

MINUTES

Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, March 13th, 2009

3:00 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 3:12 PM.

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Eliah Watlington to approve the February 13th Agenda

Second – Seconded by Dr. Valerie Bristor

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

Ms. Anika Hardman, Palm Point/Parent Representative

Board Members not present:

Mr. Joe Smith, St. Lucie County, Clerk of the Court (elected)

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

Others who were present:

Ms. Cortina Bell-Gray, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

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

Ms. Cindy Harrison, Teacher, Palm Point

Ms. Kathleen Melrose, Teacher, Palm Point

Mr. Heather Davis, Teacher, Palm Point

Ms. Virginia Mihajlovsji, Teacher, Palm Point

III. Introductions Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Anika Hardman was introduced as the Palm Point Parent Representative.

IV. Approval of Minutes Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

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

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Eliah Watlington to approve the February 13th minutes

Second – Seconded by Ms. Anika Hardman

Unanimous Approval

V. Recognitions and Awards
None

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

VI. Principal's Report

Ms. Deborah Snyder, Principal

Assistant Principal Lydia Martin gave an FCAT testing update. They used paired class support and gift bags sponsored by the student council to lower stress and pressure. Testing went smoothly for their first year every testing roughly 950 students.

A video presentation was made by Ms. Cindy Harrison, Ms. Kathleen Melrose and Ms. Heather Davis. The presentation detailed Palm Point teacher's commitment to action research.

Assistant Principal Cortina Bell-Gray reviewed students' recognitions including the MLK 1st place win for best float, Spelling and History Bee winners, Science Fair winners, and numerous awards in Band. She announced an up and coming golf team.

Assistant Principal Bell-Gray also noted the success of the Good Fit, SMaRT and AIT program members at Palm Point. Currently Good Fit has 12 students visiting once a week to Palm Point, SMaRT has one member that meets with their mentor on Fridays and AIT has 3 FAU student interns.

Principal Debra Snyder discussed the DOE audit for the cafeteria. Palm Point met the high standards for student safety in food service.

Principal Debra Snyder also discussed the Marzano Professional Learning Community (PLC). The Marzano PLC consists of 9 educational leaders, 3 administrators and 30 teachers. The group meets on Tuesday morning to discuss high yield teaching and learning strategies and review the research-based strategies in Marzano's book Classroom Instruction the Works. Principal Debra Snyder introduced Ms. Virginia Mihajlovski, who gave a demonstration of a high yield teaching and learning strategy to the board.

VII. CEO's Report

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Asst. Dean

Mr. Glenn Thomas reported working with working with the district on their student records and made a food service announcement. He informed the board that the discussions of the Title I and IDEA grants were ongoing. Discussions of the technology service about video conferencing between FAU Treasure Coast Campus and Westgate was made and conclusions were drawn that this may be a new forum for teaching and professional development.

VIII. Action Items

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Copies of the updated student admission policy and bylaws were disseminated. Mr. Glenn Thomas reviewed the adjustments made to the student admission policy. A decision was made to approve the previous changes as well as rename section IV A to article 8 of F.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Gerri McPherson to approve changes to the student admission policy

Second – Seconded by Mr. Michael Lannon

Unanimous Approval

Mr. Glenn Thomas reviewed the adjustments to the dates in the bylaws with the board.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Gerri McPherson to approve changes to the bylaws

Second – Seconded by Dr. Eliah Watlington

Unanimous Approval

The board discussed limitation of terms with in the bylaws. Mr. Michael Lannon suggested the term limitation to be removed, but keeping the parent representative term limit.

Motion – Motion amended by Ms. Gerri McPherson to approve changes to the bylaws

Second – Seconded by Dr. Eliah Watlington

Unanimous Approval

- IX. Discussion Items** Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Mr. Michael Lannon asked the board the current number of autistic seats required. Debbie Snyder noted that currently there are 16 self contained and 29 autistic students mainstreamed at Palm Point. The issue of a student being diagnosed during the school year was raised. The board decided to defer the issue for later review.
- 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
Ms. Deborah Hawley recommended the next board meeting to be scheduled for May 8th at 3pm.

Mr. Michael Lannon addressed the special matter of the state’s budget cuts. He noted that we should expect 30% in cuts; the school system will need to cut 70 million and FAU will be cutting 25 million. It was suggested to hold a special meeting to address this matter if necessary.
- XIII. Adjournment** Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 5:32 pm.