

Commissioner's Secondary Reading Advisory Panel

Meeting 1: January 24, 2005

Participating:

Governor Bush

Commissioner John Winn

Charles Garcia

Maria Elena Arguelles, PhD, University of Texas, Center for Reading and Language Arts

Don Deshler, PhD, University of Kansas, Center for Research and Learning

Norma Garza, National Reading Panel

Andres Henriquez, Carnegie Corporation of New York

Joe Torgesen, PhD, Florida Center for Reading Research

Mary Laura Openshaw, Director, Just Read, Florida!

Evan Lefsky, PhD, Secondary Reading Specialist, Just Read, Florida!

Jim Warford, Chancellor K-12 Public Schools

Attending:

Mike O'Farrell, Staff Director to the Senate Education Committee

Linda DeMarsh-Matheus, Staff, Senate Education Committee

Bill Proctor, Director, CEPRI

Sylvia Fleischman, Division of Community Colleges

Bob Woffard, Division of Workforce Education

Holly Radcliffe, Division of K-12 Public Schools

Sundra Kincey, Division of Colleges and Universities

Just Read, Florida! staff

The morning began with Governor Bush offering some introductory remarks, followed by an opening group discussion of the big picture issues facing Florida. Upon Governor Bush's departure, Commissioner Winn and Mr. Garcia led the discussion of current research available and how it could be applied in Florida – particularly what needed to be done in both the long and short term.

Florida's coaching model was looked at extensively, and the preliminary outcomes of Monday's meeting were to focus our efforts "like a laser" on bringing intense reading instruction to grades 4-8, and expanding into high schools later. Considerable time was spent discussing the role of the content area teacher and what support we could immediately provide.

Next Steps:

- Each panel member will prepare a one/two page action plan for circulation before the next meeting.
- A follow up email was sent on Tuesday, Jan 25, to all panel members in an effort to schedule the next meeting.
- We are working with Governor's office to secure his participation in the second meeting as well.