



**District School Board of Pasco County
Workshop
February 5, 2019**

Members present: Alison Crumbley, Colleen Beaudoin, Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Megan Harding

Others in attendance: Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools; Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent; Assistant Superintendents Betsy Kuhn, Kevin Shibley, Vanessa Hilton, Marcy Hetzler-Nettles, Tammy Berryhill, Monica Ilse, and Dave Scanga; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer, Linda Cobbe, Public Information Officer. Other staff members were also in attendance.

Chairman Crumbley called the workshop to order at 12:40 p.m.

Instructional Materials

Jennifer Waselewski (Senior Supervisor, Office for Leading and Learning) presented information regarding mathematics, M/J World History, and Fine Arts instructional materials. She reviewed the objectives, the cross-district review process for selecting recommended materials, and next steps for board approval and final decision-making.

Early Release

Lea Mitchell (Director, Office for Leading and Learning) presented information regarding Early Release for Professional Learning. The plan consists of a monthly, two-hour release time to allow staff to engage in facilitated professional learning aligned to students needs and district and school priorities during the contracted school day. Instructional minutes, transportation implications, Food and Nutrition Services, After School Enrichment Programs, arts and athletics implications, and benefits for the system were reviewed. The Superintendent was instructed to move forward with this plan, which will begin in the 2019-2020 school year.

Project RISE

Vanessa Hilton (Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement) and Betsy Kuhn (Assistant Superintendent for Support Services) presented information regarding Project RISE.

Project RISE identifies critically needy areas of the county where students are not getting everything they need to achieve success. The proposal includes closing Hudson Elementary and Mittye P. Locke elementary schools and adding rigorous and advanced programs (Cambridge International, International Baccalaureate, and STEAM) to other schools along the U.S. 19 corridor. Parent community nights will be scheduled once the board makes a decision about the proposal, with the first stage beginning in 2020. Based on board member comments, Superintendent Browning said he would go back to staff and reassess the proposal.

The workshop ended at 3:15 p.m.

Approved in open session on February 19, 2019

Chairman

Superintendent of Schools