



**MINUTES**  
**AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**February 4, 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, and Barbara Medina. Stephanie Oshinsky was absent. 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:** Rica Tickner moved to approve the minutes of the February School Advisory Board meeting. Barbara Medina seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** Mr. Soroka reported on the following items:
  - A.** Plan to Address Florida Class Size Mandate
  - B.** Proposed 2008/09 Charter School Fund Budget

Sally Bloom from InUnison (School Uniform Company) reviewed several uniform updates and after discussion a motion was made by Rica Tickner and seconded by Sheryl Berkowitz to add the color beige to the uniform for the elementary school.
- 4. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** See attached.
- 5. ACES PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE:/ VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT:** No Report.
- 6. OLD BUSINESS:** Members discussed the lunch policy
- 7. NEW BUSINESS (Open Forum for Parent's Discussion):** The following issues were discussed:
  - "No Touch" Policy
  - Cell phone use by parents in car rider line.
  - Field trips

**The next meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 7PM.**

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and after motion made by Barbara Medina, seconded by Rica Tickner and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

**April 14, 2008**  
**Administration's Report**

**Academics:**

***Targeted instructional Programs:***

- Additional students invited to morning reading and math program
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade science enrichment program
- Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade pull out
- Articulation meeting with Krop Senior High School
- ACES is competing in the 08 Fairchild Garden Exchange. As a result Middle School Science classes have started the Green initiative school wide to cut down on plastic water bottles, to encourage students to purchase reusable water containers and to educate students on how to care for their environment.

***School Wide Assessments:***

- FCAT SSS, FCAT NRT, SAT-10 administered
- CELLA testing for all ESOL students began Monday
- CSUSA B4: scheduled for week of April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Wright Group Assessment: all at risk students

***Progress Monitoring:***

- April 11, 2008: 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards went home
- Standard attendance letters sent home

***2008 FCAT:***

***Results***

***No earlier than the week of***

FCAT Writing+	May 5
FCAT Reading & Mathematics Retakes	May 12
FCAT 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading & Mathematics	May 19
FCAT NRT Reading & Mathematics	May 26
FCAT 4 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading & Mathematics	June 2
CELLA	June 23 (no later than)
School Grades & AYP	July 14

**ACES Accolades**

- Sight visitors from the Character Education Partnership met with students, staff, parents and community in consideration of ACES for the National School of Character Award

**2008 – 2009 Enrollment**

- **Lottery was held**
- **Registration for new kindergarten parents underway**

**Volunteer Hours Update:**

- 43 families with zero hours
- phone calls are being made this week
- Deadline May 22, 2008
- Volunteer opportunities are sent home weekly and posted on the website

### **ACES Clubs**

- Talent Show Scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

### **Intramural and Regional Athletics**

- Basketball Season Finished – Over 50 participants
- ACES Participated in the **South Florida Charter School League**.  
14 participants on the girls team and 14 on the boys team.  
Girls – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference  
Boys – 7 and 4 (Winning Record)

### **Charitable Projects:**

- Cystic Fibrosis Week \$2,229.00

### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 15, 2008: Crazy Hat Day: proceeds go to cancer research
- April 17, 2008 Casual pictures, elementary
- April 18, 2008 Arbor Day
- April 24, 2008 Vision Screening

### **Field Trips:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade students traveled to Saint Augustine where they studied Florida history up close and in person.
- In celebration of Women's History month a Theatrical Performance of song and music titled "I am Woman" (Women History Theatre) was presented to ACES 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades.
- Kindergarten went to Publix
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade visited NOVA Southeastern University and participated in a mock "college" day
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade to visit Holocaust Museum this week and next
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year trip to Islands of Adventure scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to visit IMAX theater May 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Uniform company updates:**

- Inunison representative