

Minutes

Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc. Board Meeting

October 3, 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 3:14 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.
- Board Members who were not present:
Dr. Valerie Bristol, Florida Atlantic University
Ms. Gerri McPherson, Florida Atlantic University
Mr. Joe Smith, Commissioner of St. Lucie County
Mr. Michael Lannon, Saint Lucie County Superintendent
- Others who were present:
Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University/ CEO, Treasure Coast
Miss Debra Snyder, Principal of Tradition Charter School
Ms. Lydia Martin, Assistant Principal of Tradition Charter School
Ms. Laura Taylor, Palm Pointe, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Crystal Atkinson, FAU Northern Campus 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
No board approval, due to lack of a quorum. Item is tabled until the November 14, 2008 meeting.
- V. Recognition and Awards Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
None

VI. Discussion Items

Ms. Lydia Martin, Asst. Principal

A. Principal's Report

Due to class size reduction a 7th grade language art position was lost. An opening allowed for a teacher shift to 8th grade avoiding a staffing lost. October 16, 2008 is the next curriculum night. October 10, 2008 will be professional development day. Middle school teachers will have in house training and work with Denny Dawson the District Social Studies Program Specialist on integrating social studies into the curriculum. ESE is having great success in self contained classrooms. The ESE department is receiving the necessary guidance and training from CARD, coupled with in-services the program is off to a great start. Parent pickup is going well. The dedication program is being finalized. Questions arose about recycling and Miss Debbie Snyder advised that she would look into options for recycling. Palm Pointe currently uses green products for cleaning.

B. Counseling Update

Ms. Lauren Taylor reported that the parent workshop in September hosted 50 families and lasted 90 minutes. The workshop focused on coaching parent on how skills can be worked on at home and student/ parent success. Dr. Nicolas from FAU discussed co-operative discipline.

Mr. Glenn Thomas advised that graduate students that intern in the guidance department may be eligible to receive a tuition waiver.

C. Director's Report

Mr. Thomas reported that a copy of the district comparability policy will be distributed at the next meeting. There are no provisions for sibling preference, hardship or demographic balance issues. FAU University Schools is hosting a symposium on sustainability that Palm Pointe may wish to be a participant.

VII. Action Items

No comment. There was no quorum so no action can be taken.

VIII. Discussion Items

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Two parents were recommended for joining the board. Now that the school is occupied the board may change from an incorporating board to a founding board. Ms. Deborah Hawley will review the by-laws to determine if a nominating committee may be formed to develop a process for joining the board. Further discuss will take place at the next meeting.

IX. Old Business

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

None

X. Public Comment

None

XI. Announcement, Communications, and Board Comments

None

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 4:03 p.m.