

Commissioner's Secondary Reading Advisory Panel

Meeting 2: March 28, 2005

Participating:

Commissioner John Winn

Charles Garcia

Jim Warford, Chancellor K-12 Public Schools

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

David Francis, PhD, University of Houston

Norma Garza, National Reading Panel

Andres Henriquez, Carnegie Corporation of New York

Reid Lyon, PhD, National Institute of Health

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Mary Laura Openshaw, Director, Just Read, Florida!

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Summary:

Participants discussed the recommendations prepared by the panel. Discussion included:

- Implementation issues around the proposed Intensive Reading Course for entering Level 1 and 2 6th graders.
- Possible efforts to ensure the efficacy of Florida's Reading Coach model, including cross-disciplinary literacy teams in middle and high school
- Development of a survey/observation tool to examine instructional time in current intensive reading courses
- Examination of ratio of narrative to expository text on elementary FCAT
- Strategies on working with teacher prep programs
- Motivation issues/strategies for older struggling readers

Just Read, Florida! will prepare a final draft of recommendations with current efforts to date, which will be presented by June 1 to Governor Bush and the State Board for feedback. The final recommendations will be shared with the Florida Education Foundation for consideration.