

MINUTES

**Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Board
Wednesday, May 7, 2008
5:05 PM – 6:10 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. Barbara Ridener at 5:05 PM.

Motion – Motion by Dr. Deborah Shepherd to approve the Agenda.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Gina Sands

II. Welcome

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Present at the meeting were Mr. Jerry Alfano, Ms. Maria Gordillo, Dr. Barbara Ridener, Ms. Gina Sands, Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy. Board members that were not present were Mr. Alex Nachlas, Dr. David Perry and Dr. Gregory Aloia. Also present at the meeting were Mr. Glenn Thomas, Executive Director; Dr. Marla Brady, Principal; Coach Mike Thomas and a parent.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

The Board discussed changing the statement “Guests present” to “Also present”. The Board also discussed changing the number of students listed under Director’s Report from 25 to 28 students.

Motion – Motion by Ms. Maria Gordillo to approve the Minutes for April 9, 2008 as amended.

Second – seconded by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy

Unanimous Approval

IV. Recognitions and Awards

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Director

1. Coach Mike Thomas was recognized as the FAUS district Teacher of the Year.
2. Dr. Marla Brady noted Ms. Patricia Hodge has received her doctorate degree approval and will be walking at the 8th Grade Commencement and FAU High Graduation in a doctorate cap and gown.
3. Tammy Bresnahan, an outstanding FAUS faculty member has been selected as the Graduate Student of the Year in the College of Education.

4. There have been four FAU High school students recognized as potential National Merit Scholarship Program finalists.
5. Two high school students were inducted into the FAU High National Honor Society on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.
6. Ms. Gina Sands announced one of her students who received two local prizes for her outstanding projects.

V. SAC Report

Dr. Marla Brady, Principal

1. Update on students' reports.
2. Followed up on parent suggestions.
3. The Climate Survey will be discussed at the next SAC meeting.
4. Reviewed Ms. Gina Sands' class research on "Mindful Meditation"
5. Stated that Ms. Patricia Hodge made a presentation regarding the 6 period day versus a 7 period day.

VI. Director's Report

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Director

Nine relocatables have been ordered; eight to replace the existing portables and one to support the administration of the FAUS Tradition-Henderson-FAU High Student MIS functions. The FAU facilities department is contracting for the site work and utilities. Temporary canopies will be erected to provide coverage to the relocatables and permanent canopies will connect to the middle school area and the adjacent new classroom building site. This work is planned to be completed before August 1, 2008.

Mr. Glenn Thomas announced the Legislature has finished its work and copies of the appropriation bill and other relevant legislation is in legislative staff review. We expect the final versions for the governor's review and action in late May to mid June.

Mr. Thomas gave a brief overview on the progress of Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition. The facility is now open and the furnishings and equipment is arriving. The faculty is about 80% in place as of May 7, 2008.

VII. Action Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

1. Approval of School Calendar

Motion – Motion by Ms. Gina Sands to approve the 2008-2009 School Calendar.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy

Unanimous Approval

2. Nomination Process for new Board Member

Mr. Glenn Thomas provided the few FAU General Counsel's Office recommendations.

Dr. Deborah Shepherd suggested striking the phrase "top three candidates" in section 8 and rephrasing to say "top candidates (maximum of 3).

Motion – Motion by Ms. Maria Gordillo to approve Board Vacancy Procedure and Nomination Process as amended.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

3. Code of Student Conduct

Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy explained the 2008-2009 FAUS Code of Student Conduct will remain the same with the exception of changing Ms. Patricia Hodge to Dr. Patricia Hodge.

Motion – Motion by Dr. Deborah Shepherd to approve the 2008-2009 FAUS Code of Student Conduct as amended.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy

Unanimous Approval

VIII. Discussion Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Education Committee – The next Education Committee will begin discussion of the Pupil Progression Plan.

Finance Committee – The approved budgets will be reviewed quarterly.

Personnel Committee – The Committee did not meet in April.

IX. Old Business

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

X. Public Comment

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

XI. Announcement, Communications and School Board Comments

Dr. Marla Brady's letter of resignation was read. Board members expressed regret at her departure and commended her on six outstanding years of leadership at ADHUS/FAU High.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Barbara Ridener at 6:10 pm.