

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT THE 2004 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
THE FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE PER SCHOOL BOARD RULE 6Gx13-1B-1.011**

**COMMITTEE: BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES**

The Family & Community Involvement Advisory Committee is charged in School Board Rule 6Gx13-1B-1.01, Parental Involvement – A Home-School Partnership, with guiding the implementation of the rule. As part of this charge, the committee provides annual recommendations to the School Board.

The 2004 recommendations were submitted to the School Board in writing by the chair, Ethel Pruitt. They are as follows:

1. Fund and hire more full-time translators to provide effective and timely communication between the school district and families.
2. Endorse and fund the committee's "Heads Up" informational campaign for parents and families in 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. Funding for the 2005-2006 campaign should at least match the budget request for the previous year, with allowances for additional costs to be factored in at a later date.
3. Request the School Board Chair to annually appoint a representative to serve on this committee.
4. Request the Superintendent to personally attend at least one committee meeting annually and appoint a cabinet-level representative to serve on the committee on his behalf.
5. Direct Miami-Dade County Public Schools' employees to consult the district calendar before scheduling committee and district-office meetings and events or activities involving parents. Such meetings should be scheduled so as not to 1) conflict with other events that require and/or encourage attendance by M-DCPS School Board members, administrators, teachers and other staff members at activities involving parents, or 2) coincide with times of the year, such as the run-up to FCAT testing, that requires parents' attention.
6. Request the Superintendent to appoint staff to work with the committee to design and implement a comprehensive on-line calendar of activities with district-wide impact that is pertinent to district stakeholders, particularly parents.

The purpose of this item is to accept the recommendations of the committee and direct the Superintendent to initiate a process or procedures to address the recommendations.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida accept the 2004 report and recommendations of the Family & Community Involvement Advisory Committee; and direct the Superintendent to initiate a process or procedures to address the feasibility of the recommendations.

Revised