

Meeting Minutes from the Manatee County 2nd Realignment Meeting (Committee "B")

Location: Oneco Elementary School, 2nd meeting

Date and Time: October 18, 2010 from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Stokes, Shannon Blackman, Carrie Ellis, Vicki Ellis, Linda Fouse, Bonnie Mahoney, Katherine Price, Pamela Smith, Tiffany Wachtman, Ann Jeffords, and Skip Neill

Proceedings:

- Committee members introduced themselves and shared what school they were representing
- Mr. Stokes reviewed the purpose of the meeting and informed the committee of available classroom space at Daughtrey, Oneco, McNeal, Braden River, Tara, and Samoset
- A question was brought up as to why we need to realign. Katherine Price spoke on behalf of McNeal stating parents of their Daughtrey/Oneco pocket wish to have their children attend Daughtrey because they can walk to school. Transportation and after school programs are also concerns from the parents. The students from the pocket are on the bus for over an hour each way. Transportation for the parents to access McNeal is a problem for many families. Their children are unable to stay after school for any tutoring or enrichment needs. The number of students that will be affected by eliminating McNeal's pocket is approx. 10 students.
- Linda Fouse spoke on behalf of Tara stating that she wants to keep her families at Tara. She has the available space and staff. She feels that Tara can provide a safe and positive learning environment for their students and families. Her recommendation is to leave Tara as it is and keep her pocket students.
- Pamela Smith spoke on behalf of Braden River stating they too had concerns regarding transportation and after school tutoring, however their staff had mixed feelings in regards to realigning their Oneco pocket of students. They wish to keep the pocket as is in part because they have available space and they feel BRE is a good environment for the students and families.

- The Committee's final recommendation is to move only the McNeal pocket to Daughtrey and make this their new zone. There were no objections to the decision.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:15

The next scheduled meeting will be on October 27, at Daughtrey. This meeting will be where Committees A, B and C share plans with Superintendent McGonegal and the community. The scheduled time is 6:00 in the media center.

Minutes submitted by: Katherine Price