

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REFERENDUM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ICROC)
QUARTERLY MEETING
Thursday, September 27, 2012
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order – Linda Kearschner

- II. Approval of Minutes for May 1, 2012 Meeting

- III. Overview of Revenues and Expenditures by Major Object 7/1/11 – 6/30/12 –
Kevin Smith

- IV. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Major Object for the Seven School Years
05/06, 06/07, 07/08, 08/09, 09/10, 10/11 and 11/12 – Kevin Smith

- V. Summary of Referendum Revenue – Kevin Smith

- VI. Referendum Supplement History – Kevin Smith

- VII. Tax Roll and Revenue/Appropriation Summary for 2012-2013 School Year –
Kevin Smith

- VIII. Referendum Plan – Bill Lawrence and Staff
 - a. Supervisor 4th Quarter Reports
 - b. Year 8 - 2012-2013 Referendum Plans

- IX. Annual Report Timeline

- X. New Business and Committee Discussion

- XI. Comments from the Public

- XII. Set Next Meeting – November 29, 2012

Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee
Workshop – May 1, 2012
Azalea Middle School
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC) conducted a meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Azalea Middle School, 7855 22nd Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710.

Members of ICROC Present: Linda Kearschner, Pinellas County Council PTA; Mitch Lee, Pinellas Education Foundation, Mike Meidel, Economic Development Council; Robert Safransky, COQEBS

Members of ICROC not in Attendance: Amanda Patanow, League of Women Voters; Denise Hurd, SAC; Brian Shuford, Pinellas Realtor Organization;

District Representatives Present: Fred Matz, Chief Financial Officer; Bill Lawrence, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Danielle Campbell, Supervisor, Secondary Reading; Signe Webb, Supervisor, Secondary Language Arts, Pat Lusher, Supervisor, Pre K-12 Curriculum & Applications; Sue Castleman, Supervisor, Pre K-12 Visual Arts; Jeanne Reynolds, Supervisor, Pre K-12 Performing Arts; Pamela Moore, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 Education;

The meeting was called to order by Mitch Lee at 11:05 a.m. Minutes of the February 28, 2012 meeting were approved 4-0.

Overview of Referendum Revenues/Expenditures: Fred Matz presented an overview of the referendum's financial for the third quarter of the 2011-2012 school year. He made reference to two other handouts, "referendum supplement history" and "referendum salaries in program areas" that were included in the materials provided to committee members. Mr. Matz announced that this was his last ICROC meeting since he was retiring on 6/30/12. He introduced Kevin Smith, the current Assistant Superintendent of Budget and Resource Allocation as his replacement. A hard copy of the detailed reports was presented to each of the ICROC members and accompanies this set of minutes.

Pat Lusher, Director of Academic Computing reported that the installation of 101 Smart Boards using an outside vendor was completed by March 23, 2012. The three project coordinators continue to facilitate the online courses and are seeking additional teachers wishing to earn a Smart Board for their classroom. They also are opening face to face classes for the summer for teachers to take in Smart Technologies.

So far this year through the referendum we have trained and installed Smart Boards for 258 teachers across the district. There are 42 teachers working towards boards to be completed by July. The district is now purchasing a more efficient projector, and after piloting it in several schools, it has been determined that this is a viable solution. The referendum continues to support installation of Smart Boards, curriculum software, along with maintenance and bulb replacement for existing Smart Boards. A hard copy of the detailed report was presented to each of the ICROC members and accompanies this set of minutes.

Jeanne Reynolds reported on the third quarter Performing Arts expenditures. The committee visited the band classroom at Azalea Middle School. The committee discussed the new and successful guitar program at Azalea. Mrs. Reynolds discussed what has been accomplished with referendum dollars, specifically as it pertains to the string program, technology and the auditorium upgrades. Mrs. Reynolds indicated there continues to be a focus on training and curriculum development to support teachers as they integrate new equipment and technology into their programs so it can be used most effectively. A hard copy of the detailed report was presented to each of the ICROC members and accompanies this set of minutes.

Sue Castleman presented that spending was completed in art discretionary funds for schools, art equipment and classroom libraries. Additionally, another high school computer lab at Gibbs High School was refreshed. The equipment is at the school and will be ready to use by mid May. The visual arts field trips have increased this year and are available to all teachers who are taking students to visual arts museums and galleries. Recently students sent in letters about how they enjoyed their field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts that was funded by the referendum and Sue read a few at the meeting. Two Movie Making Camps for middle school students have been scheduled in June at Dunedin Middle School and John Hopkins Middle School. This is a collaboration between the visual arts and performing arts with the camp being staffed with visual arts, music and theatre teachers. A hard copy of the detailed report was presented to each of the ICROC members and accompanies this set of minutes.

Elementary Reading and Language Arts Department has been busy as reported by Pam Moore, PK-12 Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Superintendent. She reported that schools had completed their purchases of reading enhancement and intervention materials based upon the needs of their individual school. Funds continue to support the personnel needed to carry out the referendum initiatives. The Leveled Literacy Intervention Program is completing its second year of the three year project, and the training opportunities and purchasing of materials has continued through this quarter. She was pleased to report that the First Grade Reading Workshop Training was completed in March, and the Read Aloud training for both first and second grades continues as planned. All materials for the grade two small group instruction professional development have been purchased and distributed to all second grade classrooms, with roll out implementation scheduled for district wide training dates. The carryover funds from this year will be prioritized to support the referendum priorities as communicated through the elementary reading/language arts referendum committee. A hard copy of the detailed report was presented to each of the ICROC members and accompanies this set of minutes.

Danielle Campbell, Supervisor, Secondary Reading stated that currently, as we approach the end of the 2011-2012 school year, the focus for Secondary Reading Referendum Funds has been largely on professional development for both reading and content-area teachers. Multiple professional development sessions have been offered for each of the reading programs throughout second semester. Additionally, more than one hundred secondary teachers have completed the first 60 hours of Next Generation Content Area Professional Development 90-hour Package. Teachers who complete the package can provide students their reading intervention through their content material—enabling students scoring at Level 2 on Reading FCAT 2.0 to take an elective course of choice. The Secondary Reading Referendum Funds will also support a four-day Summer Common Core State Standards Institute for English/language arts, social studies, and science teachers of 6th and 9th grade students—along with secondary reading/literacy coaches and school-based Literacy Leadership Teams. A hard copy of the detailed report was presented to each of the ICROC members and accompanies this set of minutes.

An audio recording will be placed on file in the office of the Associate Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction. There being no other discussion, the ICROC meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The materials distributed at this meeting are attached to these minutes and, by reference, made a part of this record.

Prepared by: Kimberly Christy, Secretary, Curriculum and Instruction.



Brian Shuford, Pinellas Realtor Organization
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