



**MINUTES
AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 7, 2008**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Julie Greenberg Shapiro, Rica Tickner, Sheryl Berkowitz, Barbara Medina and Stephanie Oshinsky. Also present were City Manager Eric M. Soroka, Principal Julie Alm, and Vice Principal Daniel Sandberg. Quorum was determined and the meeting commenced.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None
- 3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** Mr. Soroka reported on the following items:
 - A.** There are now 900 students enrolled at the school.
 - B.** Installation of new Field Turf product adjacent to playground area to eliminate drainage problems and muddy conditions.
 - C.** Ordered smartboards for all 5th grade classrooms.
 - D.** Reviewed enrollment and lottery schedule.
- 4. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** See attached.
- 5. ACES PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE/ VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT:** Principal Alm reported that all families have been notified of their volunteer hours and only 15 families did not have any hours at this point.
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:** Motion was made by Stephanie Oshinsky and seconded by Rica Tickner to have the next SAB meeting at 7:15 in the morning in order to attract more parents. Motion passed by 3-2. Sheryl Berkowitz and Barbara Medina dissented.
- 7. NEW BUSINESS (Open Forum for Parent's Discussion):** The following issues were discussed:
 - Field trips
 - Teacher planning days.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2008 at 7:15 AM.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and after motion made by Stephanie Oshinsky, seconded by Barbara Medina and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by the Board on _____

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Administration's Report

Academics:

School Wide Assessments:

- B3 January 28th and 29th
- 3rd DIBELS K – 3rd, January 22 - February 1, 2008
- 3rd Grade Portfolio beginning Late January

Progress Monitoring:

- 2nd quarter Interims
- Report cards issued January 25th
- FLKRS results are available for teachers: ECHOS, DIBELS

Teacher Training:

- Kidbiz advanced users training
- Using assessment results to differentiate instruction
- Interpreting data
- Mentor teacher coaching and observing (2nd Grade)

Instructional Programs 2007-2008:

- ING Marathon participation: Health Awareness January 27th marathon
- Tony Stromberg, presented 3 sessions to all 8th grade students related to goal setting and entrepreneurship
- Leadership Series: Innovate like Edison Author
- Neal Nicholas, Geography Man presentations
- Thorough a partnership with Junior Achievement ACES 8th grade Career and Entrepreneurship students have formed two companies. As members of these corporations students have designed a business plan including stock sales, personnel and marketing.

Student Government

- Students in Mr. Ostrick's Civics classes have been studying the elections sparking an interest in student government. Students will be petitioning for their names to appear on the student government ballot and eventually running for office. A Student Constitution was created and will be shared with the student body in the coming weeks. Elementary and Middle School students will have an opportunity to participate in student government.

ACES Accolades

- Presented at 2nd quarterly Charter School Administrators Meeting: ACES ECO-Literacy Program
- Ms. Arrastias third grade class won Scholastic Book Clubs' Classrooms Care Program sponsored by Whoopi Goldberg. They were selected from over 17,000 entries. As a result they will receive 1,000 books that they will donate to needy students.

Recent Events

- Middle school Principal's Honor Roll breakfast and classroom awards

- 7th Grade Science fair was held: 7 projects were selected to be presented at the Miami Dade County Public Schools science fair.
- 4th grade India Letter Exchange
- 2nd Evening Parenting workshop at the Aventura Community Recreation Center
- 4th – 8th grade Reading, Math, Science FCAT nights
- 5th grade cultural feast
- Student of the month awards
- K – 8th grade field days

Field Trips:

- Bone Valley – Overnight; Fossil Hunting and Canoeing (Grade 6)
- Surfside Safari – Canoeing and ecosystem exploration at Birch State Park (Gr.3)

Upcoming Trips:

- Shark Valley: 4th Grade Everglades Exploration 1/14 and 1/15
- St. Augustine- 4th Grade History of the Oldest Settled City 2/28 and 2/29

Competitive Basketball League

- The boys have a record of 6-2 with 2 remaining regular season games left on their schedule, both of which are away games. Their first round playoff game is on February 7th and the Championship Game (if they advance) will be on February 9th.
- The girls are currently 3-2 with 5 remaining regular season games left, all of which are road games. Their first round playoff game is on February 6th and if they advance the Championship Game is also on February 9th.

Both squads are currently in second place in our conference.

- Beginning in February, our Intramural Basketball League will begin for both boys and girls and will run until the end of March. Tentatively, there are 6 regular season games scheduled for each team plus the playoffs to determine a champion for both girls and boys.

Charitable Projects:

- Holiday Toy Drive
- Middle school hoops for heart

Upcoming Events:

- Diabetes fundraiser week of January 14th
- Career Day January 17th
- 100th day of school January 28th
- Class pictures January 30th
- Krop information night January 31st 6:00PM
- CF fundraiser week of February 4th
- FCAT Writes 4th and 8th grade week of February 12th