



FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS FL-SAC General Meeting of April 13, 2002

The meeting of Florida Association of School Advisory Council Was held at 8:30 am at BECON 6600 Nova Drive, Davie, and Fl.

Teresa McCormick began the meeting with introductions (Please see sign in sheet for attendance). The first order of business was the review of HB1161 (The SAC Bill) and the new School Code Revisions.

Dwayne Mundy suggested we begin a "hot topic" list of various legislative issues, post them to our e-group to build some type of consensus on our stand. Laura Bensen mentioned that we organize a procedure of how we would determine what issues went forward and how we would approach the legislature.

The following issues were brought forward:

1. Improve the language on The SAC statues, taking it from general wording to more specific. Also making the law consistent statewide. Examples of this are words such as "assist, portion".
2. Provide training at a time appropriate for all stakeholders, not just district personnel. Plus plan training around the state for the new statues concerning SAC's.
3. Provide Consequences to schools that are out of compliance with SAC statues, giving "teeth" to the law. The current penalty of a whole school district is too harsh and unrealistic. Possible penalties could be suspension of funds to a particular school. Also there was the suggestion of having some type of guidance and grievance process such as an administrative hearing.
4. Each school district should define "appropriately balanced membership". "Assist in Budget." A suggestion was made that The SAC Chair sign off on the school budget.
5. Address all eight goals from The State, not just two.
6. Define and govern The Election of SAC members.
7. Have all SAC documents put in an open and known place making these public records accessible to all. Also make copies of these documents free to SAC members. (Make sure the date is on all by-law revisions)
8. Align the wording throughout The SAC Statue to keep SAC s as the final decision on funding disbursement
9. School Recognition Funds:
 1. Change the November 1st deadline date.
 2. Change the process of how the funds are decided for disbursement
 3. Do away with the funds, they are divisive and we have budget shortfalls

A presentation was made by Margaret Wolter from District Advisory Council in Broward County regarding the benefits of organizing parents and stakeholders from Sac's on a district-wide basis.

Since we had two people from DOE, the following requests were made. One, that each SAC throughout the State is given an e-mail address for DOE and legislative information that is pertinent to SACs can be disbursed directly instead of District filtering. Also, we asked DOE to investigate a district wide advisory council as a possible solution to parent/community involvement statewide. Thirdly, we asked that in their training sessions that they not only have a teacher, and a district person but also a parent. Both Nina Camp and Teresa McCormick are trained trainers and would like to be a part of the DOE s train the trainer. This could be the beginning of a partnership with FL-SAC and DOE.

Teresa McCormick moved that The Articles of Incorporation be filed and that we become incorporated with The State of Florida. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously. Dave Miner will be filing the papers. Many thanks were given to Dave for his hard work in creating The Articles.

Dave moved that we change our name to include Incorporated at the end; it was seconded and voted unanimously. Our name now reads Florida Association of School Advisory Councils Inc.

Teresea McCormick moved that the by-laws be accepted; the motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Carl Durnberg commented that having the business portion of our general meeting moved to the afternoon proved to be more effective. He also suggested that after the filing of incorporation and retaining the non-for profit status, we begin looking at raising money through grants. Also he talked about the need for insuring the officer against any liability.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda S Green
FL-SAC Secretary

DISCLAIMER- as with any minutes they are not official until approved at our next general meeting. Since I was the hostess of this meeting plus the one taking the minutes, I am sure that I have left things out. If there are any amendments or changes anyone thinks are necessary please e-mail to FL-SAC under the heading MINUTES AMENDMENTS.

Vice-President of Communications Notation:

FL-SAC members present at the April 13th meeting:

Laura Benson, Nina Camp, Carl Durnberg, Linda Green, Dolores Jensen, Merri Mann, Lucy Margolis, Theresa McCormick, David Miner, Dwayne Mundy, Jean Stevens

Guests: (some may have become members after the meeting)

Margaret Wolter, Sara Benarroch, Jeff Reiter, Margaret Ronald (DOE), Thomas Kimball (DOE), Mickey Lauf, Georgia Robinson, Charlotte Greenbauh, and Jerri-Lynn Burns

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