

# AMENDED MINUTES

Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Body  
Wednesday, April 14, 2010  
5:38pm – 7:20pm  
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. Daphna Smolka at 5:38pm.

**Motion** – Motion was made by Ms. Robin Barkes to approve the Agenda.

**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Kris Moser.

**Unanimous Approval**

## II. Welcome

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

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

Dr. Patricia Hodge – Principal/Director

Mr. Tom Ievoli – Secondary Faculty Representative

Ms. Tracie Nieporte –Elementary Parent Representative

Mr. Marc Hopin – Secondary Parent Representative

Ms. Daphna Smolka – At-Large Parent Representative

Ms. Robin Barkes – Elementary Faculty Representative

Mr. Nicholas Yonezawa – Student Representative

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

Ms. Kris Moser – At-Large Parent Representative

Dr. Stephen Locke -- FAU Faculty Representative

Members who were not present:

Ms. Emma del Real – Business/Community Citizen (Excused)

Others Present:

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

Ms. Allyn Margolies – Recording Secretary

## III. Introductions

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

Ms. Smolka reintroduced Dr. Locke to those SAB members who were not present at the April 7<sup>th</sup> SAB Special Meeting.

An announcement was made that Mr. Fred Platt, Business/Community Citizen, had resigned, effective immediately.

- IV. Approval of Minutes** Mr. Tom Ievoli, Secretary  
**Motion** – Motion was made by Mr. Tom Ievoli to approve the March 10, 2010 FAUS Advisory Body Meeting Minutes.  
**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes.  
**Unanimous Approval**

**Motion** – Motion was made by Ms. Robin Barkes to approve the April 7, 2010 FAUS Advisory Body Special Meeting Minutes.  
**Second** – Seconded by Mr. Marc Hopin.  
**Unanimous Approval**

**Motion** – Motion was made by Mr. Marc Hopin to approve the February 24, 2010 FAUS Committees Meeting Minutes.  
**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes.  
**Unanimous Approval**

- V. Recognitions and Awards** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair
- a. Ms. Robin Barkes recognized student Luizetta Navrazhnykh for her participation in the National Science Fair Competition. Dr. Patricia Hodge will contact Louisa for a more detailed description of her project.
  - b. Ms. Tracie Nieporte recognized SAB member Kris Moser for her work with the Hawk cheerleaders.
  - c. Dr. Patricia Hodge recognized student Uttam Thakore who is participating in the National Academic Games for Math.

- VI. Principal/Director's Report** Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director
1. Dr. Patricia Hodge reported that the school started SAT10 for grades K-2 students, and will finish up on April 15, 2010. Parking construction had to be halted during the testing process.
  2. New building construction should start this week.
  3. FCAT results should start to come out in late May and should all be available by mid-June.
  4. Dr. Hodge is working on getting an SAB replacement member for the Staff Representative position.

- a. **PTO Report** Ms. Kris Moser, At-Large Parent Rep.
1. The PTO continues to schedule and put on events.
  2. They are trying to keep in contact with the teachers.
  3. The basketball game was successful; PTO made \$300 this year. Everything is in place to hold this event again next year.
  4. Upcoming Events:
    - i. The Denim & Diamonds Auction will be held on Friday, April 30 at the Eleanor Baldwin House.
    - ii. Teachers Appreciation Week – May 3-7, 2010.
    - iii. Mother's Day Breakfast – May 7, 2010.
    - iv. Spring Fling – May 8, 2010

## **VII. Action Items**

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

### **a. Approval of final form of By-Law revisions**

1. Mr. Glenn Thomas distributed the latest version of the By-Laws with all of the “track changes” noted in the right-hand column. A copy has gone to our Legal Dept. for review, as well.
2. Further changes (non-substantive) were suggested by the SAB members. Mr. Thomas will incorporate them into the “track changes” version.

**Motion** – Motion made by Mr. Nicholas Yonezawa to approve the revised FAUS School Advisory Body By-Laws.

**Second** – Seconded by Dr. Patricia Hodge.

**In Favor:** Dr. Patricia Hodge; Mr. Tom Ievoli; Ms. Tracie Nieporte; Ms. Daphna Smolka; Ms. Robin Barkes; Mr. Nicholas Yonezawa; Dr. Deborah Shepherd; Ms. Kris Moser; Dr. Stephen Locke.

**Opposed:** Mr. Marc Hopin

**Motion passed.**

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

### **a. Collection of parental input on Activity Fees**

1. Ms. Robin Barkes asked that the SAB elect to keep the student Activity Fees as they are for the upcoming school year.
2. Ms. Tracie Nieporte brought up several points for discussion:
  - i. Have all legal ramifications of the Activity Fee makeup been explored?
  - ii. In what other ways can the fees be subsidized, other than collecting it all from the parents?
  - iii. Are families aware that “they are paying extra for other parents that cannot afford the fees?”
3. Ms. Kris Moser agreed with Ms. Nieporte that the Activity Fees were a problem for some families to pay.
4. Dr. Deborah Shepherd stated that, in the past, it has been very difficult to get monetary donations from outside of the school, so the SAB and FAUS could not count on those funds coming in to subsidize the Activity Fees, nor could they be added to the budget.
5. Mr. Marc Hopin stated that the SAB needs a written legal opinion by an attorney that states that FAUS is doing the correct thing by charging these fees to the parents. He feels that the school is violating a Florida statute.
6. Mr. Glenn Thomas has sent the Student Activity Fees document out for legal consultation and will report back to the SAB when he receives a response.
7. Dr. Stephen Locke suggested having the parents meet to discuss fundraising options in order to subsidize the Activity Fees.
8. Dr. Patricia Hodge suggested further discussion of this subject at the next SAB Committees Meeting on April 28, 2010.

- IX. Education Committee** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Comm. Chair
- a. **Committee Report**
1. Ms. Daphna Smolka reported that the Education Committee reviewed the school calendar at its last Committee meeting.
  2. Ms. Smolka reported that the Health and Wellness program is progressing satisfactorily.
- b. **Finance Committee** Mr. Marc Hopin, Comm. Chair
1. **Committee Report**
    - i. Mr. Marc Hopin reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the Student Activity Fees Budget at its last Committee Meeting.
- c. **Personnel Committee** Mr. Tom Ievoli, Comm. Chair
1. Committee Report
    - i. Mr. Tom Ievoli reported that they worked on the FAUS SAB By-Laws at its last Committee Meeting.
- X. Old Business** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair
- a. Race To The Top Activity Update Mr. Glenn Thomas, Assistant Dean
1. Florida lost in Round #1, but hopes to do well in Round #2.
- b. Legislative Update
1. We are waiting to see what happens with the possible veto of SB6 by Governor Charlie Crist.
- XI. Public Comment** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair
- a. None.
- XII. Announcements and Comments** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair
- a. Ms. Daphna Smolka reported that some students have objected to writing “Hawks” on their hands.
  - b. Ms. Smolka read a short poem, written by a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, regarding bullying. She then asked the SAB to look into the matter.
- XIII. Adjournment** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair
- Request for meeting to be adjourned at 7:20pm.

**Motion** – Motion made by Ms. Kris Moser to adjourn the meeting.

**Second** – Seconded by Mr. Marc Hopin.

**Unanimous Approval**