

Commissioner of Education, Dr. Tony Bennett's

African American History Task Force

Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 31, 2013 – Friday, February 1, 2013

Miami Dade Public Schools

Board Conference Room

1450 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Miami, FL 33309

9:00 A.M. Marion Williams, the Chair called the Meeting to order

Welcome/Introductions

Ms. Williams began with introducing herself and followed by the introductions from African American History Taskforce members and guests. Ms. Williams briefly shared the importance of the AAHTF and its history. She also applauded Miami-Dade Public Schools as an exemplary district for African and African American History Mandate.

**Task Force Members Present**

Maggie Lewis Butler

Sherry Dupree

Dr. Mark Howse

Dr. Vincent Jackson

Dr. Bernadette Kelley

Dr. Patrick Moore

Dr. Cathy Pressey

Ronda Vangates

Ann Whitney

Marion Williams

Frederica Wilson

Dr. Samuel Wright

Greeting/Welcome

**Dr. Wibert “Tee” Holloway, School Board Member**, welcome the AAHTF to Miami. He stated that Miami-Dade Public Schools is proud of their work and continued efforts in the areas of implementation of the African and African American History Mandate.

**Dr. Bernadette Kelley, Principal Investigator**, provide an overview of the African American History Task force which included, FS 1003.42 (2) (h), and the goals of the Taskforce.

### **Presentations:**

Historical Prospective of the Task Force

**Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, Representing the 24<sup>th</sup> District of Florida**, spoke on the history and development of the Taskforce. She included her role as a Florida State Representative and Miami Dade Public Schools. She extended her continued support to the implementation of the mandate and the success of the Taskforce.

Exploring Best Practices: Miami Dade County Public Schools effectiveness of African Advocacy

**Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor**, Shared how Miami-Dade County Public Schools implements the African American History Mandate throughout the school year, K-12 across the curriculum. She included the role of the African American History Advisory, student competitions, literacy and the arts.

### **Task Force Business**

Revision of African American History Project Deliverables

In order to met the needs of the grant and goals of the AAHTF, Ann Whitney, Director of Office of Humanities, discussed and reviewed

deliverables timelines. The taskforce noted roles and responsibility. After reviewing each line item, there is a concern for completing the work in the area of developing curriculum and providing training to the 67 districts with the current amount of funding. Dr. Howse reminded the group that AAHTF is an advisory committee to the Commissioner of Education. In the past, we have trained due to lack of implementation and training provided by the DOE. AAHTF also discussed the impact of lack of funds and/or delayed reimbursements.

### **Review of Goals and Projection**

To meet the deliverable goal of the Curriculum Framework, a motion was brought forward by Dr. Howse and second by Ms. Maggie Lewis Butler to allocate funds up to \$10,000, for a consultant to assist the AAHTF. The motion was carried unanimous in favor of this allocation.

After reviewing the goals, AAHTF decided to table the revision of the goals until we replaced the Goal 4 Chair which is currently vacant due to the recent passing of Dr. Annette Kashif, who served as the Goal 4 Chair. We also discussed increasing the membership of the AAHTF in order for the committees to function properly and efficiently.

Motion to Adjourn

February 1, 2013

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### **By-laws Review/Revised**

The AAHTF reviewed the By-laws follow by much discussion and editing. Taskforce member discuss the revision, but decided that they would like to review the Revised By-laws with the revision, before approving/passing them.

### **Aligning Common Core to the African American History Mandate**

Dr. Sherrilyn Scott, District Supervisor MDPS and Ann Whitney, Director of Office of Humanities, address over 200 social studies teachers and curriculum specialist K-12 on the implementation of Common Core and the African American History Mandate.

## **Sunshine and Public Record Law**

Ann Whitney, Director of the Office of Humanities, providing the AAHTF with the required Sunshine and Public Record Law training. Ms. Whitney reviewed the power point presentation from Joseph Centorion, which included the Statements of Fiscal Responsibility. Also reviewed that all meetings are to abide by the Sunshine Laws.

### **Next steps:**

- Complete and approve the By-laws
- Review the Goals and select a Goal Four Chair if necessary
- Monitor the project Deliverables

The Motion to adjourn was offered by Dr. Wright. The meeting was then concluded.