



## ***CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA***

The **Miami Springs Education Advisory Board** met at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

### **1) Call to Order/Roll Call**

The following were present: Chair Mindy McNichols  
Vice Chairman, Eduardo A. Molliner  
Libby Manning  
Maria Mitchell  
Debra Sheridan

Also Present: Vice Mayor Rob Youngs  
Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Hitaffer

Chair McNichols announced that Libby Manning, who is a phenomenal math teacher and one of the sponsors of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club, was nominated for Teacher of the Year at Miami Springs Senior High School.

Vice Chairman Molliner reported that this is "Spirit Week" at his school and today was "Crazy Hair Day" so the students painted his hair purple.

### **2) Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2008 Regular Meeting**

Minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting were approved as amended.

**Board member Manning moved to approve and Board member Sheridan seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 on voice vote.**

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Chair McNichols announced that a number of special guests were present and for that reason the agenda items would be addressed out of order.

Chair McNichols recognized Dr. Essie Pace, North Central Region Superintendent, Sylvia Diaz, Administrative Director for Instructional Technology and Lisa Martinez, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She added that Susan Kairalla would also make a presentation on the School Volunteer Program.

Dr. Essie Pace presented the North Central Region report, which was followed by presentations from Ms. Diaz and Ms. Martinez.

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### **3) Individual School Reports**

Principal Sally Hutchings reported the following for Miami Springs Elementary School:

- The chess team is starting the first week in November.
- The Math Club began with the compliments of the partnership with Miami Springs Senior High, Libby Manning and her advanced students.
- \$1,250 was raised from the “Adopt a Classroom” through Dade Partners.
- The school is partnering with the Miami Heat and free game tickets are given to students for reading and honor roll recognition.
- Trick or Treat street night will be held on Wednesday night, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the school with games and candy.
- The school will participate in the annual Halloween parade with the Miami Springs Senior High School band.

Principal Mayte Dovale reported the following for Springview Elementary:

- The schools’ Math Club is being sponsored by fourth grade teacher Ms. Florio and the assistance of Libby Manning and the Mu Alpha Theta Math team. There are twelve students who were identified and participating.
- A KidBiz 3000 grant was received that provides software for English limited learners focusing on academic needs in reading.
- The school received an ELL tutoring grant that provides ESOL learners tutoring for their academic needs.
- A proposal was submitted for academic excellence and they will target hands-on science.
- Activities include “Walk Your Child to School Day”, the PTSA Book Fair, and “Principal for a Day”.
- Staff celebrated Hispanic Heritage with Holleman’s Restaurant who provided lunch.
- Staff will be performing a “Que Pasa U.S.A.” skit on October 30<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for publishing the scholastic Spanish magazine for kindergarten through fifth grade.

- The bi-weekly construction meeting was held for the media center and the electrical work will be completed during the holiday break.
- \$850.00 was donated to the school for the teachers participating in “Adopt a Classroom”.

Miami Springs Middle School Principal Maria Mason reported the following:

- The 2008-2009 starts with “A”, which is active parenting, academic achievement, and activities.
- Parent participation and involvement has increased, as well as the PTSA membership under the leadership Mr. and Mrs. Schultz. There were 62 parents at the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and many parents participated in the school’s Open House. Participation has increased for other parent meetings.
- Beautification of the patio area is the main focus of the PTSA this year. They plan to purchase trees and benches.
- Another focus with parenting is academics. The school received 479 points and a “C” on the FCAT, 16 points away from a “B” and 46 points away from an “A”. She compared the FCAT results with the previous year.
- The school has not met adequate process for five years and is under State sanctions. The school is a correct 2 school and there are certain policies and procedures to follow.
- Data chats with the teachers are used to differentiate assignments; they use the focus calendar and the curriculum has to be in line based on the data.
- The school is focusing on the five characteristics of effective schools, which are strong instructional leadership, high expectations for student achievement, instructional focus on reading, writing, mathematics and science, safe and orderly climate and frequent assessment.
- The Easter Seal grant provides \$225,000 for before and after school programs; 200 students are enrolled in the program.
- United Way Spirit Week was held with different activities each day.
- The Magnet Fair was held today with presentations from various schools who spoke with the eight graders about the different choices they have when they go to high school.
- Red Ribbon Week begins on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and this year’s theme is “Being Free is My Responsibility”.
- The school now has a Math Club thanks to Libby Manning.
- The school website is being updated with more information.
- Students’ pictures were taken for the school identification cards that will add to the safety climate.
- A uniform meeting will be held in February with the involvement of all stakeholders. They will vote to see what the community wants the students to wear at school.
- The school’s Principal for a Day was Lisette Franco, Executive Assistant to the City of Hialeah Mayor.

Board member Mitchell stated that there was an unfortunate incident with students who were dropped off early at the school and were hurt when crossing Okeechobee Road. She asked what is being done to address the problem with students who arrive early.

Principal Mason responded that a large amount of private busses drop off students early. The three students were dropped off between 7:45 and 7:50 a.m., they did not come on the campus and they walked to a little store on the other side of Okeechobee Road and were hit by a car that had the right-of-way. She said that the students suffered broken bones, but they could have been killed if the car had been traveling at the normal speed. Staff went to the scene as soon as they found out and all students said that their parents had told them not to cross the road.

Principal Mason stated that with the assistance of Region Director Dr. Pace, there is now a school monitor from the Region Office who walks to the other side of Okeechobee Road and tries to advise the students to return to the school. Some parents drop off students on the other side of Okeechobee and some live on that side and walk to the school.

Principal Mason explained that the parents of the students were very grateful for the school's assistance in transporting them to the hospital. The parents also said that their children were told not to cross the road. She added that one of her Staff members is the Council President for the Village of Virginia Gardens who is campaigning for a crosswalk similar to the one at the High School.

Further discussion ensued regarding students arriving early at the school and the possibility of a pedestrian signal at the crosswalk.

Vice Mayor Youngs recommended that the City's Police Department could assess the situation and suggest alternatives.

Chair McNichols added that the City's Police Department would have to work with the City of Hialeah.

Board member Mitchell would like an effort through the school to inform all parents of the tutoring program before school.

Principal Mason said that the program had already accepted the maximum 200 students and that information had been sent, including an informational packet at the beginning of the year.

**Board member Mitchell moved to recommend that the City look into the possibility of installing a pedestrian crosswalk or other safety options at the intersections of East Drive and Okeechobee Road and South Royal Poinciana Boulevard. Vice Chair Molliner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

Miami Springs Senior High School Principal Thomas Ennis reported the following:

- The Mu Alpha Theta Math team extended their arms to the Elementary Schools with student volunteers and teachers to enhance basic skills and serve as role models. He is proud of Libby Manning and all of the math teachers who volunteer.
- Miami Springs Mayor Bain served as the Principal of the Day. He was outstanding and very supportive.
- The gymnasium is scheduled for completion on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the auditorium should be finished by December 30<sup>th</sup>. There have been delays due to unforeseen change orders.
- Class size is down 24.5%.
- The transitional academy, a small learning community for the eight graders coming to the ninth grade is very effective.
- The continuous improvement model is working very well in order to see where the students are academically and to deliver instruction and enrichment.
- The girls' golf team is the Regional runner-up and they are playing in the State finals in Orlando; the girls' volleyball, swimming and cross country teams are playing in the District Championship.
- The football team plays Miami High on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:45 p.m.
- PTSA membership is up 40%.

Discussion ensued regarding the FCAT reading scores.

Vice Chair Molliner congratulated Principal Ennis on the school's junior varsity basketball coach.

Board member Manning stated that student Evan Williams received recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Program. He also had a perfect 800 score on the math SAT and his accomplishments are featured in an article in the River Cities Gazette.

#### **4) North Central Region Report**

Dr. Essie Pace, North Central Region Superintendent, stated that the individual schools would report on their baseline data and she would answer any other questions. She said that she would be available to assist Miami Springs at any time. She added that she is very proud of her school Principals and Assistant Principals.

Chair McNichols commented that the Attendance Boundary Committee (ABC) process is going on now; some schools were initially targeted and advised, but there is an opportunity for parents or schools to challenge or add schools at next week's ABC meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Mayor Youngs clarified that the community can ask for a school to be targeted or advised by notifying the School Administration Office prior to noon on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. If there are no community plans or requests, the ABC Committee will not meet on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chair McNichols explained that many middle schools in the area are under enrolled, while Miami Springs Middle is ~~under~~ over enrolled. She knows that this concern is addressed in the education compact and she would like to take steps toward addressing it.

Dr. Pace stated that she could not comment because Chair McNichols is the legal advisor to the ABC Committee ~~is the legal advisor to the Region~~. She agreed with Councilman Youngs that the community could write a plan and give notice before the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Board member Manning stated that the community would like to know what the plans are to reduce enrollment, aside from boundary changes.

Dr. Pace responded that she would review the out of area transfers because there have been many requests to enter Miami Springs. In the past, she denied some out of area transfers for two schools in Region 4, which reduced the school enrollment.

Chair McNichols stated that Miami Springs Middle School could lose funding for the magnet program if the out of area transfers are frozen.

Dr. Pace offered to look at the “~~spare~~ SPED population” in order to route those students back to their home schools. She said that programs are being created in the home schools for all exceptionalities.

Board member Sheridan commented that students must go through an application process for the magnet program, which is different from applying for an out of area transfer.

Board member Mitchell asked if the Board could pass a motion, representing the community, to target the boundaries.

Vice Mayor Youngs said that he could present the Board’s recommendation to the City Council on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The North Central Region made their presentation and they did not place Miami Springs Middle School on advised or targeted status. There has been a general rule over the past few years that 150% and up is an automatic threshold, while the average for Miami Springs Middle is 140% capacity.

Chair McNichols stated that a group from the middle school would have to come up with a plan, not the Education Advisory Board.

Board member Mitchell said that there is no reason to delay action because this has been an ongoing problem and a pressing issue for the community.

Board member Manning agreed with Ms. Mitchell that the Board should make a recommendation or motion after listening to the presentations.

**5) New Business:**

**5a. Report on Compact: Lisa Martinez, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs**

**i. Recommendation to Council**

Chair McNichols stated that Lisa Martinez would give an update on the provisions of the compact that was entered into with the County. She reported that she drafted letters for Mayor Bain to sign inviting the school PTSA presidents and liaisons from the cities of Hialeah, Medley and Virginia Gardens to participate at the Education Advisory Board meetings.

Ms. Martinez clarified that Ms. Ann Thompson from the Office of Parental Involvement reached out to all PTSA presidents advising them of the EAB meetings, which hopefully is the first step for stronger parental involvement.

Ms. Martinez met with City Manager Borgmann and Debra Sheridan in September to discuss plans for the implementation of the working plan. They decided to key in on specific areas within the first quarter of their work and to establish a process to obtain school site, regional and district input in order to ensure an update on a quarterly basis from the team that is working together. The update will be brief, but comprehensive, and school site, regional and district staff will be available to answer questions.

Ms. Martinez provided a chart with student baseline data for measurable activities for each school, including the school grade, percentage of students performing at or above grade level in reading, math and science, the number of after school programs and/or clubs and a survey of the grants currently at each school site (attached for the record). The schools have provided a list of the programs and clubs, which is an integral part of the compact that they will work through in order to develop a comprehensive funding plan.

In the future, they will provide more specific data regarding the English language learners at each school site, which is one measure within the compact, according to Ms. Martinez. The next focus will be information on the parent baseline data because parental involvement is a strong component within the compact. Ms. Ann Thompson from the Office of Parental Involvement will provide an update on the baseline information.

Ms. Thompson said that from the four schools there were a total of 66 parental involvement surveys completed last year. The compact addresses parental involvement and the survey tracks parent satisfaction with the schools in the city. There was not enough information from the surveys in order to draw any conclusions and moving forward they will try to make sure more parents complete the survey and consider a focus group as part of the process.

To answer Chair McNichols' question, Ms. Thompson responded that the survey is administered by the Office of Program Evaluation and it is done on-line. The climate survey is a different survey. The survey was available on paper until last year, but due to environmental and budgetary concerns, it is only available on-line.

Ms. Thompson stated that the survey is on the district website. They reach out to the schools through the PTSA, Community Involvement Specialists and a number of communication vehicles to let parents know about the survey.

To answer Vice Chair Molliner's question, Ms. Thompson said that the connect-ed was used last year and it was interesting that the results from the district were not substantially ~~lower~~ higher from the previous year.

Board member Manning commented that she had not noticed the survey on the website or she would have completed it. She said that it might not be available in the correct place.

Board member Sheridan suggested that the River Cities Gazette could publish an article to inform parents about the importance of the survey.

Ms. Thompson added that all four schools have functioning PTSA organizations with decent memberships. The number of parent academy workshops offered last year seemed low and the spring parent/teacher conferences were discontinued this year. The parent involvement awards were created last year to recognize involvement, not only through the PTSA, but parents being involved with the teachers and their child's work on an ongoing basis.

Ms. Martinez stated that based on the information, the activities in place will be reviewed and a benchmark will be created to move forward with the baseline data. There were discussions about marketing a "Springs Log-in Day" to inform parents about the parent portal with the cooperation of the City and the district, which is one goal for the next quarter.

Preliminary work began on the Education Advisory Board's interest in exploring the option for a bilingual or dual language program, according to Ms. Martinez. They will determine if it is a feasible option and explore the pros and cons to be able to implement the program. Dr. Joanne Urrutia from the Office of Bilingual Education will share budgetary information for the implementation of a program. There are also considerations of what is taking place at the school site.

Dr. Joanne Urrutia stated that currently Springview Elementary is a completely bilingual school through the fifth grade, which means Miami Springs Middle School should begin preparations to receive the first bilingual graduating class. The viability of making Miami Springs Elementary completely bilingual is a problem because if a parent does not choose to be in the program then there are no other options in the City of Miami Springs. In recent history, there have been several parents that have requested transfers from Springview to Miami Springs.

Dr. Urrutia said that when the parental demand for the bilingual program exceeds the capacity of Springview, she would recommend implementing a track within Miami Springs Elementary. The logical procedure is to begin with Miami Springs Middle School.

Dr. Urrutia explained that the instructional program includes one hour each day of language arts in Spanish, plus an extra hour of content in Spanish, usually social studies. This allows the student to become proficient in conversational Spanish and the literacy and academic areas. They will work with the school site administration to develop the content areas and it would be an academy because some students will not participate in the program. The idea is for the program to grow and expand to the High School.

Dr. Urrutia emphasized the importance of working with the parents and students and for the school site to make it an attractive program. This will be the first graduating class from Springview Elementary and they will conduct special meetings for those students, as well as the students graduating from Lorah Park in conjunction with the Middle School.

Chair McNichols suggested that parents and students should be surveyed to see who is interested before articulation.

Ms. Martinez advised the Board that program funding is a consideration and if the bilingual program is something that the City of Miami Springs would support, they would facilitate a conversation with the other municipalities that feed into the school and explore a funding package for the program. It is critical to know the cost of the program.

Dr. Urrutia explained that the three funding areas are personnel, text books/instructional material and professional development. The elective is generated based on demand and if a sufficient number of students apply to take Spanish, then the teacher is generated. The school site administration must determine what bilingual staff is available to deliver the instruction in Spanish.

To answer Vice Chair Molliner's question, Dr. Urrutia stated that the teachers would be certified in the area of content and they must be linguistically qualified. This will be determined by the school site administration.

Dr. Urrutia said that depending on the content, there would be an expenditure related to the purchase of additional textbooks in Spanish. There are costs related for professional development, assuming teachers are available, for additional pay or to pay for substitute teachers.

Board member Mitchell asked if the classes are divided for children who speak Spanish fluently and those who do not speak Spanish at home.

Dr. Urrutia explained the concept of a dual language program is to mix the students from kindergarten all the way up through the grades so that they reach the same level of proficiency.

Dr. Urrutia clarified that the program proposed for the Middle School would be for students who have had six years of daily instruction in the language.

Chair McNichols added that Springview Elementary has an after school tutoring group three days a week for kids in the bilingual program who do not speak Spanish, which is very helpful.

Further discussion ensued regarding the bilingual program. In conclusion, Dr. Urrutia stated that the next step would be to work with the elementary school in order to project what the interest would be.

Ms. Martinez suggested that they could provide the cost estimate to implement the program for the sixth grade cohort and work closely with the Middle School and the Elementary School Principals to determine the parent interest. She said that they could report back at the next quarterly update.

Vice Chair Molliner asked Vice Mayor Youngs if foresees available funding or if the City could approach the neighboring cities that have more tax support from the businesses.

Vice Mayor Youngs reported that there are budget constraints due to State mandates. He explained that the recently approved budget kept the same level of services, while other municipalities throughout the State had to cut way back. The annexation proposal could change the commercial tax base, but that could be another year or two away.

Board member Sheridan commented that Lorah Park Elementary feeds into the Middle School, and children from the cities of Hialeah, Virginia Gardens and Medley might also want to continue the bilingual program.

Ms. Martinez stated that regarding communication strategies, the River Cities Gazette agreed to publish a monthly article on education, and John Schuster said that he would provide regular updates in The Miami Herald. They want to work closely with City Manager Borgmann to provide school updates to the City's website.

Ms. Martinez informed the Board that the next quarterly update would be in January with the hope to demonstrate progress with the other elements in the compact.

## **5b. Virtual School**

Sylvia Diaz presented information on new legislation that requires all school districts to offer virtual instruction programs beginning the next school year. The requirements are to offer a full-time K-8 program and either a part-time or full time program for students in grades 9-12 who are in juvenile justice, drop-out prevention or career and technical programs. A further requirement is to provide computer hardware and ~~con-~~ activity connectivity when appropriate, as determined

by the school district. The students will have to take the FCAT and the school will be graded. Home schooled children are not eligible for the program and the eligibility requirements are that students must have been in a public school in the State of Florida during the past school year, or in one of the virtual charters or a school district program offered under the statute, according to Ms. Diaz. The district will be funded for these programs, students must be present for both the October and February FTE period and promoted to the next grade or they will not earn FTE funding.

Ms. Diaz explained that the high school program is based on successful course completion. The state approved providers for content are charging a considerable fee of \$4,800 per child and the FTE ranges from \$3,200 to \$5,800, which would be a money losing proposition. The intent is to license the content for the programs, offer the full-time K-8 program, a part-time high school program and to continue the supplemental high school program for students in grades 9-12.

Ms. Diaz answered questions from Board members. She said that parents must provide four hours a day of instructional support. The school districts will determine eligibility.

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Councilman Youngs explained that Susan Kairalla is on the Diversity, Equity and Excellence Advisory Committee and he asked her to speak about the School Volunteer Program. There are four sister schools in the area that need help and he would like the Board to consider if there is something that could be done to assist with this serious situation.

Ms. Susan Kairalla stated that she would speak about the School Volunteer Program specifically because there are four schools in close proximity that have students who are failing. She said that some students have parents who cannot read or assist them with their academic studies.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools historically has had the largest number of adult volunteers who are parents, community members and business members who decide that it is important to help children, according to Ms. Kairalla. Vice Mayor Youngs is suggesting empowering parents, community members and business leaders to help other children in the community exactly the same way they help their own children.

Ms. Kairalla explained that Miami-Dade County Public Schools implemented a certified volunteer program and volunteers are treated the same as new employees with background checks, fingerprinting, etc. The only difference is that they are not paid. She said that volunteers are parents, community members, and retirees who can read books to students or assist with their homework. One of the District's goals is to make sure that every child is successful.

The new School Superintendent wants to ensure that there are no "pockets of failure. If the community is interested in solving the problem, they can start within the community or reach out to other communities, according to Ms. Kairalla. She said that volunteers can learn more from the parents and families that they interface with in those areas.

Vice Mayor Youngs explained that there are four schools that will close after this year unless they improve their scores from an “F” to a “C”. A presentation was made at the ABC meeting regarding the future of Liberty City Elementary, Holmes Elementary, Edison Senior High and Miami Central Senior High schools.

Vice Mayor Youngs stated that the City of Miami Springs has come far to improve education in the community schools with the assistance of the Education Advisory Board and their volunteer efforts. He said that it seems like a daunting challenge to take “F” schools and bring them to a “C” within one year, but it might be possible with a volunteer program consisting of students who need community service hours or adults who have the time to assist the schools in order to avoid closure. He was gratified to find out that the school system already has a volunteer program in place.

Board member Mitchell stated that when her daughter was in college she mentored three students at Hialeah High School and they improved to an “A” level. She said that it would be helpful to have more information as to what is needed.

Ms. Kairalla said that it is the responsibility of the school Principal to decide they want a program in the school and to identify the leadership within the school. She explained that the number of hours is determined by the school Principal. She gave examples of ways that volunteers can help students.

Chair McNichols suggesting adopting one school to recruit volunteers for.

Ms. Kairalla stated that a decision must be made to help and the school will let volunteers know what they need. She explained that in this world of technology that communication is possible without going to the school or visiting the classrooms and physical contact with a student must be in the presence of a Staff person at the school.

Vice Mayor Youngs suggested that the school Principal could identify the particular needs and the Education Advisory Board could identify how the community can respond to meet those needs.

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**5c. Legislative Update**

Chair McNichols heard that there would be another Revenue Estimating Conference and the education budget would be cut again.

Board member Sheridan explained that Florida International University was facing another 7% cut and she heard during a recent discussion that the Legislature would not make further cuts because they would utilize reserve funds.

Chair McNichols said that the questions that would affect the schools were removed from the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. She added that the Constitutional amendment question regarding the one-cent tax for community colleges would allow local jurisdictions to tax themselves to support community colleges in their area.

Vice Chair Molliner commented that many elite universities are raising their tuition and increasing the application requirements, which makes the need for the community colleges even greater. The Charter amendment would allow communities to raise funds for the community schools so that everyone could attend.

Board member Sheridan stated that the Board of Governors has set a cap on university enrollment due to lack of funding. Florida International University has a very high student/teacher ratio and there are not enough classrooms or available parking. Community colleges are not allowed to cap enrollment and it puts a different burden on those schools.

**6) Old Business:**

**6a. Construction Update**

This item was previously discussed as part of the individual school reports.

**6b. ERP (Boss) Status**

Chair McNichols tabled this item to the next meeting.

**7) Other Business:**

Chair McNichols entertained discussion on the Middle School and whether or not the Board should take action on the boundaries.

Vice Mayor Youngs stated that the ABC Committee had changed its method of operating during the last four years and the School Board changed its authority. The community must decide whether or not to come together to target the boundaries for Miami Springs Middle School before October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chair McNichols stated that it involves a tremendous amount of work that should be done by a group of people, not the City or the Education Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Youngs explained that targeted schools will have a boundary change effective the start of the next school and advised schools will be reviewed for targeted status in some future year.

Discussion ensued regarding boundary changes for Miami Springs Middle School.

Susan Kairalla stated that a community member or group could immediately notify the ABC Committee by sending a letter asking them to target Miami Springs Middle School which is an over enrolled school that is surrounded by under enrolled schools, although this could impact students that live in Miami Springs. She felt that an alternative solution would be to provide programs and educational experiences for the children in all schools because the physical location is not that important.

Board member Mitchell said that parents could choose a school for their kids because of the programs that are offered, but it is common sense for kids to attend schools closest to their community.

Further discussion ensued between Board members, Vice Mayor Youngs and Susan Kairalla.

Vice Mayor Youngs confirmed that noon on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> would be the deadline to notify the School District of a community or citizen proposal for a boundary change, which will determine whether or not the ABC Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Schultz, Miami Springs Middle School PTSA President, 100 Sunset Way stated that if he is provided the contact information that he would be glad to send the letter and attend the ABC Committee meeting after polling the PTSA Board members to see how they feel.

Vice Chair Molliner felt that it would be appropriate for the EAB to make a recommendation to the City Council.

Vice Mayor Youngs stated that he would be happy to present the Board's recommendation to the City Council.

**Board member Mitchell moved that the City Council support efforts to target Miami Springs Middle School for an attendance boundary change for the upcoming year, pursuant to the Compact and community input. Vice Chair Molliner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.**

Vice Mayor Youngs stated that the next Regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and it would be good for the community to speak under Open Forum on behalf of the Miami Springs Middle School PTSA.

Shelly Schultz of 100 Sunset Way asked about the status of Brownsville Middle School.

Chair McNichols explained that Brownsville Middle was placed on the advised list by the Region, which means that they will review the boundary.

Vice Mayor Youngs added that Brownsville Middle was placed on advised status because it is under enrolled.

Chair McNichols asked the Board members if they wanted to take action on the Volunteer Program.

Board member Manning stated that she would like to give further consideration to the program after consulting with Principal Ennis.

Chair McNichols said that she would include the Volunteer Program on the November agenda for further discussion.

Board member Manning clarified that at the last meeting she stated that all ninth grade students are enrolled in Honors World History, which they are, but now there is a regular World History class offered that has 43 students. The School Improvement Plan for next year was adjusted to state that students are encouraged take the Honors class.

**8) Adjourn**

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Hitaffer  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as amended at meeting of: 11-17-2008

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