Minutes
Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc.
Board of Director’s Meeting
August 8, 2008
Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda
Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Chair Deborah Hawley called the meeting to order at 3:50 PM.
Agenda was not approved due to lack of quorum.

II. Welcome
Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Board Members present:
Ms. Deborah Hawley, St. Lucie Business/Citizen Representative, Chair
Mr. Michael Lannon, St. Lucie District Schools, Superintendent
Dr. Eliah Watlington, Florida Atlantic University, Associate Dean, College of Education

Board Members who were not present:
Ms. Gerri McPherson, Florida Atlantic University, Vice President, Treasure Coast
Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University, Professor
Dr. Valerie Bristor, Florida Atlantic University, Dean, College of Education
Mr. Joe Smith, St. Lucie County Commission, Commissioner

Others who were present:
Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University/ CEO, Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc., and Dean Bristor’s representative
Ms. Debbie Snyder, Principal, Palm Pointe Research School @ Tradition
Ms. Lydia Martin, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Research School @ Tradition
Dr. Kathy McGinn, St. Lucie District Schools, Assistant Superintendent for Strategic Planning
Ms. Cortina Gray, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Research School @ Tradition

III. Introductions
Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
There were no new parties at the table for introductions.

IV. Approval of Minutes
Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
No board approval, due to lack of a quorum. Item is tabled until the September 12, 2008 meeting.
V. Recognition and Awards
Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
None

VI. Principal’s Report
Ms. Debbie Snyder, Principal
School data was reviewed. Mr Lannon commented on the radical change that is occurring in math across the state. Mr. Thomas mentioned that mathematics may be an area of interest for research purposes. Ms. Snyder mentioned the classrooms are decorated, teachers have a roster, and the school is ready for students.

VII. CEO Report- Mr. Thomas said FAU has received the first FTE allocation for Palm Pointe Research School and the reimbursement transfer mechanisms are being put into place by FAU and district.

VIII. Action Items
Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
No comment. There was no quorum so no action can be taken. Recommendation will be to provide a comparable policy to the district magnet school policy including that no medical transfer will be provided.

IX. Discussion Items
Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO
Comparability – Glenn Thomas stated that Palm Pointe School is reported under FAU as District 72 for student/staff reporting, but for financial reporting it is structured under FAU as District 71. Discussions with Tim Barger about reporting and finances are continuing. Mr. Thomas is not sure if a portion of the current IDEA funding at Henderson (72) can be transferred to Palm Pointe (71). This would involve splitting the current funding based entirely on last year’s Florida Atlantic Schools (A. D. Henderson University School and FAU High) exceptional student count. This will decrease the funds available to the Henderson School if approved by the Florida Department of Education.

Enrollment- Mr. Lannon mentioned that Palm Pointe school will know after the first 10 days what the student enrollment counts actually are. Ms. Snyder mentioned that Palm Pointe is full like other schools.

Transportation – Ms. Debbie Hawley and Ms. Snyder have met with district personnel to discuss issues related to student transportation. Ms. Hawley commended the district staff for their hard work. Changes are impacting the entire district. Every child in the county will have transportation plans that may look different than in the past. Parents will receive Connect Ed messages with specific information over the coming weekend. Ms. Snyder commended everyone for working together to find transportation solutions for our students. Mr. Thomas also thanked Mr. Lannon for committing to provide comparable transportation for all St. Lucie students to attend Palm Pointe Research School @ Tradition. Mr. Lannon recognized the district staff for their hard work. Palm Pointe School will be treated like every other school in the district.
IX. Old Business
None

X. Public Comment
None

XI. Announcements, Communications and Board Comments
The regular board meetings for the 2008-2009 school year will be scheduled at the September 12, 2008 TCUS, Inc. Board meeting. There will be a school dedication ceremony at 3:30pm on October 17th.

XII. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 4:54pm

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 AT PALM POINTE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH SCHOOL @ TRADITION AT 3 PM.