



School Advisory Board

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**City of Aventura
Aventura City of Excellence School
School Advisory Committee
AGENDA
March 9, 2009 - 7:30 A.M.
Media Center Room**

Aventura City of Excellence School
3333 NE 188th Street
Aventura, Florida 33180

An "A" Rated School

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2009**
- 3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 4. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORT**
- 5. FUND RAISING REPORTS**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS (Open Forum for Parents' Discussion)**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES
AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 12, 2009

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, Marina Blachman, Blanca Lopez and Jackie Perczek. 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:** Marina Blachman moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 School Advisory Committee meetings. Jackie Perczek seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
3. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** Mr. Soroka reported on the following items:
 - A. The classroom addition project
 - B. Enrollment
 - C. School funding issues.
4. **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** The School Administration Report is attached.
5. **FUND RAISING REPORTS:** The following reports were discussed at the meeting:
 - Potamkin Honda Car Fundraiser- Blanca Lopez
 - Cookbook Fundraiser- Jackie Perczek
 - Book Fair – Rica Tickner
 - Teacher Appreciation Week - Julie Greenberg Shapiro
6. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.
7. **NEW BUSINESS (Open Forum for Parent's Discussion):** None

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2009 at 7:30 AM.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved by the Board on _____

January 12, 2009
Administration's Report

Academics:

- Morning writing groups 4th grade start January 14th
- 5th and 8th grade science tutorial January 20, 2009
- Kindergarten and 1st grade at risk reading pull-out

School Wide Assessments:

- FCAT Writes February 10th 4th and 8th grade
- FCAT reading, math and science March 10th – 20th
- NAEP 4th grade sampling (Nation's Report Card)

Progress Monitoring:

- DIBELS January 27th – February 10th
- Benchmark Testing III 2nd – 8th grade
- End of the 2nd quarter January 18th

Instructional Programs 2008-2009:

- "Second Step" integrated K-8 Bully & Conflict Resolution Program
- Mind Lab Thinking Strategy Games
- NASA Mad Science Program
- Reading Buddies Mentoring Program (Kinder and 3rd Grades)
- Geography Man taught ACES first, fourth and sixth grade classes entertaining lessons on maps and locations

Staff Development:

- KidBiz/TeenBiz Training: Using Data to Drive Instruction
- Analyzing Reading & Math benchmarks
- Teaching Math with Gizmos
- Processes and Procedures ESE, ESOL, Speech and Language
- Learning Communities shared best practices in fostering positive relationships.

ACES Accolades

- ACES received a \$1,000.00 Donation from the Golden Rule Foundation for the Community Care Outreach Service Learning Program
- Food for the Poor presented ACES with a letter and certificate
- Student of the Month Awards November and December

Recent Events

- Second Grade theatrical performance of music and cultural studies

- ACES students participated in the City of Aventura's Founder's Day event with a Go Green Art Mural Booth
- ACES Chorus performed Patriotic Melodies at City of Aventura's Veteran's Day
- Mount Sinai Breast Cancer guest visited ACES AM Show
- 4th and 8th Grade FCAT Writes in November
- Kinder Thanksgiving Feast in November
- 5th Grade Cultural Feast
- November Parenting Workshop on Responsibility
- Living Values Board visited
- Greening of the Holidays Middle School Science Event
- Middle School Leadership Speaker Series Event with David Samson, President of the Marlins and ACES Community Care
- Career and Entrepreneurship Classes and Junior Achievement presented a check to the Marlin Community Foundation.
- Field Days 12/15-12/19 African-American Portrait Gallery (Black History Month)

Field Trips:

- December 04 and 05 – 6th Grade Bone Valley Fossil Hunting
- December 08 and 09 – 3rd Grade Surfside Safari- canoeing (Birch State Park)
- Parrot Jungle – 1st grade
- Limo Ride for Class Winners of the Fall Fundraiser

Athletics

- ACES Middle School Boys Basketball Team finished with an 8-4 record including the playoff win against Hollywood Academy.
- ACES Middle School Girls Basketball Team lost in the semifinals but had a phenomenal season.

Charitable Projects:

- ACES Thanksgiving Food Drive combined efforts with the City of Aventura's Police Department.
- ACES Holiday Toy Drive benefited JAFCO.
- Jump Rope for Heart
- First Annual 3rd Grade Winter fest "Food for the Poor" sandwich making party.

Upcoming Events:

- ACES Annual Science Fair 1/12
- Diabetes Week 1/12
- Science Fair Parent Night 1/14
- FCAT Reading & Math Night for 4th - 8th Grades on 1/15
- Career Day on 1/22

- 100 Days of School on 2/4
- 3rd grade – Wannado City
- Everglades – 4th Grade 1/26 and 1/27
- St. Augustine – 4th Grade 2/19 and 2/20