

**Pinellas Schools Collaborative
AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2013 at 9:00 am

**310 COURT STREET, CLEARWATER, FL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33755**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**
- III. DISCUSS COORDINATION PROCEDURES REGARDING CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATIONS**
- IV. ANNUAL FALL STUDENT ENROLLMENT COUNT**
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

COLLABORATIVE AGENDA ITEM II.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the April 4, 2012 Pinellas Schools Collaborative are attached for review and approval.

ATTACHMENT: Collaborative Minutes of April 4, 2012

ACTION: Approval of Minutes

COLLABORATIVE AGENDA ITEM III.

DISCUSS COORDINATION PROCEDURES REGARDING CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATIONS

At the School Transportation Safety Committee meeting held on September 5, 2012, the issue of coordination between local governments and the School District regarding the process of locating charter schools was brought up. Following that meeting, it was determined that this was a topic appropriate for the School Planning Workgroup to take up. Prior to scheduling a Workgroup meeting, County staff met with School District staff to discuss the local government concerns identified at the Safety Committee Meeting (e.g., traffic, safety, neighborhood compatibility, etc.) and the School District shared their related concerns, as well as legal constraints involving how the siting of charter schools occurs. School District staff subsequently made some revisions to their contract review process, and on December 5, 2012, they presented the resultant coordination strategy to the Workgroup. The Workgroup provided comments and feedback and an agreed upon coordination process was arrived at that should largely reconcile the local government coordination issues and concerns. Essentially, the ability to now provide comments back to the School District during a prescribed review period will enable local governments to address specific zoning/compatibility/site plan/safety concerns, as well as - if warranted – to provide notice of a need for the charter school to arrive at a plan to address things like crossing guards, sidewalk improvements, etc.

Once the School District is notified of the proposed charter school location, they have agreed to immediately forward a copy of the application to the affected local government. Under the new procedure, a final contract will not be approved by the School Board without local government zoning/permitting staff approval, as provided for under sections 1013.33 (4) and (7) of Florida Statutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meeting Summary from the December 5, 2012 Workgroup meeting
2. Excerpt from the School District's revised charter school contract
3. Main points of the charter school coordination process
4. Relevant sections from Florida Statutes

ACTION: No action required; informational only

COLLABORATIVE AGENDA ITEM IV.

ANNUAL FALL STUDENT ENROLLMENT COUNT

Marshall Touchton, the School District's Demographer, will discuss the 2012-13 Annual Fall Student Enrollment Count and the Level of Service (LOS) Report. These Reports determine existing school utilization rates by comparing the aggregate school capacity and enrollment and anticipated student population growth in eight School Planning Areas (SPAs).

ATTACHMENTS: 2012-13 Fall Enrollment Count and the Draft version of the Level of Service Report

ACTION: No action required; informational only