

# MINUTES

**Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Advisory Board Meeting  
Friday, February 10, 2012  
3:10 PM – 4:38 PM  
Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition**

**I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda**

Call to order made by Ms. Deborah Hawley at 3:10 P.M.

**II. Welcome**

Board Members Present:

Ms. Deborah Hawley, St. Lucie Business/Citizen Representative, Chair

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University, Asst. Dean, PK-12 Schools and Programs: CEO, TCUS

Ms. Sandra Wolfe, St. Lucie County School District, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Elijah Watlington, Florida Atlantic University, Associate Dean, Northern Campuses (Via cellphone)

Dr. Valerie Bistor, Florida Atlantic University, Dean & Professor, COE

Board Members Excused:

Mr. Joe Smith, St. Lucie County, Clerk of Court

Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University, Professor, COE

Dr. Al Jurenas, Florida Atlantic University, Professor, COE

Others Who Were Present:

Dr. Tammy Ferguson, Principal/Director, A.D. Henderson and FAU High School

Dr. Steve J. Rios, Assistant Visiting Professor, College of Education

Ms. Lindsay Tolerton, ESE Coordinator, Florida Atlantic University/Henderson

Ms. Debra Snyder, Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Ms. LaTricia Thompson, Asst. Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Ms. Kathleen Melrose, Instructional Coach, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Ms. Alison Yano, Literacy Coach, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Ms. Jean Svet, Math Coach, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

**III. Introductions**

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Minutes from the last meeting were not approved due to a lack of quorum of members present.

## **V. Reports**

### **a. Principal's Report**

1. Ms. Thompson presented Quarter 2 St. Lucie County benchmark testing results and comparisons.
2. Discussion of data meetings scheduled for 2/15 and 2/16 for the purpose of using Quarter 2 Benchmark results to guide instruction.
3. Ms. Snyder explained the FCAT 2.0/Quarter 2 Benchmark cut scores for reading. Palm Pointe has scheduled a *Pastries with a Purpose* meeting on 2/23 to inform parents of Florida's new cut scores.
4. Steve Rios reported that over the years – educators, students and parents are often “shocked” by new assessments. He predicted that in a larger perspective student achievement levels will increase.
5. Ms. Melrose reported that a school improvement grant was approved and will be used for reading, math, science, writing and algebra tutoring at Palm Pointe. She also provided an update of SES Tutoring.
6. Ms. Yano and Ms. Svet reported on parent involvement at Palm Pointe for the 2011-2012 school year. Parent involvement included Math Curriculum Night, Algebra Parent Night, High School Information Session, FCAT Writing Night, Science FCAT and Science Information Night, History Fair Night, ASD Parent Nights with CARD, Linguini and Literacy Evening, Pastries with a Purpose and a CSI Family Night.
7. Ms. Snyder reported on Palm Pointe's professional development for the 2011-2012 school year. Marzano Teacher Effectiveness Training is the main focus for the 2011-2012 school year. Professional development planned for the summer of 2012 includes additional Kagan training and Failure is Not an Option.

### **b. CEO's Report**

1. Mr. Thomas discussed the total number of applications for the 2012-2013 school year. There are 447 applicants for kindergarten and 1,292 total applicants for grades K-8.
2. Glenn Thomas handed out the following documents: *Ongoing Research at Palm Pointe Educational Research Center*, *Ongoing Research at Karen Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development and/or A.D. Henderson University School*, Florida Atlantic University's *Research 3D Newsletter*, *Demographics for Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition for 2012-2013*, *Research and Development Guidelines and Procedures*, and the *Certificate Regarding Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws*.

## **VI. Action Items**

There were no action items.

## **VII. Discussion Items**

1. Memorial for Stephanie DiMarzio

Deborah Hawley discussed a desire to memorialize Stephanie DiMarzio at Palm Pointe. Glenn Thomas suggested thinking about the needs of Palm Pointe (options could be a tree, bench, etc.). Sandra Wolfe asked if there are guidelines for memorializing employees of SLCSB. Debbie Hawley volunteered to check for guidelines at the district level.

2. SLC/Palm Pointe Budget

Deborah Hawley reported the transfer of \$3.4 million from Palm Pointe's budget over to SLC School District. The transfer of funds was to pay for administrative and transportation costs. Ms. Hawley reported that Palm Pointe has approximately \$2 million in reserve.

3. Treasure Coast Charter High School

Negotiations are in progress between FAU and the charter school to lease a vacant FAU facility.

**VIII. Old Business** Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair  
None

**IX. Public Comment** Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair  
• Ms. Wolfe congratulated Ms. Snyder and her staff for their great work this school year.

**X. Announcements, Communications, Board Comments** Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair  
None

**XI. Adjournment**  
Chairperson Ms. Hawley adjourned the meeting at 4:38 P.M.  
Next meeting is scheduled April 13, 2012.