



NOVEMBER 2025 TEAM REPORT

Education

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The Education Action Team met yesterday, Nov. 17. To receive a report on recent meetings with two school board members.

Consistent with the direction of the Team we have conducted two meetings with school board members with the goal of establishing a rapport our elected officials. We need to be better acquainted and understand their goals. We also want to understand how board members function with the change in the board's attorney as their employee. We have been meeting with the superintendent to also better establish a mutual understanding.

1. Monique Fischer, Lena Ellis, and Pat Drago met with Krista Goodrich over coffee. The conversation was very convivial, and Ms. Goodrich was generous with her time.
2. Ann Smith and Pat Drago met with Donna Borsemer at her home and once again had a long and cordial conversation.

Next up, Pat will ask Reuben Colon to meet with her, Carolyn Carbonell and another Team member at his convenience. At each meeting we have made sure we had a constituent in addition to the Ed Team chair.

Team members will visit Beachside Elementary on December 2, and Deltona Middle on January 13. We meet with the school administration and visit classrooms. We find this very illuminating. It makes education real and not just theoretical.

Members will also participate in registering senior class members at area high schools. Thank you, Carolyn Carbonell for being instrumental in reaching out to principals to arrange this. Next up will be two sessions on testing. Julia Carson will explain transactional testing at the elementary level and Nicki Junkins will review NAEP tests and the results, nationally and locally.