



E-AGENDA MANAGER

## Duval County Public Schools

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September 15, 2014, Board Development Meeting

Ms. Becki Couch, Chairman  
Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jason Fischer  
Dr. Constance S. Hall  
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee  
Ms. Paula D. Wright  
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

CRSS Training for the Board began at 9:30 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[CRSS TRAINING](#)

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Dr. Cathy Mincborg, President and CEO, CRSS (Center for Reform of School

Systems)led the Board and Superintendent in a training session. Discussion included the following:

- The Board recapped some of the current issues that are relevant to the Board's work. Dr. Mincberg explained how these issues tie or don't tie in with the Strategic Plan and the importance of the Board having a clear and focused direction when going about their work.
- Once a clear and crisp message is formed, the Board needs to safeguard against the temptation to be distracted by questions from constituents that don't relate to that message. The Board also has to work on setting and working its priorities in spite of obstacles created by the State.
- Dr. Mincberg reminded the board members that they play a big role in shaping public opinion.

The following priorities were identified during the training:

I. Levers for improvement--at or above grade level

A. For All Schools

- Curriculum, guides, and assessments
- Tiered intervention process (RTI)
- Master schedule guidelines
- Professional development for teachers, common planning
- Training Assistant Principals and Principals
- Use of Performance Matters
- PACT
- Voluntary Pre-K
- Future: possibly create predictive interim assessments
- Metrics

B. Turnaround Schools

1. Support for struggling schools

- Retaining and recruiting highest performing human capital
- Additional personnel to assist at those schools
- Additional hour for school for reading proficiency work

II. Having students graduate ready for college or career and life

- A. Acceleration programs
- B. Dual enrollment
- C. Industry certification
- D. Graduation coaches in Title I schools
- E. Increased number of students taking ACT/SAT in 11th grade

- F. Developed a graduation tracker data base
- G. Strengthen relationships between Office of Accountability and guidance counselors
- H. Expanded partnerships with industry (career academies)
- I. Create better feeder pattern alignment (career academies)
- J. Development of a college going culture in high schools
- K. PACT
- L. Metrics

III. Closing the achievement gap

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman