

MINUTES

Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Body
Wednesday, November 10, 2009
5:35pm – 7:10 pm
A.D. Henderson University School Media Center
College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Call to order made by Ms. Cynthia Morani at 5:35 pm.

Motion – Motion by Dr. Barbara Ridener to approve the Agenda

Second – Seconded by Dr. Patricia Hodge

Unanimous Approval

II. Welcome

Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair

Ms. Morani welcomed all the members of the Advisory Body. Members who were present:

Ms. Kris Moser – At-Large Secondary Parent Representative

Dr. Patricia Hodge – Principal/Director

Dr. Deborah Shepherd – College of Education, Dean’s Office Representative

Ms. Robin Barkes – Elementary Faculty Representative

Ms. Tracie Nieporte –Elementary Parent Representative

Ms. Gina Dunne – Staff Representative

Mr. Marc Hopin – Secondary Parent Representative

Ms. Daphne Smolka – At-Large Elementary Parent Representative

Ms. Cynthia Morani - Business/Community Citizen

Dr. Barbara Ridener – FAU Faculty Member

Mr. Fred Platt – Business/Community Citizen

Members who were not present:

Mr. Tom Ievoli – Secondary Faculty Representative

Mr. Wayne Barton – Business/Community Citizen

Mr. Uttam Thakore – Interim Student Representative

Others Present:

Mr. Glenn Thomas – Assistant Dean, Pk-12 Schools and Educational Programs

Ms. Kristina Cornwell – Recording Secretary

Ms. Adriana Nicholson – Parent

Ms. Lori Francis - Parent

III. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair

The Advisory Body reviewed the draft minutes for the October 14th meeting. A few grammatical errors were mentioned.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Robin Barkes to approve the October 14th minutes as amended

Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

The Advisory Body reviewed the draft minutes for the Special Advisory Body meeting held on October 28th. A few grammatical errors were mentioned.

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Fred Platt to approve the October 28th minutes as amended

Second – Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes

Unanimous Approval

IV. Recognitions and Awards

Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair

None

V. Principal / Director's Report

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

1. Dr. Hodge gave a presentation on the construction plans for the FAU High/Middle School building. She announced a groundbreaking event will be held on November 23rd at 10:30am. The begin date for the project is November 17th. A fence will be raised around the construction area to prevent debris. The estimated completion date is July 18, 2010.
2. Questions regarding the new building were answered by Mr. Thomas.

A. PTO Report

Ms. Kris Moser, Parent Representative

1. The PTO events are running smoothly.
2. The faculty lunch, Fright night dance for Middle School, Great Pumpkin for K - 3 and the Halloween Howl for the elementary have taken place and went well.
3. Family Fun nights will end with 1st grade on November 13th.
4. The Book Fair is from November 16-20 and will be held in the Media Center.
5. The directory has been finalized and SAB member listing was resolved.
6. The Thanksgiving Feast is November 24th. Week of Giving was moved to November 30th - December 4th. The Holiday Gift shop will be held December 8 - 12.
7. The middle school Winter Dance is December 18th from 12-2 and will be held in the cafeteria.
8. The PTO has requested that prior issues be addressed.

VIII. Action Items

Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair

None

IX. Discussion Items

Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair

A. Discussion of Roll Call

1. Mr. Hopin began the discussion of attendance as mentioned in the bylaws. He requested attendance be recorded.
2. Ms. Morani requested the discussion remain focused on procedures for roll call.

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Fred Platt to take further discussion to the Personnel Committee

Second – Seconded by Ms. Daphne Smolka

Unanimous Approval

Education Committee – Ms. Smolka informed the Advisory Body the LEA Parent Involvement Policy and the H1N1 Policy were tabled. The committee will review the School Improvement Plan (SIP) throughout the school year.

Finance Committee – Mr. Hopin distributed a budget report from data collected at the Finance Committee. The committee discussed the addition of sports. Dr. Hodge will bring the budget information to the November committee meeting.

Personnel Committee – The Advisory Body process was tabled until the upcoming meeting. The committee also discussed the term for at-large parent representation as well as the number of votes each family is allowed.

- X. Old Business** Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair
None
- XI. Public Comment** Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair
None
- XII. Announcement, Communications and Comments** Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair
Mr. Hopin announced the Thanksgiving Feast which will be held on November 24th. The festivities will begin at 11:00am.
- XIII. Adjournment** Ms. Cynthia Morani, Chair
Meeting adjourned by Ms. Morani at 7:10 pm