

Chattahoochee/Northview Advisory
Thursday, March 16, 2006
Ocee Elementary School
Minutes

Members / Representatives Present:

Ed Williamson	Roytunda Stabler
Peter Zervakos	Dawn Medlin
Jan Linscott	Marie Shelton
Toni Raabe	Randee Nagler
Tim Duncan	Malina Mendez
Steve Curry	Pam Hill
Jimmy Zoll	Margaret Pupillo
Jo Dills	Trey Martin
Ann Ferrell	James Eubanks
Doug Brown	Cindy Haley
Julie Haley	Liz Hausmann
Kathy Theisen	Jim Cotton
Vicki Temple	Susan Auerbach
Martin Neuhaus	

Kathy Theisen called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Kathy Theisen introduced the guest speaker, Corporal Joey D. Meadows, Alpharetta Police Dept., Youth Division. Corporal Meadows discussed “ways to support our kids being safe.” He discussed the topics of drugs use, gang activity, computer and cell phone dangers and concerns with regards to the youth in our community. He discussed ways for parents to be more aware of these issues and ways to keep children safe.

Contact Information for Corporal Meadows is:

- Email: Jmeadows@alpharetta.ga.us
- Phone: 678-297-6309

Julie Haley gave the legislative update.

- Two constitutional amendments that the GA PTA opposed were defeated. The HOPE scholarship and faith based bills were discussed.
- Also discussed was the Truth in Class Size bill. Funding to local schools systems is questionable.
- Parental Permission to Drop out of School Bill is to be heard.
- Another bill discussed was SB13 about remediation in middle schools.
- Katrina funding: The Federal government promised \$6,000/child and presently will receive \$4000 with an actual student cost of \$7800.

Julie encouraged all present to contact their legislators to aid in GA PTA causes.

Principal Doug Brown of Barnwell Elementary presented the “Spotlight on Schools.” The students participate in the Sounds of Learning program. The children meet with musicians of the ASO at the school. The program integrates music and arts with other areas of curriculum. Barnwell students and the musicians have been working together for six years. It is a positive experience for all involved. Mr. Brown will provide information to other schools if they are interested.

Liz Hausmann gave the following updates:

- Splost III vote is to be in September. Evaluations have been completed with regard to maintenance and building needs.
- Audits are completed, netting \$ 1.7 million from the following school projects: Sandtown and Milton.

Liz also discussed the 2006-07 Budget. At this point in time there is a deficit of \$ 78million which may require going into the reserves. Programs may be cut.

She urged those present to contact Leg. Wendall Willard and Ed Lindsey about HB 585 to reinstate the tax commissioner's ability to sell tax liens. Please tell legislators to encourage it out of committee in its current form.

- Email: WKWillard@hotmail.com
- Phone 404-656-5125.
- Email: Edward.Lindsey@house.ga.gov

Bill 1321- New city bill passed both houses, is on the governor's desk for signing, then to justice for review.

Randee Nagler reviewed:

- SPLOST 3 needs for improvement list.
- Vertical teaming - continues with math and science.
- GPS - Fulton County is in line with implementation.

Kathy Theisen closed the meeting by encouraging participation in the technology survey on the Fulton County School website.
Next Cluster Meeting will be on May 18th at Barnwell ES at 8 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Haley