



Duval County Public Schools

April 25, 2016, Board Member 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: Board Members Dr. Constance Hall, Becki Couch and Scott Shine were present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[PRE-TRIAL DETENTION FACILITY](#)

Minutes:

Board Members were escorted by Officer Deon Johnson and Principal Edward Robinson on a tour of the Pre-Trial Detention Facility. During the tour they were able to visit classrooms, speak with students and teachers.

- Currently the facility has 71 students.

- The students are offered transition services.
- Florida Ready to Work is one of the transition programs that offers an opportunity for students to go into the work force.

DUVAL REGIONAL DETENTION CENTER

Minutes:

Board Members were escorted by Captain Harris and Donaldo Harris, Vice-Principal, on a tour of the Duval Regional Detention Center. During the tour they were able to see classrooms, students and teachers.

Board Members inquired about transition programs to prevent a repeat of the same students. A transition specialist is assigned to work with the students.

- Currently there are over 90 students at the facility with a capacity of 100.
- The students are grouped into 5 groups: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta and Hotel. Delta is used for overflow and Hotel is for female students.
- The Facility also serves Nassau and Clay county students.
- Staff would like to see students assigned to a mentor.

GRAND PARK EDUCATION CENTER

Minutes:

Board Members were escorted by Dr. Tyrone Blue, Principal, on a tour of Grand Park Education Center. During the tour they were able to visit classrooms, speak with students and teachers.

- Currently the Education Center has 201 students.
- Students and their families receive orientation before starting at the Education Center.
- Dr. Blue would like to see vocational programs offered.
- There is a Transition Specialist to help students transition back into the traditional school.
- Students work through "How Did I End Up Here" by Rick Lewis with the Transition Specialist.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman