



Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2011

Allocate Funds to Suncoast Inc. for the Children's Initiative Program at Fairmount Park Elementary

Item III.A.

Recommended Action:	Allocate \$248,673 to Suncoast Inc. for the Children's Initiative Program at Fairmount Park (\$263,343 annualized)
Issue:	To Provide Services at Fairmount Park Children's Initiative Pilot Site
Program:	Children's Initiative at Fairmount Park
Budget Impact:	Reduce Children Initiative Fund by \$194, 405 and Perry Preschool Fund by \$54,268.
Strategic Plan Goal:	To Increase School Success

Background:

This pilot is part of JWB's Children's Initiative and is modeled after the Harlem Children's Zone in New York City. JWB, in partnership with Pinellas County Schools, is committed to providing an overlay of traditionally funded wrap around services for the children selected for this pilot at Fairmount Elementary. This initiative is designed to provide students from pre-Kindergarten to 5th grade with support through educational programs, integrated community services, social services, early intervention and prevention programs, and resources that will increase students' academic performances, improve behavior and increase parental engagement and community support. The current program provides services through the 2nd grade, with a subsequent grade added each year. The scope of the initiative provides students with highly effective teachers, best pedagogy practices, quality social services, social work assistance, enrichment activities, and before and after school care. The partners involved in the pilot (Suncoast Center, Inc., Community Mental Health, Juvenile Welfare Board, City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County Schools) believe that this initiative will stimulate students' passion for learning, cultivate a positive learning environment at home, and bridge the gap between parents, communities and stakeholders to the education institution.

Suncoast, who is already involved in the pilot, will be providing clinical case consultation for the two social workers at Fairmount Park. The clinical case consultation would also provide more efficient access to Suncoast services which include evaluations, counseling, outpatient care, in-home therapy, family support, specialized care, and prevention and intervention to support the Fairmount Park pilot. Suncoast will provide the fiscal oversight of the subcontract to the Pinellas County School Board without additional compensation or administrative fees. Suncoast is currently providing services at Gibbs High School for the JWB School-Based Health Services program. Fairmount Park is a feeder school to Gibbs. This partnership will ensure continuity and a wider array of services. The pilot program at Fairmount Park will provide services to approximately 80 families with a projected annualized cost of \$843,668 which averages \$10,545 per family for year round services.