Ms. Mensch Raval asked about the magnet programs how do they compare with the charters; response by Dr. Hinds they compare very well, as well as other excellent programs this school district offers. Mr. Barea stated these programs is the power to bring our children back, therefore increasing revenue through generating FTE, this is the way to go. Ms. March asked regarding the projects in capital that are going over to the general fund, what are we doing to address this; response by Ms. Marte the \$15 million that this committee recommended to put back projects back into the general fund, as well as the other committees recommending, for example property insurance back. This would allow capital dollars to be used toward maintaining our schools by our workforce, in providing a safe working environment. Ms. Marte said as we move forward on the agenda, Dr. Hinds has given us a task to work with.

IV. Review List of Items for Committees: The Committee began deliberation of several items of budget reductions and efficiencies they wanted to offer for the Superintendent's review and recommendation to the School Board. The Following items resulted in actions being taken. The items are as follows:

- Raise the teacher ratio by requiring virtual school as part of the school day: Gr. 6-8 (Savings \$9,419,693) Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to support this item. Motion passed with Ms. Kelli Cohen and Mr. Charles Viscito opposed. Committee requested a "White Paper" explaining implementation of this recommendation.
- Raise the teacher ratio by meeting state-mandated virtual school school requirements in 9-12 (one class during four years) (Savings \$9,148,734) Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to support this item. Motion passed with Ms. Kelli Cohen and Mr. Charles Viscito opposed. Committee requested a "White Paper" explaining implementation of this recommendation.

- Attendance incentive for staff. (Savings \$2,752,053) Motion mad by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Change VPK Model. (Savings \$2,000,000). Motion made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Charge VPK to Head Start Contract. (Savings \$5,000,000). Motion made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Consolidate schools. (Savings \$1,500,000). Motion made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Mr. Thomas Spaulding to support this item. Motion passed with Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval and Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla opposed.
- Reduction of paraprofessional positions. (Savings \$2,852,253). Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded to Ms. Alice Mensch Raval to support this item. Motion passed with Mr. Pablo Orta opposed.
- RIF Certification issues. (Savings \$2,067,510). Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Central Office, Regions, Police. (Savings \$5,000,000). Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed with Ms. Darla March, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and Ms. Kelli Cohen opposed.
- Art, Music & PE done by homeroom teacher in 2nd grade classroom. (Savings \$12,656,145). Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Michelle Johnson to support this item. Motion passed with Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Rose Painson and Mr. Joseph Gebara opposed.
- Restructure Elementary World Language Program. Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Furlough: 3-day Thanksgiving Week – Teachers keep pay. (Savings \$6,374,377). Motion made by Mr. Joseph Gebara and seconded by Ms. Alice Mensch Raval to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Convert regular custodians to 11 month employees and Head and Lead Custodians to 11.5 months. (Savings \$4,477,183). Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Darla March to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Eliminate Teacher Workdays for Security Monitors and paraprofessionals. (Savings 3,500,000). Motion made by Ms. Jacqueline Perez and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Reduce Workforce Development equal to funding cut. (Savings \$2,100,000). Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Levy maximum allowable millage. (Revenue generated \$31,378,471). Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to support this item. Motion fails with Ms. Jennifer Wollmann, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Thomas Spaulding and Mr. Joseph Gebara opposed.
- Develop an MDCPS recognition program for FTE retention. (Revenue generated \$500,000). Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Increase after school programs at VPK centers. Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Expand VPK to accept all students in feeder pattern. Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.
- Create incentive program for principals to save on supplies. Motion made by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to support this item. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Additional Meeting Discussion: Mr. Barea asked the committee due to matters at hand, we will have a meeting in two weeks, and the committee voted “Yes”, on Monday April 16th, there will be a committee meeting. Mr. Gebara asked since recommendations were on the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten could we have a representative come and speak about the program, Ms. Marte answered we will ask for a representative to come and speak at the next meeting. Next meeting by consensus will run from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Parent Subcommittee on District and School Budget Priorities
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
SBAB - Room 559**

MEETING AGENDA

April 16, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

I.	Welcome and Introductions	Mr. Eddy Barea	5:30pm
II.	Approval of Minutes , April 2, 2012	Mr. Eddy Barea	5:40pm
III.	Video	Mr. Eddy Barea	5:45pm
IV.	Q and A – Virtual	Dr. Silvia Diaz	6:00pm
V.	Q and A – VPK	Dr. Magaly Abrahante	6:20pm
VI.	Review of recommendations	Mr. Eddy Barea	6:40pm
VII.	Adjournment	Mr. Eddy Barea	8:00pm

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

May 7, 2012
June 4, 2012

MINUTES

District and School Budget Priorities Parent Advisory Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
School Board Administration Building
1450 N.E. 2 Avenue, Room 559
Miami, FL 33132

Monday, April 16, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Ms. Darla March, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Karen Rivo, Mr. Thomas Spaulding, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann.

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Mr. Don Kearns

Members Absent: Ms. Rose Painson, Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Ms. Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Dr. Magaly Abrahante, Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Sylvia Diaz, Dr. Marisol Elias Miranda, Ms. Viviana Jordan, Mr. Chris Miles, Ms. Arlene Martinez, Ms. Aster Mohamed.

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed all members.

II. Minutes: Motion was made by Ms. Karen Rivo and seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Perez to approve the minutes as revised. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Video: Committee chair Mr. Eddy Barea showed a video called the "Marshmallow Video" with the group and asked the committee to continue to work as a team.

IV. Questions and Answers on Virtual School: Dr. Silvia Diaz gave a presentation on virtual classes. Dr. Diaz indicated each school had some opportunity to do virtual education differently and to best meet the school's needs. Some schools opted to offer a course only through virtual and other schools offered the same course on line and in a traditional classroom setting. Dr. Diaz shared some statistics with the group:

- 7,000 courses (1/2 credit) were completed in SY 10-11
- 8,000 courses (1/2 credit) were completed in SY 11-12
- 8,000 courses (1/2 credit) were in progress in SY 11-12

Dr. Diaz indicated that Florida virtual offers a lot more electives now than at the start of virtual education and they are still adding.

Mr. Charles Viscito expressed concern about children being forced to take core courses on line because of class size. Mr. Viscito pulled offerings from the net from Florida Virtual and shared them with the committee.

Question from Mr. Viscito: "What is the procedure for middle school virtual?"

Answer from Dr. Diaz: "We ask principals to have students opted-in."

Mr. Viscito asked a question about technology infrastructure. Dr. Diaz indicated that middle schools have labs.

Question from Ms. Darla March: Parents are concerned with Non-Title I/ Non-Magnet schools making class size. She feels this will make it harder and impact those schools tremendously.

Answer from Dr. Diaz: We have a few options, virtual physical education helps with class size flexibility

and not allowing core pre-requisites or World Languages classes.

Question from Ms. Karen Rivo: Doesn't Florida Virtual benefit the district by using them?

Answer Dr. Diaz: Yes, we are collaborating with them to add more classes.

Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla commented that "One size doesn't fit all. It's new. In a perfect world we could match each course to each child. Right now exposure to virtual is good but not as a way to get fewer teachers into classrooms."

Mr. Eddy Barea said the budget reduction for virtual in high school is \$9M and \$9M in middle schools. Chair felt that Dr. Diaz needed to bring the message to administration that middle school virtual needs to be handled carefully. Committee wished to reconsider vote on virtual and split vote into two motions. One for High school and one for middle school.

A motion to reconsider previous motion was made by Ms. Karen Rivo and seconded by Ms. Darla March. Motion to reconsider passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to support the virtual education recommendation for high schools. After questions and discussion, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo to support middle schools virtual classes for electives only. After questions and discussion, motion was amended to add core classes when a student opted-in. Motion as amended, passed with Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Darla March and Mr. Joseph Gebara opposed.

V. Questions and Answers on Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten: Dr. Magaly C. Abrahante spoke to the committee at their request about VPK. Dr. Abrahante discussed the funding history of the program since the early 1980's and informed the group that currently the funding for each FTE is \$2,407 from Title I. The program is voluntary and is offered to all parents not just through Title I. There is also a fee supported program where parents pay \$60 per week for a full day. In this case, most children do not stay.

Mr. Pablo Orta asked about the return on investment. Dr. Abrahante indicated that investing in education in the early years had the most impact on learning and a positive impact on graduation rates. Ms. Darla March asked if lifting the boundaries restriction would help increase enrollment at under-enrolled schools. Secondly, Ms. March asked if it is true that with the internal process for certification of eligibility, there is no guarantee that a student can enroll. "Can we change process so we do it the same as private providers?" Dr. Abrahante responded that we cannot except outside of boundary students in VPK by law. In response to second question, we hold lotteries once eligibility is verified. Some schools hold 2 lotteries based on space availability. Private providers do not hold lotteries, they don't have to justify to the Federal Government what they do. Ms. Alice Mensch Raval expressed concern that charter schools will continue to attract students in VPK and they will staff in charter schools because of the way we have the enrollment set up. Mr. Joseph Gebara said we have Title I laws we need to follow. Ms. Mensch Raval said the District needs to better educate the community and this will help. Mr. Barea asked Dr. Abrahante how we become more competitive. Making sure community knows how much better our program is, daycares have para-professionals and we have teachers. A discussion about holding double sessions for VPK took place with Ms. Kairalla, Mr. Spaulding and Ms. Wollmann weighing in.

Motion was made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann to explore the feasibility to double sessions for VPK. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair thanked Dr. Abrahante and her staff for their presentation.

VI. Review of Recommendations: The committee reviewed their current proposal list and then afterward began a discussion of additional items to consider in budget balancing. This discussion will continue at the next committee meeting scheduled for May 7, 2012, Room 559 at 5:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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MEETING AGENDA

May 7, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

I.	Welcome and Introductions	Mr. Eddy Barea	5:30pm
II.	Minutes from April 23, 2012	Mr. Eddy Barea	5:40pm
III.	Discussion World Language	Ms. Millie Fornell	5:45pm
IV.	Proposals	Group	6:20pm
V.	Next Meeting	Mr. Eddy Barea	7:10pm
VI.	Adjournment	Mr. Eddy Barea	7:25pm

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

June 4, 2012

MINUTES

**District and School Budget Priorities Parent Subcommittee
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Miami, FL 33132**

Monday, May 7, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Leslie Coller, Ms. Isabelle Exume, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Darla March, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Rose Painson, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Karen Rivo, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann.

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Mr. Thomas Spaulding,

Members Absent: Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

Others Present: Ms. Millie Fornell, Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Viviana Jordan, Ms. Arlene Martinez,, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Sharon Watson, Ms. Angela Jones

I. Welcome, Introductions: Eddy Barea, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., welcoming all members and guests. The chair asked for a brief introduction of all members and guests.

II. Minutes: The minutes of April 16, 2012, will be presented at a later meeting.

III. Discussion on World Language: Ms. Fornell told the committee we have heard your request to review Elementary World Language program to switch to more effective opt-in Extended Foreign Language (EFL) and BISO models". We agree the EFL and BISO models are better but, how can we make this happen effectively and to take in consideration all the many variables at hand. We proposed and presented the recommendation along with this question to the Principals' committee at their last meeting. After discussion we came up with a couple of models that will be piloted next year starting with grades kindergarten and first. There will be two sessions of EFL for each grade level. The EFL models will be taught by the homeroom teacher which will have an initial cost savings of \$2.5 million. The homeroom teachers implementing EFL will be linguistically qualified teachers. Ms. Marte thanked Ms. Fornell for the discussion and then opened the floor for questions and statements.

Ms. Coller stated that hopefully the Middle and High schools will soon follow suit in enabling students to become more fluent after this has been implemented. Ms. Fornell said with the change of ELF it will give more opportunity to strengthen the delivery in Middle and High schools. Ms. Coller then stated that basic Spanish can be taught through virtual learning, she gave an example of a student that benefited from learning Spanish in this manner. Ms. Rivo asked what criteria do a linguistic qualified teacher need to meet, response by Ms. Fornell they have to meet a certain assessment to be able to teach ELF. Mr. Barea again thanked Ms. Fornell for coming and shining light on this topic in which the committee has been inquiring about and for providing the savings it will bring. He then asked the committee to make a motion to support this recommendation; a motion was made as follows:

Motion #1: Restructure elementary bilingual program to switch to more effective opt-in Extended Foreign Language (EFL) and BISO models.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover. After discussion the motion was amended by Ms. Coller to include at the end publish outcomes, it was accepted by the committee, the vote was made and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion on Elective Classes: Ms. Marte told the committee that Ms. Fornell will also speak on

another recommendation that you all have on your list "Do PE, Art & Music thru homeroom teacher in 2nd grade". Ms. Fornell explained to the committee that this recommendation also was presented to the Principals' committee and they were very elated to hear the similarity to their recommendation. Proposing this recommendation will also be a gradual transition. In consideration are twenty pilot schools that are going to volunteer to start with the implementation. We are going to let the parents know that the delivery of these curriculums will still have the same effect, but with a different delivery. We do not have the cost savings as of yet. We have been communicating with transportation in providing transportation whenever this transition occurs. Once all the proper channels have been followed we will advise this committee of the status. Ms. Marte stated that this recommendation was discussed with the Superintendent and he was very much amendable to it. Ms. Marte then opened the floor for questions and statements. Mr. Viscito asked has a pilot already been put in place, response by Ms. Fornell was not yet, remember this is just at the discussion stage, the proper channels has to be done before it goes into motion. Mr. Viscito asked will this be communicated throughout the communities before it is put into place, response by Ms. Fornell was once those schools are identified they will be part of this process to spread the news throughout the community. After discussions and questions a motion was made as follow:

Motion #2: To Support starting of pilot schools to test altering of special area teachers to allow for delivery of these programs in the same manner as K-1.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller, the motion passed unanimously.

V. Proposals: Ms. Marte explained to the committee tonight will be housecleaning. We have deliberated most of the recommendations and now we are going to finish so that we are prepared for the joint meeting with the Principals' committee two weeks from today. One of the topics is middle schools having access to virtual curriculum options and adapting teacher ratios for schools that heavily and willingly to participate. The principals mentioned that some schools are not adequately equipped to accommodate, but those schools that have labs and staff can become the pilot schools. This can be a savings of \$2 million dollars. Ms. Marte then asked the committee, the given topic will this committee be willing to accept the proposal? Ms. Wollmann said that this is a great idea for it gives schools the choice. Then a motion was presented as follows:

Motion #3: To allow schools to access virtual curricular options and adapt teacher ratios for school that heavily and willingly to participate with paternal consent.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Isabelle Exume, the motion passed, opposed by Ms. Leslie Coller and Ms. Darla March.

VI. Next Meeting Topics: Mr. Viscito asked regarding the calendar for the furlough days for the Thanksgiving week to be discussed further at the next meeting. After discussion about the calendar and the Thanksgiving week a motion was present as follows:

Motion #4: That this committee strongly supports the revision of the school calendar to remove the three days from the week of Thanksgiving to maximize all resources.

Motion made by Mr. Don Kearns and seconded by Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Marte than asked the committee that due to timelines that June 4th meeting be moved up to May 21st. The chair then asked the committee to take a vote on this recommendation from our liaison to have a May 21st meeting and cancel the June 4th meeting. The committee voted and it passed with approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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MEETING AGENDA

May 21, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

I.	Welcome and Introductions	Mr. Eddy Barea	5:30pm
II.	Summary of Work for the year.	Mr. Eddy Barea	5:45pm
III.	Review of Joint Recommendation	Ms. Judith Marte	6:00pm
IV.	Votes	Ms. Judith Marte	6:15pm
V.	Adjournment	Mr. Eddy Barea	7:00pm

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

July 26, 2012 6:00pm (First Public Hearing)

MINUTES

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Monday, May 21, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Eddy Barea, Ms. Kelli Cohen, Ms. Leslie Coller, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, Ms. Michelle Johnson, Ms. Susan Marie Kairalla, Mr. Don Kearns, Ms. Darla March, Mr. Pablo Orta, Ms. Rose Painsion, Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, Ms. Karen Rivo, Mr. Charles Viscito, Ms. Jennifer Wollmann.

Members Excused Absent: Ms. Isabelle Exume, Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Mr. Thomas Spaulding

Members Absent: Mr. Nelson Rodriguez

School Allocation Committee Present: Mr. Eric Acosta, Ms. Sally Alayon, Mr. Miguel Balsera, Ms. Melba Brito, Ms. Rosa Calvo, Dr. Lillian Copper, Dr. Lilia Dobao, Mr. Manuel Garcia, Ms. Alicia Hidalgo, Ms. Felicia Joseph, Ms. Richelle Lumpkin, Ms. MaryAnn MacLaren, Ms. Melissa Mesa, Mr. David Moore, Ms. Renny Neyra, Mr. Robert Novak, Mr. Juan C. Silva.

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho, Ms. Judith Marte, Ms. Enid Weisman, Mr. James Haj, Mr. Tom Fisher, Ms. Sharon Watson, Ms. Arlene Martinez, Ms. Aster Mohamed, Ms. Angela Jones.

I. Welcome, Introductions: Mr. Eddy Barea, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m., welcoming all members, principals and guests. He asked for a brief introduction from the principals, parents and guests. Mr. Barea then proceeded to give words of thanks for the union of the two committees and for their commitment and dedication to the school district. He thanked Ms. Marte for her leadership and guidance. He thanked the parents committee for allowing him to serve as chair to a committee that is dedicated and takes seriously the collaboration required to face the challenges of providing a quality education for our children. Mr. Barea said, "When we bring ideas together, the ideas only get better and better, it is because everyone brings only positive ideas to make sure that our children get the best quality education in this country. Again thanks to the parents and principals for all your efforts and endeavors".

II. Summary of Work for the Year: Mr. Barea outlined the summary of the parents' committee works for the year as follows:

- This committee has met ten times this school year commencing in September 2011, which is forty hours of dedicated service.
- This committee began its work with a review of all the items being considered last year that were not acted upon.
- Commencing with the first meeting an update on legislative issues was presented by Dr. Richard Hinds and Ms. Iraida Mendez-Cartaya.
- The initial items on the list to review and discuss were:
 - Thanksgiving recess
 - Health Insurance cost savings
 - Non-School Site Cost Cutting
 - PE, Art, Music delivery model changes
 - Restructure the Elementary World Language Program
 - Non required ESE Allocations
 - Early Release Days

- Committee requested and received presentations on:
 - Charter Schools and Magnet Programs by Dr. Helen Blanch's office
 - the Marketing Plan for the District given by Mr. John Schuster
 - Areas of possible revenue generation and advertising by Dr. Marcos Moran
 - Dr. Moran also spoke about the new buses being added to the fleet and ways the Transportation Department has reduced costs while maintaining safe and effective services to students
 - Dr. Moran answered questions on the calendar and heard concerns from the committee that will be reviewed.
 - Dr. Moran also reviewed and discussed plans for under-enrolled schools.
 - Ms. Enid Weisman answered questions about hourly vs. full time teachers.
 - Ms. Millie Fornell came and discussed the Elementary World Language Program and the PE, Art and Music Programs.
- Committee reviewed the School Allocation Plan, the Budget and work of the Principals and Cabinet Budget Committees and during meetings throughout the year, added the following items to the list of areas to follow items to the list of areas to review:
 - Evaluate Virtual Education
 - Look at other Revenue Generating Options
 - Consolidate Schools
 - Hourly vs. full time teachers
 - Professional Development
 - Evaluate vacation and sick leave allocations
 - Custodial supply procurement centrally
 - Attendance incentive
 - Reduce work year
 - Reduce/renew negotiate maintenance agreements
 - Review alternative education
 - Seasonal Workers

Mr. Barea stated that as the year progressed each item was discussed and debated and the committee worked its way to final recommendations to be shared tonight with the principals as our consensus recommendation. Now that we have summarized our year's work, I would like for Ms. Marte who has been the pivotal part in all our discussions throughout our meetings, to come and give us the result of our findings.

III. Review of Joint Recommendation and Votes: Ms. Marte thanked the chair for his kind words. She thanked him for his dedicated leadership as the chair. Now as we go through the individual recommendations and make our final vote the same format in the past years will be used. She told the committees that today the Superintendent met with his Business Advisory Committee and the recommendations he is ready to bring forth to the board will include much of your final list. So as we review the recommendations these are items that you all have derived from the "Yes" on both lists. We will go through the list establishing the motions and making the final votes. These are the established motions that resulted after discussions are as follows:

Motion #1: To raise the 9-12 teacher ratio by meeting state-mandated virtual school requirements in 9-12 (one class during four years period).

Motion made by Ms. Karen Rivo and seconded by Mr. Pablo Ortiz, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #2: Attendance incentive for staff (lessen sub days).

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Principal Manuel Garcia, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #3: 50% cut of waivers to facility fees.

Motion made by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and seconded by Ms. Karen Rivo, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #4: Redesign/repurpose curricular programs at select schools.

Motion made by Mr. Don Kearns and seconded by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #5: Ensure fidelity to teacher certification laws and student demand.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #6: Reduce alternate assignments.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #7: Art, Music & PE done by homeroom in 2nd grade classroom.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Leslie Coller, motion passed by the joint committee, opposed by Mr. Charles Viscito.

Motion #8: Start a pilot of schools to test altering of special area teaching to allow for grade K-2 continuum.

Motion made by Ms. Darla March and seconded by Mr. Don Kearns, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #9: Restructure World Language program into ELF choice option.

Motion made by Mr. Charles Viscito and seconded by Ms. Alice Mensch Raval, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #10: Reduce vacation accrual for employees.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Ms. Kelli Cohen, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #11: Convert regular custodians to 11 month employees and Head & Lead custodians to 11.5 months, Include raise equivalent of 5 days pay.

Motion made by Ms. Jennifer Wollmann and seconded by Principal Lillian Cooper, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #12: Eliminate teacher workdays for Security Monitors and Paras

Motion made by Ms. Sandy Baker Hoover and seconded by Ms. Michelle Johnson, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

Motion #13: Adjust Workforce Development budget to state funding changes.

Motion made by Ms. Kelli Cohen seconded by Mr. Charles Viscito, motion passed unanimously by the joint committee.

IV. Superintendent Message: Superintendent Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho said once I heard that you all were meeting, I had to come and give Words of Thanks. He told the parent committee thanks for all the dedicated services that you all render. To the principals who are committed to the schools and the valuable services that you all render he expressed much appreciation. As you come this evening and bring resolutions to the recommendations, which I have not seen, we will be ready to compile and submit a final product to the board. Earlier I met with my Superintendent Business Advisory Council and discussed the budget.

To this joint committee your voice matters and especially at this point of time when we bring the final budget to present to the board. When I say the final budget to the board, it is really the beginning of the budget deliberation, the first budget workshop and the first public hearing. So with this being said, I say again "Thank You All" for your inputs and dedicated work from this parents' committee and from this principals' committee. These are not kind times, but your efforts for public education, to this school district, in my prospective, has made it easier through your contribution, your voices and your intellectual support. To Ms. Marte who leads us, I give special thanks. Her works and effort is greatly appreciated by all. As you all continue with your meeting have a great one and we look forward to your final recommendations. Ms. Marte thanked the Superintendent for coming by and the chair Mr. Barea thanked him for the encouraging words.

V. Closing Remarks: The Mr. Barea said before we adjourn I would like some guidance on how we are going to approve the minutes. He asked when the minutes are ready to be sent out via email, that each member will review, make changes, send back to budget to compile and then the final minutes will be sent via email for final approval. Ms. Baker Hover said that the Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIA) met and asked for a copy of the recommendations that the parents' committee establish since we are a subcommittee under them. Mr. Gebara mentioned that he regularly goes to FCIA meetings and the concern that Ms. Martinez has is that they should have the final approval on the recommendations. I suggested that since our meetings are open and guests are welcomed, that they should come and be a part of our meetings. Mr. Barea asked Mr. Gebara to please get permission for him to attend one of the FCIA meetings so that he could get some clarity on this matter as well. Ms. Kairalla said that under the Sunshine law approving the minutes needs to be done with a meeting.

Mr. Barea then asked the committee to take the minutes that are sent via email review them, make changes, and then send back the changes for them to be compiled into final minutes. Then on July 26th at 5:15 p.m. before the First Budget Public Hearing, we will have a meeting to approve the pending minutes. The parents' committee voted and the strategy it was accepted unanimously. Mr. Barea thanked the committee. Ms. Rivo asked to say a word of thanks to the chair for his efforts and chairing this committee. As your former chair, I know the dedication and hard work it takes in chairing a committee. A chair has to be able to conduct the meetings, to allow every member to have a voice and to have a productive meeting. Mr. Barea thanked Ms. Rivo for the acknowledgement of his service. He reiterated thanks to the parents, principals, Ms. Marte, guests, and to all those who helped bring about the final results of our finding recommendations, then the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.