

**MINUTES**  
**Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Friday, February 11, 2011**  
**3:00-4:30 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 3:10 PM.  
**Motion-**Motion made to approve agenda by Dr. Valerie Bristor  
**Second-** Seconded by Dr. Al Jurenas  
**Unanimous Approval**
- II. Welcome** Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair  
Board members present:  
Ms Deborah Hawley, St. Lucie Business/Citizen Representative, Chair  
Dr Valerie Bristor, Florida Atlantic University, Dean & Professor, CEO  
Mr. Glen Thomas, Florida Atlantic University, Asst. Dean, PK-12 Schools & Programs:  
CEO,TCUS  
Dr. Al Jurenas, Florida Atlantic University, Professor  
Mr. Max Kernick, Parent, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition  
Ms. Tonya Wyandon, Parent, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition  
Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University, Professor
- Board Members not present:  
Mr. Joe Smith, St. Lucie County, Clerk of Court  
Ms Sandy Wolfe, St Lucie County School District, Deputy Superintendent- Excused  
Dr. Eliah Watlington, Florida Atlantic University, Associate Dean- Excused
- Others who were present:  
Ms. Debra Snyder, Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition  
Ms D’Jion Jackson, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition  
Ms. Kathleen Perez, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition  
Pam Molner, Volunteer of the Year  
Mike Bernard, Grandparent
- III. Introductions** Ms Deborah Hawley, Chair  
None
- IV. Approval of Minutes** Ms Deborah Hawley, Chair

Please let the minutes from the previous meeting reflect that both parent representatives were excused from last meeting.

**Motion-** Motion made by Ms. Tonya Wyandon to approve the minutes

**Second-** Seconded by Dr. Valerie Bristol

**Unanimous Approval**

**V. Recognitions and Award**

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

1. Ms. Deborah Hawley shared that Palm Pointe was recognized for outstanding science projects during the district Science Fair Awards last night.
2. Ms. Snyder recognized Pam Molner, Palm Pointe's Volunteer of the Year at the meeting. She has been chosen as the District Volunteer of the Year, and is the State Volunteer of the Year for region 3. Pam Molner is an amazing person and volunteer.

**VI. Reports**

**a. Principal's Report**

Ms. Debra Snyder, Principal

1. Ms. D'Jion Jackson reviewed benchmark Quarter 2 results and comparisons.
2. Ms. Kathleen Perez reviewed some of the faculty professional development that is occurring within the first quarter of the school year.
3. Ms. Debra Snyder reviewed the Response to Intervention and instruction based on data driven decisions.

**b. CEO's Report**

Mr. Glenn Thomas. CEO

1. Mr. Glenn Thomas discussed our total number of applications we have for Palm Pointe. There were 1023 applications locked in and verified. According to past history, there will not be more than 200 openings. There were many commercials played and we have them ready for next year. Ms Deborah Hawley suggested that we get these positions filled as soon as possible. It is good for parents, Palm Pointe, and for St. Lucie County. It would be good to go into the summer and place

**VII. Action Items**

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

There were no action items

**VIII. Discussion Items**

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

1. Ms. Deborah Hawley asked for Mr. Thomas to get information that TCUS is legally bound to fill. The board needs to know what was in the original charter. Mr. Thomas shared that the 501C3 governing board is for the operation of the school. Adequate financing occurs for the operation of the school.
2. The agreement between the school district and the university:
  - a. Charter

- b. TCUS Board is what the board will do and the finances will run through the school
  - c. The district acted as the construction manager and we lease a portion from the district and pay the district for it
  - d. Responsibility for transportation- trade off- district doesn't pay for debt service
3. Originally the state had a 2 mil rate and this generated approximately 2 million dollars and the property value when the school was built. Then the legislature reduced the mil rate to 1.75 to 1.25 this year. The mortgage was the same and the repayment was based on that. It was not expected that the mil rate would change.
  4. 2010-2011 school year- approximately \$12,000 shortfall  
2011-2012 school year- there will be \$621,000 shortfall to make the debt service payment
  5. The board needs to know its legal obligation for money. The state may back down on funding for all schools. They currently fund 50% of the coast.
  6. In our favor, the governor has allocated more money for charter than regular public schools.
  7. If we cannot make debt service and we are costing SLC money, they may want to disband the charter.
  8. There is a possibility of outside funding. Mr Glenn Thomas is going to Tallahassee to discuss the 5 year Florida Charter School Grant.
  9. The outcome of the discussion is that we are maintaining the payment for debt service and keep the 3% reserve for things that come up. Deborah Hawley will work with the SLC district. With the expenditure of the reserve, we do not want the staffing of the school to be cut and we need to include those essential positions that are not supported currently by the school district.
  10. At the next meeting, an action item will be added for the creation of a formal resolution for the board to take back to St. Lucie County Schools.

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| <b>IX. Old Business</b>                                  | Ms Deborah Hawley, Chair |
| None   |                          |
| <b>X. Public Comment</b>                                 | Ms Deborah Hawley, Chair |
| None   |                          |
| <b>XI. Announcements, Communications, Board Comments</b> | Ms Deborah Hawley, Chair |
| <b>XII. Adjournment</b>                                  | Ms Deborah Hawley, Chair |

Chairperson Deborah Hawley adjourned meeting at 4:48 PM.

