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Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Board
Wednesday, September 3, 2008
5:00 PM – 5:33 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 5:10 PM.

Motion – Motion by Ms. Gina Sands to approve the Agenda.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy.

Unanimous Approval

II. Welcome

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Present at the meeting were Dr. Barbara Ridener, Ms. Maria Gordillo, Ms. Gina Sands, Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy, Dr. David Perry, Mr. Alex Nachlas and Dr. Valerie Bristol.

Board Members not present: Mr. Jerry Alfano.

Also present at the meeting were Mr. Glenn Thomas, Dr. Patricia Hodge, Ms. Dorothy Cammarato, Mrs. Kristina Cornwell and parents.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Dr. Ramasamy brought to the Board's attention a grammatical error on the August 6th minutes.

Motion – Motion by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2008 Board meeting as amended.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd.

Unanimous Approval

IV. Recognitions and Awards

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Mr. Glenn Thomas announced he will have a report on a few recognitions for the October 1st Board meeting.

V. SAC Report

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

1. SAC accepted the School Improvement Plan with a few minor changes.

VI. Director's Report

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Director

Mr. Glenn Thomas informed the Board that the relocatables are in place. The canopies were to be fitted and in place within the next week. Mr. Thomas also informed the Board that the planning for the new classroom building was in progress and has estimated to be completed and occupied by June 2010. This will allow for one year of planning and one year of construction.

Mr. Thomas reported that the Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Traditions FTE has been received, but due to St. Lucie School Board being flooded the fiscal transaction from FAU to the district has been postponed. Currently the headcount is about 1400 students.

VII. Action Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Approval of Activity Fee Expenditures

Dr. Barbara Ridener explained the finance spreadsheet that was provided to the Board.

Ms. Gina Sands questioned the amendment to increase the amount allocated for the sports uniforms and Mr. Thomas explained the process which included the increase in manufacturing and transportation costs from last year.

Ms. Maria Gordillo identified a grammatical error in the spreadsheet.

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Maria Gordillo to approve the Activity Fee expenditures as amended.

Second – Seconded by Mr. Alex Nachlas.

Unanimous Approval

Approval of updated Special Processes and Procedures.

Mr. Thomas explained the Board would need to approve the current Special Processes and Procedures document for exceptional education students as approved by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). This plan will again be in effect until the FDOE resolves regulation and language issues with the USDOE, and FDOE sends the appropriate language to all Florida school districts for the new Special Processes and Procedures documents.

Motion – Motion made by Ms Gina Sands to approve the current Special Processes and Procedures until further notice.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy.

Unanimous Approval

VIII. Discussion Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee discussed amending the Activity Fee budget as presented and approved.

Personnel Committee – The Personnel Committee discussed faculty and administration working to revise the Promotion criteria and process to be more consistent with the other lab schools, particularly with respect to external review.
Education Committee – Dr. Ramasamy discussed the Academic Enrichment Program.

IX. Old Business Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

X. Public Comment Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

XI. Announcement, Communications and School Board Comments

The Board announced President Brogan’s presentation for September 3rd at 6pm. The Board also discussed possibility of using the FAU Blackboard system for some applications at FAUS.

Dr. Patricia Hodge announced the September 11th Open House. She also announced the Monday night High School Parent’s meeting.

XII. Adjournment Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Barbara Ridener at 5:45 pm.