

Florida Atlantic University Schools Committee Meetings
Second Amendment
MINUTES

March 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. Tom Ievoli, Mr. Marc Hopin; Ms. Kris Moser.

Others Attending: Mr. Glenn Thomas; Ms. Allyn Margolies; Ms. Pamela McLellan; Mr. Troy McLellan; Ms. Faith Blake; Ms. Tami Noland; Mr. Mike Noland; Ms. Allison Castellano

I. Review of Committee Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Education Committee minutes from February 24, 2010. And amendment was made to III. A. – “Dr. Shepherd” was changed to “Dr. Bristor.”

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Kris Moser to accept the amended February 24, 2010 Committee Minutes.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

II. Race To The Top

- a. Mr. Glenn Thomas gave an update on Race To The Top (RTTT).
 - i. We expect to hear if Florida has been accepted in mid-April.
- b. Effect of Senate Bill 6:
 - i. There will be issues on merit pay.
 - ii. There will a profound effect on the way students are assessed.
 - iii. Senate Bill 4 did pass. It will affect FCAT for high school students.
 - iv. Teachers would be granted a series of annual contracts over a 5-year period. There would be no tenure.
 - v. Bill passage will exacerbate the state’s teacher shortage.
 - vi. Mr. Thomas will create a page for the next School Advisory Body meeting which will be a composite of the Bill.

III. School Improvement Plan – Health and Wellness

- a. Ms. Barkes distributed “Action Plan, Goal V (Aligned to State Goal 4).
- b. The ADHUS kitchen could be utilized as a “learning lab.”
 - i. Students are growing a vegetable garden and sunflower garden.
- c. Ms. Barkes distributed “FAIR Summary, 1st and 2nd Quarter Data Comparison.”
 - i. FAIR is an online reading assessment for approximately 2 million Florida students.

IV. Policy on Disputes

- a. All procedures and different levels regarding handling of Disputes are given in Policy 5.35 of the School Board Policy Manual.
- b. “The FAUS Advisory Body has the responsibility to periodically monitor the dispute resolution process and approve amendments to this policy; however, the Board shall at no time be a party to the resolution of or conversation related to any specific parent or legal guardian dispute.”
- c. Mr. Glenn Thomas will send a Dispute template to the SAB.
- d. A parent who attended the meeting was allowed to ask a question on the Dispute Policy and was told that the SAB is an advisory body only; the administration has direct responsibilities; and the FAU Board of Trustees is the ultimate policy approval and oversight governing body.
- e. Mr. Glenn Thomas informed the attending parents that if they had any major concerns on disputes, they could contact Dr. Hodge, Mr. Thomas, or Dean Bristol, as provided in the Dispute Resolution Policy. They were also instructed to communicate with SAB parent representatives to bring their concerns before the Advisory Body.
- f. Mr. Thomas spoke on the student Discipline Code steps:
 - i. The school responds immediately.
 - ii. The SAB approved Code of Student Conduct provides general sets of consequences for student infractions.
 - iii. Individual students’ information including specific disciplinary actions, are protected by state and federal confidentiality laws and regulations.
- g. Dr. Patricia Hodge further explained the procedures for the school contact with parents/guardians of injured children and for children being disciplined.

V. **ACTION:** Add to the April 28, 2010 SAB Committees Meeting Agenda:

- a. Attendance
- b. Bullying Policy
- c. Dispute Policy

Personnel Committee

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

Others Attending: Mr. Glenn Thomas and Ms. Allyn Margolies

I. Review of Committee Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Personnel Committee minutes from February, 2010. An amendment was made to:

- (1) IV b. i. 1. Delete the word “with” from the sentence.
- (2) IV b. iii. 2. – Change “six (6) parents” to “five (5) parents.”

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Hopin to accept the amended February 24, 2010 Committee Minutes.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Hodge

Unanimous Approval

II. Principal/Director Evaluation Instrumentation

This discussion was tabled.

III. Election Procedure for Advisory Body

This discussion was tabled.

IV. By-Laws Revisions

- a. The Committee reviewed the school's By-Laws, working from Dr. Hodge's revised copy.
- b. Revisions were discussed and agreed upon. A final draft of the By-Laws will be prepared and distributed at the April 7, 2010 School Advisory Body meeting.

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 and Ms. Allyn Margolies

I. Review of Committee Minutes

Motion – Motion made by Ms. Tracie Nieporte to approve the February 24, 2010 Committee Minutes

Second – Seconded by Dr. Patricia Hodge

Unanimous Approval

II. Activity Fee Discussion

- a. Mr. Hopin distributed an article entitled, "USDA tightens requirements to assure school lunch safety."
- b. Mr. Hopin created and distributed a spreadsheet entitled, "FAUS – 10-11 Activity Fee Budget." Specific items reviewed were:
 - i. Yearbook
 - ii. Lifeguard/Pool Maintenance
 - iii. School Nurse
 - iv. PE Uniforms
- c. Because not all students pay an Activity Fee, an additional \$35,000 needs to be paid by students who pay an Activity Fee.

III. PTO Budget-This discussion was tabled.