

Florida Atlantic University Schools Committee Meetings
AMENDED
MINUTES

February 24, 2010

Henderson Media Center

College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

Education Committee

Attending Committee Members: Ms. Daphne Smolka – Committee Chair; Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Ms. Tracie Nieporte, Dr. Patricia Hodge, Ms. Robin Barkes, Mr. Marc Hopin and Ms. Kris Moser.

Others Attending: Mr. Glenn Thomas, Ms. Kristina Cornwell and Ms. Allyn Margolies

I. Review of Committee Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Education Committee minutes from January 27, 2010.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Kris Moser to accept the January 27, 2010 Committee Minutes.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

II. 2010-2011 School Calendar

Committee members reviewed the 2010-2011 School Calendar

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Shepherd to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes

Unanimous Approval

III. Race to the Top Grant Discussion

a. Mr. Thomas is scheduled to meet with each faculty team on Thursday, February 25th to discuss details of the grant. He will also meet with Dr. Bristol to discuss the grant further.

b. Mr. Thomas gave a thorough review of a webinar held by the state on February 23rd.

c. As a result of the Race to the Top program, the “No Child Left Behind” program will be restructured.

d. During the next School Advisory Body Meeting, Mr. Thomas will report on:

i. Sunshine State standards

ii. Common core standards

iii. Next Generation standards

IV. School Improvement Plan

a. Ms. Barkes reviewed the science portion of the SIP and requested a separate fund for science lab items, such as petri dishes.

b. Ms. Barkes stated that there are Science Fair opportunities at all grade levels.

- c. Staff development is ongoing and quarterly science assessments will be conducted.
- d. Ms. Barkes will report the Health and Wellness portion of the SIP at the March 24th committee meeting.

Personnel Committee

Attending Committee Members: Ms. Robin Barkes – Acting Chair on behalf of Mr. Tom Ievoli (absent); Ms. Daphne Smolka, Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Ms. Tracie Nieporte, Dr. Patricia Hodge, Mr. Marc Hopin and Ms. Kris Moser.

Others Attending: Mr. Glenn Thomas, Ms. Kristina Cornwell and Ms. Allyn Margolies

I. Review of Committee Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Personnel Committee minutes from January 27, 2010.

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Hopin to accept the January 27, 2010 Committee Minutes.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Hodge

Unanimous Approval

II. Principal/Director Evaluation Instrumentation

Discussion was tabled until the March Committee Meeting.

III. Election Procedure for Advisory Body

Discussion was tabled until the March Committee Meeting.

IV. Bylaws Revisions

- a. The Committee reviewed the school's Bylaws, working from Dr. Hodge's revised copy.
- b. Changes were discussed as listed:
 - i. Article VIII, SAB Meetings/Agendas – D. Public Comment
 1. A card for public comment must be submitted by 5:00pm on the day prior to the meeting.
 2. Maximum time allowed to speak is three (3) minutes.
 - ii. Dr. Hodge will investigate a proper definition for the term "Parliamentarian" as a possible new position to be added to the School Advisory Body.
 - iii. Article III, Composition
 1. Mr. Hopin suggested that the business/community SAB member should represent an area such as banking, a business executive, etc.
 2. Mr. Hopin suggested having five (5) parents represented on the SAB, one of them representing the high school. Members agreed that representation by five (5) parents would be sufficient.
 3. Dr. Hodge stated that the secondary student representative must get input from all grade levels, not just high school, to be an effective SAB representative. Discussion needs to start within student government, prompted by the Faculty Advisor (currently Agnes Nemeth).

4. Mr. Thomas will investigate the legalities of adding new members to the SAB, such as how many of each type of representative are allowed.

Finance Committee

Attending Committee Members: Mr. Marc Hopin – Committee Chair; Ms. Daphna Smolka; Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Ms. Tracie Nieporte, Dr. Patricia Hodge, Mr. Marc Hopin.

Others Attending: Mr. Glenn Thomas, Ms. Kristina Cornwell and Ms. Allyn Margolies

I. Review of Committee Minutes

A correction for II a. – “SAC” is incorrect and needs to be changed.

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Patricia Hodge to approve the January 27th committee minutes as amended

Second – Seconded by Ms. Tracie Nieporte

Unanimous Approval

II. Planning/Schedule/Discussion for Activity Fee Budget

a. A chart of how money is to be spent, as distributed by Dr. Hodge, will be added to the March 10th Advisory Body meeting agenda.

b. A discussion was held on reducing the student Activity Fee. Mr. Thomas stated that there was sufficient flexibility to look at a reduction without having to change the physical policy.

III. SAC Budget

Discussion was tabled until the March Committee Meeting.

IV. PTO Budget

Discussion was tabled until the March Committee Meeting.