

NORTH CENTRAL AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL  
STEERING MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007  
NORTH CENTRAL AREA CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting began at 10:00am.

DAC Report given by Andrea Blackwood: 45 thousand letters went out over the summer, to parents from schools that did not reach AYP. The letter explained what AYP was and stated that if the student chooses they may transfer to another school. 17 thousand parents responded to the letter, and 32 hundred decided to change schools.

A motion was made by Lew Naylor and second by Cheryl Glenn-Cooper to guide parents who receive the AYP letter, to improve the transfer system, and enlighten parents on the consequences of transferring.

The motions that were passed at the DAC meeting are as follows: **Excused Absences:** When having an excused absence during a graded event an "I" or a "X" will be put in the marking book to serve as a place holder until the assignment is completed and a proper grade is entered; so as the grade point average is no affected.

**Non-returned Textbooks:**

There is a problem with students being given school books and not returning them back to the school at the end of the year. As of now, the return book policy is handled on a local, school by school basis. DAC would like to see a more global policy established. One idea for solving the problem was educating the parents on the cost of the books.

The motions not passed at the DAC meeting were on suspension and elementary security.

## Committee Reports:

**Code of Conduct:** **Grills:** For health reasons, it was voted 18-11 that grills would not be allowed in schools. **Clothing:** shirts do not have to be tucked in, low hanging pants are ok, but no underwear is to be shown, no spaghetti straps, tube tops ok, as long as they are covered, Chinese slippers, belts and jewelry are all ok.

The Media Release Form was revised to include 3 choices: external media contact is ok, internal contact only (example: yearbook etc...), and third no photos at all.

**ID Badges:** Monitoring in the future in the Middle and High Schools for electronic devices during tests. Students use the electronic devices for cheating purposes.

Legislative: Special Session is taking place addressing property tax, look for future announcements.

Facilities: Tools for Schools: There are 21 primary schools involved in this program. They have submitted a packet to the EPA for an award, Model of Excellence". Broward County officials involved in this program will go to Washington D. C. to talk about the program. The EPA will fund the trip.

Area Superintendent Report: Dr. Butler spoke of establishing a Charter School Task Force, so she can focus her attention on the regular schools and not so much on the Charter Schools. Dr. Butler would like to see her staff all in the same building, and more equalization in the North Central Area. Dr. Butler is working on a mission statement for North Central Area and forming a vision with principles mentoring each other. Dr. Butler reminded the group that FTE is this week, and announced that Mr. Willie Dudley will be retiring. The steering committee asked that they be given the short list of his replacement and that the steering committee be involved in the hiring of his replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.