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Meeting Summary
March 14, 2016

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

Welcome/Call to Order
Chair Dave "Watchdog" Miner called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Vice-Chairman Andy Ziegler, Brevard County School Board Member; led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Miner asked for roundtable introductions.

Program
Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent of Manatee Schools introduced Dr. Robin Thompson, Manatee County Director of Early Learning Education; and Dr. Sheila Halpin, Manatee County Parental Involvement and Family Literacy Coordinator. Dr. Thompson and Dr. Halpin provided an overview of the Campaign for Grade Level Reading and discussed the strategies and initiatives of the campaign and efforts of the School District of Manatee County.

Following the presentation, the Coalition Members asked questions of Dr. Thompson and Dr. Halpin.

Approval of Minutes
MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2016 was made by Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County; and seconded by Ms. Tina Caldrone, Seminole County. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the vote, Chair Miner asked for additional introductions.

Legislative Update
Mr. Scott Howat, Senior Executive Director/Legislative and Congressional Relations, Orange County; provided a legislative update on budget information and substantive education related legislation that passed and died after the close of the 2016 Regular Sessions.

Following the update, the Coalition Members asked questions of Mr. Howat regarding specific bills.

Chair Miner thanked Mr. Howat for his update and representing the School Districts in Tallahassee. Mr. Howat highlighted the hard work of all the lobbyists during open session.

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New Business **Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair**

1. **Best Practices Discussion – All**
   Vice-Chairman Ziegler invited the Coalition Members to have an open discussion on the following two topics of Graduation Rates and Grade Level Reading Strategies and Programs.

The Coalition Members discussed the purpose of the best practices discussion and the possibility of having subject matter experts attend future meetings to foster collaboration between the districts. The remaining Coalition Members agreed to add this topic to Old Business for the next meeting.

The meeting schedule was also discussed and those in attendance agreed by consensus to not hold a meeting in August and moved the following Best Practices topics to September; Negotiating Strategies with Bargaining Units and Health Insurance and Wellness.

Following the discussion, Chair Miner thanked all for their input and attendance. He also reminded all to prepare a one page document on each of the best practice topics below for April:

- Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Exceptional Student Education (ESE)/Gifted

Adjournment **Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair**
Chair Dave "Watchdog" Miner adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.