

TAMPA BAY AREA COALITION

Of

School Administrators association

Minutes of January 11, 2006 Meeting

The Tampa Bay Area Coalition's 24th bi-monthly meeting was held at Brewster Technical Center in Tampa Florida. The meeting commenced at 9:00 AM and concluded at 11:00 AM. Coalition Representative present were: Dr. Neriah Roberts from Polk; Terry Aunchman from Pasco; Peggy Johns from Pinellas; Ed Stickles from Lee; and Dr. Ken Allen and Dr. John Miliziano from Hillsborough. Robert Clark from Orange was also present.

In the absence of the Secretary, Rob Aguis, Dr John Miliziano requested approval of the minutes of the last meeting of November 18, 2005. Dr. Neriah Roberts reported on the financial report stating that the balance on the Coalition's account with HASA was \$1,937.25. This balance does not include the contributions received in support of the upcoming January 21 Workshop from Palm Beach \$500, Miami Dade \$500, Seminole \$200, and Orange \$200. Chris Brown of VALIC will also be sending a contribution to help defray the cost of the Workshop. FASA's contribution will be to provide the speakers and presenters for the workshop and all the written handouts that will be distributed to the Workshop participants. On motions and unanimous vote, both the minutes and the financial report were approved as presented.

Dr. Miliziano distributed the following documents and reviewed them as follows:

2006 Florida Legislative Update. This one and one half page documents outlined the four legislative priorities that FASA is promoting on behalf of all Florida Administrators. FASA has submitted bill drafts for each of these legislative priorities to legislators who have committed to file them for the 2006 legislative session. The information of this update outlines which legislators are involved, which bills have been files, gives names of co-sponsors of the bills, and provides the current status of the bills. Miliziano reported that he obtained this information form the office of Johan Mixon the consulting firm for FASA. Mike O'Farrell from Mixon's office has replaced Terry Golden who has accepted a job in the Governor's Office in the Education Division. As things develop with these bills, Miliziano will revise the updates and send them to all Coalition Members and Interested Parties.

Report of January 21, 2006 Workshop. Dr. Miliziano distributed a current list of names by districts of all the administrators that have been registered for the Workshop. Fifty (50) persons from 21 districts have committed to attend. Additional names will be submitted in the next several days that should bring the number of attendees to about 60 to 65. Jim Warford, the Executive Director of HASA reported to John that he is working on finalizing the list of presenters. Jim has spoken with Johan Mixon about the agenda and the materials that needs to be prepared for the workshop. John has also spoken to Mike O'Farrell and Chris Brown about some of the expectations of the Workshop. The Culinary Class of Jefferson High School will provide the continental breakfast and lunch

for all the workshop participants. Miliziano's secretary will make name tags, take and transcribe the minutes of the workshop. A written transcript of the minutes will be sent to all participants by US Mail. Terry Aunchman has agreed to conduct an evaluation of the Workshop, analyze the results, and make the results available to members of the Coalition and Workshop sponsors. Miliziano will ask all participants to fill out an information sheet that will be compiled and made available for future networking purposes.

Report on Mileage and Per Diem Reimbursement. The findings of a survey report were distributed showing what 22 Florida districts are reimbursing their employees for in county travel and per diem when they travel out of county.

Report of Salary Study. Miliziano distributed a one page chart showing the preliminary finding from seventeen (17) districts that are being surveyed. The information sought is of the daily rate of pay for teachers and school level administrators. Additional information is sought and members present at the meeting were asked to please complete the missing information from their districts and to proof for accuracy the data already provided. Miliziano will contact the other districts that have not yet responded for request of data. When this study is complete the information will be shared with all the districts that participated in the study.

Dr. Miliziano, Dr. Roberts, and Robert Clark reported on their January 8, 2006 visit to Brevard County. The purpose of this visit was to inform the Board of the Brevard Administrators Association about how they can become more proactive and more involved in the legislative process. The Brevard administrators were interest in learning what they can do as an association to be more effective in influencing legislation at the local and state level. They were also very interested in the notion of coalition building. Brevard is very interested in affiliating with Seminole, Orange, and possible other neighboring districts to form a coalition similar to the Tampa Bay Area Coalition.

Miliziano also distributed a report showing that 2,000 administrators are already networking in the Tampa Bay Area Coalition. The report also shows that an additional 3,000 administrators from Miami/Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Seminole, Orange, and Brevard are in the networking loop and are also interested in coalescing into some type of regional coalition or association. The report lists an additional fourteen (14) districts that have some level of associations and that are being contacted and invited to the February 21 workshop with hopes that they will also become interested in networking with other districts throughout the state. All total, there are almost 6,000 administrators in Florida that are members of 31 local associations that could be united and made part of a state wide networking group that could be called upon when needed for a call to action in support of our legislative priorities.

The next bi-monthly meeting of the Coalition was set for March 8, 2006 at 9:00 AM at Brewster Vocational Tech in Tampa.