

**Pinellas County (FL) Schools**  
**District Monitoring and Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes**

Thursday, November 8, 2108  
African American Museum  
1101 Marshall Street, Clearwater, FL 33755

**DMAC Members Present:** Lawrence Clermont, Dr. Valerie Brimm, Marty Shapiro, Ron White, Diane Stephens, Lynne Tucker, Rick Bose, and Brittany Holmes (quorum present).

**Guests:** David Koperski, School Board Attorney; Joanne Lentino, School Board Member; and Carol McNamee, NAACP-South.

Meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m. by Diane Stephens as Lawrence Clermont was running late. Diane introduced the Director of the African American Museum and Diane gave the group a little history of the building.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – Lynne Tucker stated she would like the agenda to state under the New Business Sub-committee report out that the Summer Learning Committee has brought their recommendations to the meeting. Marty Shapiro made the motion, Rick Bose seconded. Approved. All voted with 8-yes.
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 13, 2018 – Lynne Tucker made a motion and Marty Shapiro seconded with all approving (8-0) to accept the minutes with the clarification that no one showed up for the October 29, 2018 Summer Learning Meeting
4. New Business
  - a. Election of new officers: Elected will be a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and a secretary. Nominations must comprise of one from the NAACP-North, one from PCCPTA and one from the remaining organization. We will nominate one at a time, you may nominate yourself, nominee must be willing to serve. The new Chairperson takes over Immediately.
    - o Chairperson – Diane Stephens and Lawrence Clermont nominated Marty Shapiro, Marty accepted the nomination. All voted with 8- yes.
    - o Vice Chair – Marty Shapiro nominated Lynne Tucker, she accepted. All voted with 8-yes
    - o Secretary – Marty Shapiro nominated Diane Stephens, she accepted. All voted with 8-yes
  - b. Finalize meeting dates and locations – All dates and locations look good with the exception of the CAP Center, who will confirm the date? Paula Texel will check with David Archie of the CAP Center. Marty Shapiro will be out of town on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Lawrence Clermont made a motion to approve the dates and locations, Ronnie White seconded, all voted with 8-yes.
  - c. Sub-Committee Report Outs – Lynne Tucker and the Summer Learning Committee has recommendations for the committee to review. She passed out data that will support their findings. The committee had eight (8) meetings. Below are the recommendations:
    - o Create effective program incentives and marketing strategies designed to increase enrollment. For example – give bikes as an incentive
    - o Adopt and implement an evidence based program
    - o Development a comprehensive plan by January 2020
    - o Launch a Summer Program by Summer 2020 that targets high-poverty schools.

Carol McNamee stated the NAACP-South has a program that will start in 2020. Everywhere a student goes or whomever they encounter will have someone speak to them about reading. For example, their barber, coach etc.

Ms. Lentino asked where will we get the funding for the Summer Program Launch for 2020? Diane Stephens stated she would like to see transportation spelled out in the next summer program. Lynne stated it's one of the barriers. She will revise the recommendation to include transportation. Ron White

states that if you keep doing the same thing, it won't change. It was shared that kids don't have parents at home, if you want to help they need to come into the neighborhoods.

Marty Shapiro would like to postpone these recommendations. Dr. Brimm questioned the schools visited, stating the schools didn't have the most African -American students. Also, wondered why DMAC members couldn't pick the schools they visited. Lynne Tucker stated the schools were chosen by Dr. Shana Rafalski, previous Executive Director of Elementary Education. Rick Bose suggested we survey the teachers and parents for what they would like to see for a summer program. Dr. Brimm stated they surveyed parents and students a couple of years ago, the results were they wanted enrichment. Lawrence asked when was the last time DMAC made a recommendation? David Koperski said about 7-8 years ago. Diane Stephens stated she is not trying to stop the recommendation, she feels the committee should read it over and digest it. A key recommendation would be to evaluate each level program. Chairman Shapiro states he wanted the group to get more information.

Lawrence Clermont asked Mr. Koperski to review the bylaws pertaining to the process for submitting recommendations to the Superintendent. Mr. Koperski asked the committee to send any comments to Ms. Texel so that she may send them to the group for Sunshine Law purposes.

Discipline Committee – no report

Family Engagement Committee – no report

Please send your suggestions for dates or feedback to Paula Texel by December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

5. Old Business
6. Open Agenda – No comments.

Meeting Adjourn        7:35p.m.