



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

February 11, 2016, Community Meeting

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 THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman Paula Wright, Board Members Becki Couch and Constance Hall were present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[OUR VOICE, OUR SCHOOLS, OUR CHILDREN](#)

Minutes:

Welcome

Chairman Smith-Juarez, Vice-Chairman Wright, Board Members Couch and Hall welcomed the attendees and gave the platform for the Listening Tour, Building 21st Century Schools.

Suggestions were given to the Board members about future community meetings.

- Have students perform at meetings - student involvement
- Write the name of your school on the discussion questions.

The constituents gathered into multiple groups and presented the Board Members with the answers to the discussion questions.

What do you believe is working in your school and/or school district?

- Diversity
- Relationships
- Communication
- Community Meetings
- Free breakfast
- Magnet programs
- STEM
- Sense of community and great volunteers
- Great teachers and students who have a desire to learn
- District support through grant writing
- The district giving back P.E. and the Arts to all schools
- Guidance Counselors
- Having more school-based administrators
- Student behavior
- Sports
- Extra Curricular
- Graduation Assistance
- Benchmarks are being set
- Increase in black male graduation rate
- College prep options
- Family engagement
- Focus
- Core class size
- Standard materials consistent for science
- Community outreach
- PLC Groups
- Professional learning communities
- Summer Teacher Academy
- Passion of the teachers, faculty and administrators for the success of the students
- Vocabulary included in curriculum
- Assessments are included but not good
- Lesson plans are not questioned because they are given
- Parent involved
- Teachers work to implement best practices despite unrealistic

expectations and inappropriate curriculum

What do you think should be improved upon in order to accomplish a successful school and/or school district?

- Focus is not user friendly
- Teachers should not be measured by what students portray
- Beautification
- Rethink inclusion
- Updated technology
- More dedicated magnets, not just the Art schools
- More focus on STEM
- Dress code enforcement
- Better transportation
- Recess
- More textbooks in hands of elementary ELA lessons
- Classroom printers should be supported
- More access to media books
- Curriculum, Duval Reads/EngageNY is a disaster, it is setting students and teachers up to fail
- Discipline problems have increased
- Lack of student engagement
- Teacher-and student-centered district
- Teachers need to be valued
- Bullying of school administration at the hands of the district administration
- Allow invocation and creativity
- Technology upgrades to support computer programs
- Parent involvement
- DCF partnership, parent probation when students miss the mark. Require parents to attend parental training programs
- Neighborhood schools that are multi-faceted with programming and marketing
- Literacy, Reading
- STEM related programs
- Communication with parents, no feedback
- Fear and intimidation from the Superintendent, cabinet and region superintendents
- Syllabus
- Getting back to basics
- Top down approach
- Math curriculum is not age appropriate
- iReady and DCPS curriculum are not in sync
- CSS class of 10, not all teachers are endorsed
- Lack of materials for teachers to differentiate
- DCPS customer service skills
- Displeasure of leadership via leadership
- Funding of elementary music programs

- Professional development opportunities for Arts
- Teach to standards according to what students know
- Social media
- Splitting grades, K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
- More time, more or longer days
- Discipline - restorative justice only works for some
- Administrators do not want to do referrals
- Too many expectations
- Too much oversight from the district
- Services for students with health issues, nurses
- Special education students on regular curriculum standards are struggling with the new curriculum
- Media specialists should be in every school full time
- A research-based, professionally tested and edited curriculum that is complete with student books, assessments, guided reading books and center activities
- Less micromanaging by the district
- Trust teachers to do their job and the students
- Teachers hear different information at different trainings

How can we work together to accomplish the goal for a successful school and/or school district?

- Mentors
- Work together as a whole including students
- Helping students in beginning instead of hindsight
- More forums creating a plan of action
- Not as much testing
- More control over how money is spent per school
- Put autonomy back in the schools
- Allow staff to be creative
- District personnel out of the schools
- Less bullying by district staff
- Parents, teachers and administration working together
- Encourage and foster mutual respect for teachers
- Board, Superintendent, System employees must be ethical and believe every child can learn
- The Board and Superintendent should see more community input
- A more respectful Superintendent willing to work with all people
- Do not limit thinking nor the process for ideas to improve educational excellence
- DCPS cannot afford to have JPEF, TFA or any acronyms to do its job, DCPS must lead
- Policy should be districtwide
- Parents and children need support
- Hotline with a quick response
- New infrastructure and improve technology
- Business partnerships

- Have people speak the truth
- School Board Members should visit all schools
- Show students DCPS cares - fix clocks, air conditioning, basic comfort needs
- Promote arts and music in elementary grades
- Redesign CAST rubric
- Magnet programs, not dedicated magnets
- Teacher academy for resource teachers
- Reform discipline system
- Truancy
- Add in "A" to STEAM, for the arts
- Educate community
- Celebrate teachers
- Restructuring of school calendar
- Recruit
- Nurses in schools
- New curriculum, with all the necessary components
- Anonymous surveys allowing staff to share thoughts honestly without fear

Chairman Smith-Juarez, Vice-Chairman Wright, Board Members Couch, and Hall thanked the constituents for their time and participation.

Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman