



City of
ALACHUA

THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

**Education Task Force Meeting
Minutes
November 28, 2023**

Chair Jeffrey Means
Vice Chair Travis White
Member Jeremy Grimm
Member Lynn Hayes
Member Tanya Floyd

City Manager Mike DaRoza

The City Commission will conduct a
Education Task Force Meeting
At 5:00 PM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: November 28, 2023

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers

WORKSHOP: Citizens Present: Kevin Berry, Tim Wright, Gib Coerper, Ross Woodbridge, Nannette Dell, Michele Lee, Ben Boukari, Mia Jones, Teddy Sanchez, Kristy Goldwine, Michael p. Gamble, Herman Knaf

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE MEETING MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Jeffrey Means, Chair

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Welcome and Introduction
Received and filed.
- B. Overview of Strategic Initiative
Received and filed.
- C. Group Carousel Brainstorming Session
Received and filed.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Jeffrey Means, Chair

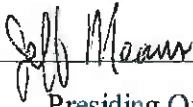
IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Gib Coerper
Shirley Green Brown
Damon Messina
Edward Potts
Antwanique Edwards
Teddy Sanchez

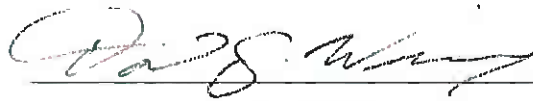
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ATTEST:

EDUCATION TASK FORCE OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Presiding Officer



Staff Liaison

City of Alachua

Education Task Force

Brainstorming Workshop Notes from 11-28-23

Wall Charts were divided into categories and all present circulated around the chambers recording their input. The broad categories were: 1. *Child Care/After-School Care*, 2. *Schools*, 3. *Churches/Religious Organizations*, 4. *Community/Civic Groups*, 5. *Sports/Recreation*

Child Care/After School Care

Early Learning Centers

Family Based Homes

Teacher Shortage

Wait Lists

Competing Businesses

Affordability

Support for ALICE family

Bosses for Babies

Parents-families

Parent Education – Importance of 0-5 ed.

How to choose a quality childcare

Not enough afterschool care

City offered? Legacy Summer Camp

Extended Day Enrichment Program (ACPS)

ELC – Ala. Co.

HIPPY (Contact Nanette Dell – ACPS)

Good News Club – Churches

Public Library

Okito

O2B Kids

Schools

More Parent Involvement!

Evidence based practice & curriculum

School Advisory Committee's

Parent Teacher Associations

Volunteers

After School Providers

Community Partnerships (UF, SFC, Churches, RTI)

Recruiting/Retention Efforts for teachers/staff

Bridge building between Alachua schools

Positive Storytelling

UFly Curriculum

Business Partnerships

Nutrition

Literacy

Mentoring

Tech Center

What can schools do to be more welcoming?

Churches/Religious Organizations

Outreach for VPK enrollment & school support

Capacity of local church Pre-K's?

After-school programs? Meals

Church Summer Programs – VBS?

Crisis Response

Assist w/family voice

What churches offer Pre-K?

Churches that offer tutoring, reading programs?

Partnering with the City/Local Businesses

Supplies – back packs, clothes

Create family leaders

Food 4 Kids backpacks programs

Community/Civic Groups

Lions Club

Chamber of Commerce

Library System

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

Girls on the Run

Mentors

Good News Art

Greek Organizations

Churches

Santa Fe College

Music and Arts

Just Between Friends

Kiwanis of Santa Fe

Alachua Business League

Women's Club

Josh's Place

Momentum Dance

Masonic Lodge

Dance Alive

Historical Society

Mebane Alumni Association

Community grassroots/neighborhood leaders

Sports/Recreation

Dance, Music, Crafts, Painting

Local Leagues

After school programs

Children's Trust

Safe Places

Partnering Seniors/Children, "Grandparent Program"

Equitable Access – Costs, Transportation,
Funding, Availability

Mentorships at schools with coaches

Multiple Parks (improvements)

Partnership with Parks & Recreation

Gymnastics