

MINUTES

**Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, December 19, 2008
3:30 PM – 4:45 PM
Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition**

I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Call to order made by Ms. Deborah Hawley at 3:18 PM.

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Michael Lannon to approve the December agenda
Second – Seconded by Ms. Gerri McPherson
Unanimous Approval

II. Welcome Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Board Members present:

Ms. Deborah Hawley, St. Lucie Business/Citizen Representative, Chair
Dr. Eliah Watlington, Florida Atlantic University, Associate Dean, Northern Campuses
Ms. Gerri McPherson, Florida Atlantic University, Vice President, Northern Campuses
Mr. Michael Lannon, St. Lucie County School District, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Valerie Bristor, Florida Atlantic University, Interim Dean & Professor, COE

Board Members not present:

Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University, Professor, COE
Mr. Joe Smith, St. Lucie County, Clerk of the Court (elected)

Others who were present:

Ms. Cortina Bell-Gray, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition
Ms. Crystal Atkinson, FAU Budget Director Northern Campuses
Ms. Debra Snyder, Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @Tradition
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Recording Secretary
Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University, Executive Director, COE/ CEO, TCUS
Ms. Lydia Martin, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe

III. Introductions Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Ms. Elizabeth Gray was introduced as the recording secretary.

IV. Approval of Minutes Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Ms. Deborah Hawley brought to the Board's attention corrections to the November minutes.

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Michael Lannon to approve the November 7th minutes as amended

Second – Seconded by Dr. Valerie Bristor
Unanimous Approval

V. Recognitions and Awards

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Ms. Deborah Snyder announced Ms. Janie Pizzarello as Teacher of the Year. She also announced Mr. Michael Garcia earned Distinguished Minority Educator Award, Ms. Katherine Hoeg earned the Outstanding 1st Year Teacher Award and Mr. Erik Henik earned the School – Related Employee of the Year Award.

Ms. Gerri McPherson announced FAU’s teacher recognition at Heather Michel’s graduation an FAU alumnae and Palm Pointe teacher.

VI. Principal’s Report

Ms. Deborah Snyder, Principal

Assistant Principal Lydia Martin discussed benchmark statistics, noting Palm Pointe is at or above district goals.

Assistant Principal Cortina Bell-Gray reviewed Palm Pointe’s community events. The Toy drive was successful. The Food for Families Drive collected over 4,000 items. FAU’s Reduce, Recycle and Replenish art contest resulted in four 1st place winners and one 1st place class winner.

Principal Debra Snyder gave research updates. The Henderson visit was very successful, further collaboration with Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition is anticipated. Dr. Margaret Jorgenson is interested in continuing her testing and measurement research with Palm Pointe and is expected to return in the spring.

Principal Debra Snyder also introduced Good Fit, SMaRT, and AIT Teachers programs to the Board.

VII. CEO’s Report

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Exec. Director

Mr. Glenn Thomas reported the charter school grant has been submitted.

VIII. Action Items

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Mr. Michael Lannon submitted the committee’s recommended nominees, Anika Hardmon and Riccardo Fernandez, taking special consideration to ensure diversity and involvement.

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Eliah Watlington to approve the nomination slate
Second – Seconded by Ms. Gerri McPherson
Unanimous Approval

Mr. Michael Lannon nominated Mr. Joseph Smith for Community Representative for a one year term.

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Michael Lannon to elect Mr. Joseph Smith as Community Representative

Second – Seconded by Ms. Gerri McPherson

Unanimous Approval

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Michael Lannon to slate current officers

Second- Seconded by Ms. Gerri McPherson

Unanimous Approval

Copies of the updated bylaws were disseminated. Mr. Glenn Thomas reviewed the adjustments made to the bylaws. A motion to accept the amendments was made by Ms. Gerri McPherson and seconded by Dr. Eliah Watlington. A decision was made to make additional changes. An update copy will be available at the next TCUS meeting, before scheduled for review by the Board of Trustees.

The Board discussed the approval of student admission and enrollment policy and Ms. Deborah Hawley asked for item 8 of page 3 be struck. A suggestion was made to create an official policy or procedure for the admission and placement of students with autism. A decision was made to table this for the next TCUS meeting.

IX. Discussion Items Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

None

X. Old Business Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

None

XI. Public Comment Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

None

XII. Announcement, Communications, and Board Comments Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Mr. Michael Lannon announced the upcoming School Board meeting will discuss the anticipated financial outcomes of the budget cuts.

XIII. Adjournment Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 4:45pm.