



E-AGENDA MANAGER

## Duval County Public Schools

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December 17, 2014, Conference Call - The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program

Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Chairman  
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Becki Couch  
Mr. Jason Fischer  
Dr. Constance S. Hall  
Mr. Scott Shine  
Ms. Paula D. Wright  
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

PRESENT: Board Members Dr. Constance Hall and Paula D. Wright; Congresswoman Fredericka Wilson; Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Miami Dade County School Board; Ms. Audrey Gibson, Florida Senator; Sue Arrowsmith, Miami Dade College; Ms. Valtena Brown, Administrator, Miami Dade Public Schools; Mr. George Ray, 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Project. Superintendent Nikolai Vitti was also present.

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Minutes:

The conference call began at 11:00 a.m.

Topics To Be Discussed

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The following topics were discussed during the conference call:

- Target young boys at risk of dropping out
- Elementary through high school
- Each school has a site director (provided a supplement)
- Begin to recruit male mentors (fraternities, police, firefighters, judges, prosecutors' offices, doctors, colleges and universities). Students were given a pledge.
- Students were given a distinctive uniform (a tie with the emblem)
- The school site has to be sensitized to the "boys of color."
- District - 3 full-time people - funding for stipends, field trips - 5 personnel; 600,000-800,000 approximately
- Field trips during the school day - jail, parks, attractions, etc.
- Activities - induction ceremonies, tie tying celebrations
- Pursue funding from the Council of Great City Schools (Executive Board Meeting will be in Jacksonville in January)
- Approach Blue Cross/Blue Shield and foundations for funding
- Have restitution paid to the program
- Have Congresswoman Wilson come and swear them in.
- RECRUIT MENTORS FIRST

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Superintendent

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Chairman