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Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida Representing 900,000 Florida Students and their families.

MINUTES February 9, 2015

Educational Leadership Center Conference Room A 445 West Amelia Street Orlando, Florida 32801

Welcome/Call to Order:

Chairman Calderone called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Joie Cadle, School Board Member OCPS

Approval of Minutes

The January 12th minutes were corrected to reflect the correct spelling of the Marion County School Board Chair's last name. Lake County School Board member Rosanne Brandeburg moved to approve the January 12th minutes as corrected, seconded by Marion County School Board Chair Angie Boynton. The motion passed unanimously.

OCPS Parent Academy:

Kathy Shuler, Associate Superintendent in the School Transformation Office, introduced OCPS employees Joy Taylor and Katrina Summerville from the Title I Services Department. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Summerville presented a Power Point presentation on the OCPS Parent Academy. The purpose of the Parent Academy is to increase parent and community involvement and build a partnership between the school district and the parents. The Parent Academy has covered topics that include financial understanding/scholarships, digital resources, the new Florida Standards, and assessment and accountability. There is a Parent Academy website and an option for Virtual Parent Academy trainings. There have been four Parent Academy sessions so far this year with three more scheduled before the end of the school year. A copy of the Power Point presentation can be found on the CFPSBC website at www.cfpsbc.com.

Legislative Update

Scott Howat, Senior Executive Director/Legislative and Congressional Relations, OCPS, gave the legislative update that included:

- The Education Appropriations Subcommittees report on the Governor's Education per student spending budget increase,
- The Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee focus on assessment and testing costs and readiness as it pertains to local assessments, percentage of teacher evaluation, cumulative testing time, and 14/15 accountability,
- The House K-12 Subcommittee workshop on the school climate School Environmental Safety Incident Reports (SESIR) and school uniforms,
- The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee bill on Literacy Jump Start Pilot Program-the Early Learning Bill, and possible reforms at the Florida High Schools Athletic Association (FHSAA) as it pertains to its governance and the student transfers and recruiting investigations.

The Coalition members asked questions and entered into discussion concerning the Computer-Based Assessment Certification process and a Superintendent's disclaimer memo to be attached to the signed certification, district computer "load" tests, the recalibration for FLVS funding, school uniforms/dress codes, possible FHSAA reform, assessment & accountability issues/school grades, the CFPSBC White Paper on Assessment and Accountability, and district SESIR reports.

Old Business

Chairman Calderone recommended the Coalition adopt the Coalition White Paper on Assessment and Accountability. Marion County School Board Chairman, Angie Boynton moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Orange County School Board member Linda Kobert. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Calderone asked Coalition districts to update their contact spreadsheets, and also commented that, according to the Coalition bylaws and for the sake of consistency, items for the Coalition agenda should be sent from a Coalition member.

Volusia County School Board Chair, Linda Costello was not able to make the meeting. The scheduled presentation on the Affordable Care Act and 40 Hour Work Week was tabled for a future meeting.

New Business

Chairman Calderone stated that the CFPSBC website is hosted by Network Solutions and will expire in July 2015. Tina proposed moving to GoDaddy for hosting services for cost savings and ease of use. More research will be done, to come back for a vote next month. The Coalition's website address will be noted on all official Coalition documentation.

Chairman Calderone asked Coalition members for any future meeting topics. Manatee County School Board member, Dave Miner expressed interest in School Security and how we work with local law enforcement agencies. Orange County School Board member, Joie Cadle suggested the topic of working with your local county commissioners-impact fees and funding schools. The information concerning the local impact fee requested are what are each district's impact fees currently, are those fees higher or lower than in the past, 10 year history of impact fees, and the number of students per unit(student generation rate)-is it statewide or local equation?

Manatee County School Board member, Dave Miner made suggestions for adding Pinellas or Pasco County to the CFPSBC. Other counties that were suggested for membership were Flagler, Sumter, and Citrus. Mr. Miner stated that he would reach out to Pasco County to see if they are interested in membership.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.