

**Education Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2007
Minutes**

Committee Members Present

Bill Montford, Co-Chair
Kez McCorvey
Shannon Miller
Julie Ryczek

Council Members Absent

Karen Dowd
Nancy Hogshead-Makar
Robert Keiser

Others Present

Kim Berfield
Rachel Duerr
Kate Kemker
Antoinette Meeks
Nichole Wilder

Bill Montford called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.

Deliberations on Tasks A – I

The members of the subcommittee discussed the definition of physical education and their thoughts on making sure there is physical activity. The definition of physical education from HB967 was read. The Department of Education (DOE) leaves it up to the districts for interpretation of the bill. The members agreed that Representative Weatherford's intent of the bill was for students to be physically active. The members also discussed having accountability for physical education.

Kim Berfield, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH), shared with the members that recommendations do not have to be a mandate. She will work on drafting recommendations based on the deliberations from the meeting for the committee to review. These will be recommendations to the Governor and Florida Legislature to consider. She will check statutes/rules to ensure the council is in compliance with what the council wishes to accomplish. Ms. Berfield will also look at the *100 Ideas* book to see if there are any similar recommendations.

Mr. Montford stressed that the recommendations sent to the Governor focus on the big picture.

Tasks A

Mr. Montford reviewed the members' recommendation to have schools present a plan to districts to be approved for implementation. Mr. Montford suggested the school districts submit a plan to DOE. This may be the PE supervisor or the superintendent.

The members decided that the district should send the content of what is being done to DOE. The council will recommend that a structure for proper implementation will be provided to the districts to help them with their implementation plan that DOE must approve.

Task H

Ms. Ryczek suggested that a professional development requirement component be added on implementing physical education for all school employees since the teachers are the ones implementing it in the classroom.

Task E

The members discussed having all schools implement the Fitness Gram or an equivalent fitness assessment tool and have mandatory reporting for accountability.

A recognition program was suggested. There was a discussion of having a recognition program with or without funding. Ms. Ryczek suggested collaborating with Department of Citrus (DOC) for a golden orange award or having school recognition with professional athletes or organizations.

There was a discussion of the school grades. Mr. Montford informed the members that all schools are funded. The school grades program is a recognition program that gives additional money to a school that may be used in any way without approval of a local school board. It is based on FCAT scores. The members recommended making physical education part of the grading criteria.

Mr. Montford suggested having a recognition program apart from the school grading program. Ms. Ryczek recommended having a physical fitness recognition program. Mr. Montford suggested having the Governor pass an award that had high standards to be measured.

Task B

Ms. Ryczek discussed the recommendation from October 22 for a phase in approach for physical education from grades 6-12. The recommendation was to do it by grade starting in 2008. In 2008, mandate 225 minutes per week of physical education for 6th grade.

Mr. Montford recommended taking a comprehensive look at requirements for K-12.

Bill Montford adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.

Submitted By: Rachel Duerr

Approved By: Bill Montford