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Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Body
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
A.D. Henderson University School Media Center
College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

- I. Call to Order/Sign-In/Flag Salute/Approval of Agenda** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
Call to order made by Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair, at 6:02pm. Attending members signed in and the Salute to the Flag followed.

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Shevrin Jones to approve the Agenda.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Emma del Real

Unanimous Approval

- II. Welcome** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
Ms. Smolka welcomed the members of the School Advisory Body.

Members who were present:

Mr. Elliott Bernstein – Vice Chair and At-Large Parent Representative

Ms. Sharon Chapnick – High School Parent Representative

Ms. Emma del Real – Business/Community Citizen

Mr. Marc Hopin – Treasurer and Middle School Parent Representative

Mr. Tom Ievoli – Middle School Faculty Representative

Mr. Shevrin Jones – At-Large Faculty Representative

Dr. Stephen Locke – FAU Faculty Representative

Ms. Tracie Nieporte – At-Large Parent Representative

Mr. David Santiago – Student Representative, FAU High

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

Ms. Daphna Smolka – Chair and Elementary School Representative

Others Present:

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

Ms. Allyn Margolies - Recording Secretary

Members who were absent:

Ms. Lacey Chimienti – Secretary and Elementary Faculty Representative (Excused)

Mr. Jonathan Goldberg -- Staff Representative (Unexcused)

Dr. Patricia Hodge – Principal/Director (Excused)

- III. Introductions** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

Approval of March 9, 2011 Monthly SAB Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Shevrin Jones to approve the March 9, 2011 FAUS Advisory Body Meeting

Second – Seconded by Ms. Tracie Nieporte

Unanimous Approval

Approval of February 23, 2011 FAUS' SAB Committees Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Shevrin Jones to approve the February 23, 2011 FAUS' SAB Committees Meeting Minutes, with the following additions to the Finance Committee, #2 Supplements Budget, 2011-2012 – Add Boys High School Volleyball and Girls High School Flag Football.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Tracie Nieporte

Unanimous Approval

V. Recognitions and Awards

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

- a. Dr. Shepherd announced that Dr. Terri Watson won the Outstanding Dissertation Award, presented by the College of Education, and will be recognized at a May 5, 2011 ceremony.
- b. Ms. Smolka recognized the PTO for their outstanding work at this year's Silent Auction.

VI. Principal/Director's Report

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

There was no Principal/Director's Report due to the absence of Dr. Hodge.

a. PTO

1. Ms. Smolka announced that the PTO's Spring Fling would be held on April 9th from 8:00am to 11:00am.

VII. Action Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

a. **Approval of ESOL Add-On Plan**

Motion – Motion was made by Dr. Deborah Shepherd to approve ESOL Add-On Plan

Second – Seconded by Mr. Shevrin Jones

Unanimous Approval

b. **2011-2012 FAUS Activity Fees**

1. A discussion was held on whether the SAB should accept the Activity Fee procedure without changes or change it to a 3-tier plan for the 2011-2012 school year.

- i. Mr. Hopin went into further detail on various fees that could be changed on a 3-tier level, based on what the budget would be that year.
- ii. Additional discussion and suggestions followed.

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Tom Ievoli to adopt a 3-tier Activity Fee for 2011-2012.

Second – Seconded by Mr. Shevrin Jones

Unanimous Approval

2. Discussion followed on how to determine the monetary amounts for the 3 tiers (Elementary School, Middle School, High School Activity Fees).

- i. The carry-forward will be approximately \$70,000.
- ii. Should Activity Fees be paid up-front – by July 1st?
- iii. Mr. Thomas stated that fee structure changes needed to be made first, and then to work out the other details at the next Finance Committee Meeting.
- iv. FAU High School expected 125 students for the 2011-2012 school year, but actually has 180 students.

- v. A new Activity Fee structure of \$300/\$450/\$550 was discussed in more detail.

Motion – Motion was made by Ms. Tracie Nieporte to change the Activity Fees for the 2011-2012 school year to \$300 for Elementary School, \$450 for Middle School, and \$550 for High School.

Second – Seconded by Mr. Shevrin Jones

3. Discussion:

- i. Mrs. Chapnick suggested that the Elementary and Middle School Activity Fees remain the same from last year, and that the High School Activity Fees be raised an additional \$50, to accommodate the rising costs in today's economy.
- ii. Additional discussion followed.

Vote on Motion –

Yes: Mr. Marc Hopin, Ms. Tracie Nieporte, Mr. Tom Ievoli, Mr. Shevrin Jones, Ms. Emma del Real, Mr. David Santiago, Mr. Elliot Bernstein, Dr. Stephen Locke

No: Ms. Daphna Smolka, Ms. Sharon Chapnick, Dr. Deborah Shepherd

Motion passed.

VIII. Discussion Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

a. **Activity Fees – Supplements**

- 1. Both Ms. Chapnick and Mr. Santiago stated that more concentrated information is needed on which high school clubs are actually viable, in order to prioritize the dollar expenditures.
- 2. A breakdown of the sports programs should be recommended by the ADHUS Athletic Director, Ms. Ann Maki.
- 3. If the SAB wants to make changes, these should be discussed during the Committees Meeting and voted on by the SAB at a later date.
- 4. Ms. Margolies, Recording Secretary, will invite Ms. Maki to attend the next FAUS' Committees Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.
- 5. Mr. Thomas stated that a vote does not need to be taken by the SAB in order to change the Activity Fees collection date – it is a school administrative task.

b. **Race To The Top Update (RTTT)**

Mr. Glenn Thomas – Assistant Dean

- 1. No comments by Mr. Thomas.
- 2. Ms. Smolka informed the SAB that a film was being shown on Thursday, April 7th at Temple B'nai Torah, entitled "Race to Nowhere," which she was going to attend.

c. **Education Committee**

Mr. Shevrin Jones, Comm. Chair

- 1. Mr. Jones will send an email to the faculty in order to finalize the Vision Statement.
- 2. Earth Week is April 18 – 21; various events are planned.
- 3. An SAB vote needs to be taken on the A+ Money distribution.
 - i. The members will be polled as to whether they want to call a Special Meeting or vote via email on this one Action Item.
 - ii. Both the faculty and staff have already voted and approved keeping the distribution the same as last year.

d. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Marc Hopin, Comm. Chair

- 1. All discussion items were covered during the Activity Fees discussions earlier in this meeting.

d. **Personnel Committee**

Mr. Tom Ievoli, Comm. Chair

1. Mr. Ievoli stated that the committee is still working on a final version of the Parent/Guardian.
2. Discussion was held on the election of new School Advisory Body members for 2011-2012.

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Marc Hopin to adopt the voting procedures for 2011-2012 as designated during the prior school year, with date changes.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Sharon Chapnick

Unanimous Approval

IX. Old Business

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

- a. Ms. Smolka is attempting to get specific information from the cafeteria.
 1. She has already met with Mr. Joe Getzinger, Cafeteria Manager.
 2. Mr. Thomas stated that he will assist Ms. Smolka in getting the requested information.
- b. High School/Dual Enrollment
 1. Dr. Stephen Locke stated that he believed high school students could start with early enrollment on the weekend of April 9th.
 2. Discussion was held regarding what could be done to avoid the problems encountered last summer.

X. Public Comment

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

None

XI. Announcements and Comments

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

None

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

Motion – Motion was made by Dr. Stephen Locke to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm

Second – Seconded by Mr. Marc Hopin

Unanimous Approval