



Duval County Public Schools

April 4, 2016, Subcommittee Meeting, Curriculum Audit

Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Chairman
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Mr. Jason Fischer
Ms. Cheryl Grymes,
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Mr. Scott Shine
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Committee members were in attendance: Vice-Chairman Paula Wright, Board Members Becki Couch, Constance Hall and Jason Fischer.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[CURRICULUM AUDIT](#)

Minutes:

Board Members discussed concerns from the community with the curriculum. Discussion included the following:

- Is the content of the curriculum truthful?
- Accuracy of curriculum content is based on who tells the story and

research.

- Duval Reads and Duval Math did not go through the same process as much as other publishing companies to determine accuracy.
- The state does its own vetting process by statute and board rule. Every line in every page is not checked.
- Middle school materials were adopted in June of last year. We did not have the same amount of time as in the past to review.
- The majority of concern is for the K-5 curriculum, math and reading.
- The Subcommittee agreed to look at K-5 reading and math for the audit.

The Board subcommittee would like responses from the vendors by Friday, May 6, 2016.

- Section 1.3 Overview of Services Needed:
 - Add-Review of the district's adopted curriculum for factual, historical and scientific accuracy.
 - The material should be developmentally appropriate.
- Section 1.4 Questions and Required Information to be Submitted:
 - Add- Ensure we are looking for people in early education and alignment to the FSA.
 - Strike "who are state of Florida school districts". The sentence will read as follows: Contact information for three references including school districts and public agencies.

The Committee agreed no Board members would serve on the Evaluation Committee. The Committee will consist of the following staff members: Michelle Begley, Internal Board Auditor, Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Mason Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction. They discussed the inclusion of other members on the committee such as Cheryl Fountain of UNF or district teachers. Mason Davis suggested that district teachers with high VAM scores in reading and math would be good candidates and will work with Board Member Hall in teacher selection.

Michelle Begley will send the revised ITN document to Purchasing to finalize. Once finalized, she will need to send the ITN document back out to the subcommittee before it is released.

The district will be sending out a survey next week to all teachers to receive feedback after testing is over for elementary.

Speakers

Paula Wright, Vice-Chairman
Becki Couch, Board Member
Jason Fischer, Board Member
Constance Hall, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman