

Minutes

Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc. Board Meeting

November 7, 2008
Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition
Port Saint Lucie, Florida

- I. Call to Order Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Chair Deborah Hawley called the meeting to order at 3:21 PM.
- II. Welcome Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Board Members present:
Ms. Deborah Hawley, St. Lucie Business/Citizen Representative, Chair
Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University
Dr. Eliah Watlington, Florida Atlantic University/Assoc. Dean North Cps.
Ms. Gerri McPherson, Florida Atlantic University
Mr. Michael Lannon, Saint Lucie County Superintendent
Dr. Valerie Bristol, Florida Atlantic University/Interim Dean & Professor, COE
- Board Members who were not present:
Mr. Joe Smith, Commissioner of St. Lucie County
- Others who were present:
Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University/ CEO, Treasure Coast
Miss Debra Snyder, Principal Palm Pointe
Ms. Lydia Martin, Assistant Principal Palm Pointe
Ms. Cortina Bell-Gray, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe
Mrs. Crystal Atkinson, FAU Northern Campuses Budget Director
Mrs. Kellie Leveille, Recording Secretary
- III. Introductions Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
There were no new parties at the table for introductions.
- IV. Approval of Minutes Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Deborah Hawley put forth a motion to accept to the November agenda.
Motion was accepted by Gerri McPherson and seconded by Michael Lannon.
- Deborah Hawley put forth a motion to accept the September minutes
Motion was accepted by Gerri McPherson and seconded by Michael Lannon.
- Deborah Hawley put forth a motion to accept the October minutes with a correction,
adding Dr. Valerie Bristol in place of Dr. Gregory Aloia.
Motion was accepted by Gerri McPherson and seconded Dr. Jack Scott

V. Recognition and Awards

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Deborah Hawley recognized that Commissioner Joe Smith was elected Clerk of the Court.

Gerri McPherson complimented the Palm Pointe Staff on the organization of the Palm Pointe dedication.

VI. Reports

Ms. Lydia Martin, Assistant Principal

A. Principal's Report

Staff professional development during the months of October and November focused on cooperative learning and response to intervention (RTI) which is a more dynamic model of identifying special needs children. Palm Pointe is obtaining district support with communicator math thru district training for parents. Teachers will also have in-house training on November 10th for communicator math. A total of 24 teachers are enrolled in Education Master Classes, 13 for Reading Masters and 11 for Educational Leadership Masters

Assistant Principal Cortina Bell- Grey advised that Palm Pointe has introduced several extra curricular activities which include an art club, science club and intramural athletics. These activities aid in boosting academics.

Principal Debra Snyder advised that perfect attendance is an area that requires attention. The first school quarter will end on November 14; the pretest results will be presented at the next meeting. The Title One Principals monthly meeting was held at Palm Pointe. The Principals were impressed with the autism rooms, and the adaptation made for the children. Palm Point is right on target with state enrollment standards.

B. CEO Report

Mr. Thomas reported that the charter school grant was submitted 1 month ago. Clarification is needed for the budget section of the grant. The instructional side of the contract is secured. A sub contract with the district & schools may be necessary if the original instructional agreement is not used.

VII. Action Items

No action items

VIII. Discussion Items

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

A. Consideration of Bylaw Amendments

Copies of the bylaws were disseminated. A decision was made to change the annual meeting to the month of June from December, to reflect the school calendar. Adjustments to the bylaws will be made in accordance with advisement from legal. An update copy of the bylaws will be available at the next TCUS meeting, before scheduled for review by the Board of Trustees.

B. Nominating Committee Membership

The nominating committee members are Mr. Michael Lannon, Ms. Gerri McPherson, Dr. Jack Scott, and Dr. Eliah Watlington. The committee members are charged with nominating at least two parent/guardian representatives for the board. Letters of Application should be received by November 17th, the information will be posted on November 19th, and an election conducted at the December 12th board meeting.

C. Admission Policy: Hardship

Admissions determinations will be final. The wording of the Appeal of DRCS Admission Determinations will be reviewed by the university attorney. Admission exceptions for students with Autism will be investigated for notation in the admission procedures.

IX. Old Business Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
None

X. Public Comment
None

XI. Announcement, Communications, and Board Comments

Gerri McPherson announced the FAU Board of Trustees meeting will take place on November 19, at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. The meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend. An invitation was also extended to attend the Treasure Coast Campus Phase II dedication on November 13th.

Gerri McPherson also announced that a new recording secretary possibly from the College of Education will replace the current recording secretary.

XII. Adjournment Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 4:39 p.m.