

# MINUTES

**Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Board  
Wednesday, October 1, 2008  
5:03 PM – 5:35 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. Deborah Shepherd at 5:03 PM.

Dr. Deborah Shepherd explained to the Board that Dr. Ridener was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

Ms. Maria Gordillo highlighted the date under the Action Items and should be changed to 6/5.

**Motion** – Motion by Ms. Maria Gordillo to approve the Agenda as amended

**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Gina Sands

**Unanimous Approval**

## **II. Welcome** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice-chairperson

Present at the meeting were Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Ms. Maria Gordillo, Ms. Gina Sands, Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy, Mr. Alex Nachlas and Dr. Valerie Bristor. Board Members not present: Dr. Barbara Ridener, Mr. Jerry Alfano, and Dr. David Perry.

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Glenn Thomas, Dr. Patricia Hodge, Ms. Tammy Bresnahan, Ms. Kristina Cornwell and parents.

Dr. Patricia Hodge introduced Ms. Tammy Bresnahan to the Board. Ms. Bresnahan is the Coordinator of Enrichment Program.

## **III. Approval of Minutes** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice-chairperson

**Motion** – Motion by Mr. Alex Nachlas to approve the Minutes of the September 3, 2008 Board meeting.

**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Maria Gordillo

**Unanimous Approval**

## **IV. Recognitions and Awards** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice-chairperson

Dr. Hodge recognized Alex Nachlas as one of the two national finalists for National Merit Scholarship. The second finalist is Krishna Reddy. The two

students that were commended were Chelsea Poulin and Eric Weber. National Achievement Scholarship Program recipient is Harrison Pointdujour.

Gina Sands and Gina Bove won the Bell Grant award for Word Hawk.  
Jenny O'Sullivan and Kristine McCaul won the Bell Grant for their Worm Farms.

**V. SAC Report** Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

1. SAC voted on new members and filled 6 of the 7 vacant committee positions.
2. The new chairperson is Allison Castellano, the Vice Chairperson, Hendel Douglas remains, and the new parent appointed to SAC is Kenneth Lockler.

**VI. Principal / Director's Report** Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

Tammy Bresnahan presented information on the Advanced Academics program. Currently there are 70 children in the program ranging from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children will be able to get help on school projects.

**VII. Executive Director's Report** Mr. Glenn Thomas, Exec. Director

Mr. Thomas spoke about the emerging state education goals:

1. Strengthening student skills that are designed to support math and reading literacy.
2. Bright Beginnings for early childhood focus
3. Improving college and career readiness
4. Expanding post secondary opportunities
5. Improving choice systems
6. The alignment of resources to the goals. (There is expected to be another 3-4% FEFP revenue retroactive cut after November).

Mr. Thomas also expressed the need for feedback from families, faculty and others regarding the proposed bylaws changing as provided in President Brogan's presentation. Mr. Thomas noted the request for comments was announced on the Henderson website, Alert Now, and in Friday folders.

**VIII. Action Items** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice- chairperson

The Board voted to change half days of December 19, 2008 and June 5, 2009 to full days on the school's calendar to compensate for the days lost due to the tropical storm as recommended by the parents and faculty.

**Motion** – Motion made by Ms. Gina Sands to approve the calendar change.

**Second** – Seconded by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy

**Unanimous Approval**

**IX. Discussion Items** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice- chairperson

Finance Committee – None

Personnel Committee – None

Education Committee – Dr. Ramasamy discussed changes made to the Annual Report for the '07-'08 school year to make it more user friendly. Mr. Thomas said the format of the Annual Reports has not changed for the past 6 years and needed the suggested revisions. The committee highlighted the suggested revisions that would better reflect the school.

**X. Old Business** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice-chairperson

Ms. Gina Sands asked about the steps to the transition process. Mr. Thomas explained there is a video on the Henderson website that explains what will happen from month to month. The current Board's last meeting will be held in January 2009. The new Board will absorb the Board and SAC responsibilities.

**XI. Public Comment** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice-chairperson

None

**XII. Announcement, Communications and School Board Comments**

Dr. Hodge will report the number of new teachers and continuing teachers compose the FAUS faculty at the next Board meeting.

**XIII. Adjournment** Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Vice- chairperson

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Deborah Shepherd at 5:35 pm.