

MINUTES

Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Body
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
5:35pm – 7:18 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 Dr. Patricia Hodge at 5:35pm.

Motion – Motion by Ms. Gina Sands to approve the Agenda

Second – Seconded by Ms. Kris Moser

Unanimous Approval

II. Welcome

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair

Dr. Hodge welcomed all the members of the Advisory Body. Members who were present:

Ms. Randi Boike – At-Large High School Parent Representative

Ms. Kris Moser – Secondary Parent Representative

Mr. Tom Ievoli – Secondary Teacher Representative

Dr. Patricia Hodge – Principal/Director, Interim Chair

Ms. Daphne Smolka - Elementary Parent Representative

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

Ms. Gina Sands – Elementary Teacher Representative

Ms. Iris Bernstein – Staff Representative

Members who were not present:

Mr. Wayne Barton – Community Representative

Ms. Amy Leitner – At-Large Elementary Parent Representative

Others Present:

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

Ms. Kristina Cornwell – Recording Secretary

A few parents including Mr. Marc Hopin

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Deborah Shepherd to approve the March 11th minutes

Second – Seconded by Mr. Tom Ievoli

Unanimous Approval

IV. Recognitions and Awards

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair

1. Luizetta Navrazhnykh was one of the five candidates to win at the district science fair. She will be competing at the state fair in Lakeland, Florida.

2. Uttam Thakore won the national competition for academic games and will soon be competing in Tennessee.

V. Principal / Director's Report

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

1. Dr. Hodge announced the SAT 10 testing has begun. The Advisory Body members were invited to attend the SAC's accreditation review on Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 6-9pm in the Henderson Cafeteria

A. PTO Report

Ms. Kris Moser,

1. Ms. Moser informed the Advisory Body of decreased parent participation. There are currently only 30 people signed up for the Auction scheduled for April 18th, most of which are faculty.
2. A Mother's Day breakfast is currently underway. A scheduled date will be made in the school's announcements.

VIII. Action Items

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair

The Advisory Body discussed the amended criteria for Merit, Permanent Status and Promotion. Mr. Ievoli gave a brief overview on the process which is optional for all qualified teachers.

Mr. Marc Hopin requested to ask a question. Dr. Hodge granted his request. He asked how the budget is affected with these increases.

Dr. Hodge informed Mr. Hopin that the small increase does not affect the overall budget adversely for the small number of teachers that qualify. Money is reserved each year to provide for negotiated components of the BOT-UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Gina Sands to approve the Criteria for Merit, Permanent Status and Promotion

Second – Seconded by Ms. Randi Boike

Unanimous Approval

The Advisory Body reviewed the suggested 2009 -2010 school calendar. Ms. Sands informed everyone that testing dates were included in the draft as discussed by the Education Committee.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Randi Boike to approve the 2009-10 school calendar as presented with the modification of the graduation date before it is distributed publicly.

Second – Seconded by Mr. Tom Ievoli

Unanimous Approval

Mr. Thomas made the Advisory Body aware that the Operating Budget is a projection based on the current student count and legislative staff projections as of this meeting date. He also clarified that the budget does not include any future budget cuts that the state may impose if public revenues continue to fall.

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Deborah Shepherd to approve the 2009-2010 school year operating budget.

Second – Seconded by Mr. Tom Ievoli

Unanimous Approval

The Advisory Body discussed the Activity Fee budget. Mr. Thomas explained each category of expense.

A discussion on scaling back the yearbook occurred. Ms. Sands suggested parents fill out a survey and clarify if they want the activity fee payment to help support the yearbook.

Ms. Smolka raised a question on teacher stipends for extra-curricular activities. Dr. Hodge explained a time and activity log is completed and payment occurs in one payment after the log has been submitted, the activities are completed and the verification is concluded.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Iris Bernstein to approve the 2009-2010 Activity Fee Budget

Second – Seconded by Ms. Gina Sands

Opposed – Opposed by Ms. Daphne Smolka and Ms. Kris Moser

Motion Approved

IX. Discussion Items

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair

Education Committee – The process for creating the anti-bullying and harassment policy has been discussed. The committee will meet on April 22nd to draft a policy to bring to the May Advisory Body meeting for a vote.

Finance Committee – The committee met for informational purposes only. The Activity Fee budget was discussed at the previously scheduled March 25th meeting date.

Personnel Committee – The committee discussed ordering a commemorative brick which will read “Inaugural School Advisory Body 2009”.

Finance Committee – None.

X. Old Business

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair

None

XI. Public Comment

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair

Mr. Marc Hopin had submitted a request to speak to the Advisory Body.

Mr. Hopin expressed a concern on the lack of a Self Assessment from the Advisory Body as required by the Safe Passage Law. He suggested adding the deadlines to the Advisory Body calendar in an effort to have the plans voted on and meet deadlines.

XII. Announcement, Communications and Comments Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair
None

XIII. Adjournment Dr. Patricia Hodge, Interim Chair
Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Patricia Hodge at 7:18 pm.

Motion - Motion made by Mr. Tom Ievoli to adjourn the meeting

Second - Seconded by Ms. Kris Moser

Unanimous Approval