

**Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Board Meeting  
MINUTES**

**December 6, 2006**

5:00 PM -7:00 PM

A.D. Henderson University School Media Center  
College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

**I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda**

Fred Platt, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

**A. Approval of Agenda for today's meeting, December 6, 2006**

**Motion** – Motion by Barbara Ridener to approve the agenda as presented.

**Second** – Second by Jerry Alfano.

**Unanimous Approval**

**II. Welcome**

Fred Platt, Chairperson

Present at the meeting were Deborah Shepherd, Jerry Alfano, Barbara Ridener, Fred Platt, Glenn Thomas, Gina Sands. Maria Gordillo, Rangasamy Ramasamy and Alex Nachlas were not in attendance.

**III. Introductions**

Fred Platt, Chairperson

Marla Brady, Principal, was in attendance to present SAC Report.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Fred Platt, Chairperson

**A. Approval of Minutes for Board meeting, November 1, 2006**

**Motion** – Motion by Jerry Alfano to approve the Minutes of November 1, 2006 with the requested corrections.

**Second** – Second by Gina Sands.

**Unanimous Approval**

**V. Recognitions and Awards**

Marla Brady, Principal

Henderson students received several science awards at the Broward County Fair. These included a 1<sup>st</sup> Place, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and three Best in Show.

Also, Marla Brady informed the Board John Hardman will continue in his position for the next semester.

## **VI. SAC Report**

Marla Brady, Principal

The locks are in the process of being addressed to resolve the on going restroom issue in the new classroom building. Bells and clocks are not keeping correct time in the portable classrooms. This continues to be an issue particularly because there is no intercom system connected to the portable classrooms.

*“Lunch with the Principal”* did not happen last spring but will take place soon.

Tracking data continues to be a primary initiative for SAC. Quarterly measures are on target. SAC was presented with reading writing and math quarterly report at the last meeting. Writing had the greatest improvement but math continues to be a concern. Staff development this year is focusing on math, particularly math vocabulary. Faculty and administration continue to monitor the low performing student groups and are continuing the discussion regarding 5-Star school status.

SAC is continuing the search for a community member. There are three interested people.

An initial meeting to discuss the mission statement process has been conducted. Some discussion about the free and reduced lunch students and the activity fees has also occurred in recent meetings. Marla Brady has clarified the lottery process and the actual number of free and reduced meal participants enrolled in the schools.

A multi year school improvement plan was also discussed.

SAC addressed some of the on going Pinnacle issues, but currently Pinnacle is performing properly. The new report cards and programs are expected to be ready to train teachers on January 8, 2007. Training for parents will be provided prior to report cards being issued. There was also a request for school safety information and the related costs.

Jerry Alfano asked Marla Brady about the tutoring program for the math portion of the FCAT. Dr. Brady discussed the manner in which that was conducted last year. The plan is to continue in the same manner this year because there was significant improvement in the scores of the students who received tutoring versus those who did not receive help.

## VII. Director's Report

Glenn Thomas, Director

- A. **Roadway and parking lot** – Mr. Thomas has been told that the roadway and parking lot have not been completed because the subcontractors have not been available.
- B. **FIAT - Teacher Preparation Pilot** (Florida Initiative for the Advancement of Teaching)
1. **Good Fit** – This part of FIAT provides one day per week for 16 weeks to provide university/community college freshman and sophomores, contemplating education as a major, the opportunity to work with grades k-12 public school students and exceptional teachers at minimum wage.
  2. **SMaRT** (Substituting with Mentors and Realistic Teaching) – This component of FIAT provides university juniors and seniors with the opportunity to work as substitute teachers in selected pilot schools in collaboration with retired teachers who serve as mentors for teams of 5 or so of the same university students on one or two days per week at the same school.
  3. **A.I.T.** (Accelerated Induction into Teaching) – This FIAT initiative places university students who are ready for student teaching in classrooms that do not have a regular teacher every day as the teacher of record with a mentor's daily assistance and a university teaching supervisor's oversight.

The Good Fit, SMaRT and A.I.T. pilot programs have gone well. The college has received the kind of response anticipated, but much has also been learned from the pilots. The results of these pilots are being introduced in Tallahassee currently to examine interest in expanding them statewide through a legislative initiative. Dean Gregory Aloia

and Glenn Thomas were in Tallahassee during late November 2006 collecting input. These programs are included in the FAU Board of Trustees' Legislative Budget Request and later in the Board of Governor's budget request. The college will know in May 2007 whether or not the legislature is going to fund FIAT.

- C. **Enclosed Gym (was air gym)** – Another architect has been assigned on the gym project. There has been a discussion with Ray Nelson about the need to get this process underway. We are still in the design phase because the work done before did not include the mechanicals, the walls, etc.

## VIII. Action Items

### A. **Approval of Wellness Plan Amendment**

The Wellness Plan that was submitted to the state did not include a measurement component. The state has directed the districts to revise their plans to reflect this component. John Hardman has looked at a very broad, general measurement criterion. His work, as presented, is based on the work of other districts' approved plans. Student confidentially concerns were raised. Glenn Thomas assured the board the collection of student data is similar to that of test scores and confidential data. The intent for this information is to be shared with the student and appropriate parent/guardian(s).

**Motion** – Motion by Gina Sands to approve the Wellness Plan with the measurement amendment and noted changes as presented at this meeting.

**Second** – Second by Deborah Shepherd.

**Unanimous Approval**

### B. **Approval of Special Board Meeting to approved STAR Plan**

A Special Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2006, 10:00 AM at the College of Education, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, # 411.

**IX. Discussion Items**

**A. STAR Process and Status**

Glenn Thomas

As of 12-06-06 the Henderson faculty has completed the latest revision of the STAR Plan and will forward a draft to DOE for review. DOE has promised a one week turn-around for their suggested changes. Also, Marla Brady is looking into the technical issues regarding this plan. The final version will need to be submitted DOE on December 31, 2006. The official approvals of the final version by both the Board and the Collective Bargaining unit do not need to take place prior to submission to DOE. STAR will need to be approved shortly after that date to provide the necessary assessment windows and communication.

**B. FAUS Budget 2007**

Scheduling of the Annual Budget Workshops series, in-lieu of the January 2007 board meeting, was discussed. It was decided there will be three, two hour workshops in January 2007. The board members will be poled via email to schedule specific dates and times.

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| <b>X. Old Business</b>  | None |
| <b>XI. Public Comment</b>   | None |
| <b>XII. Announcements,<br/>Communications and School Board Comments</b> | None |
| <b>XII. Adjournment 6:20 PM</b>   |      |