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MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Florida Atlantic University Schools' School Advisory Body

College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

Zoom Virtual SAB Meeting

I. Call to Order/Sign-In/Flag Salute/Approval of Agenda Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair
Call to order made by Mr. Jon Cipyak at 5:31 pm. The Salute to the Flag followed. Zoom virtual attendance of SAB members was confirmed by Ms. Iris Bernstein, SAB Recording Secretary.

II. Draft Agenda Approval
Motion – A motion was made by Mr. Michael Moore to approve the Draft Agenda.
Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd.
Unanimous Approval

III. Welcome Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair
Mr. Jon Cipyak welcomed the SAB Members, presenters, and visitors.

SAB Members present:

- Ms. Jasmine Coyle - Elementary School Parent Representative
- Ms. Tracey Thompson - Middle School Parent Representative
- Mr. Michael Panagis - At-Large Parent Representative
- Ms. Kristin Potter-Oliveri - Secondary Faculty Representative
- Ms. Lisa Spaulding - At-Large Faculty Representative
- Mr. AJ Frydman - Education Support Staff Representative
- Mr. Jon Cipyak - Business/Community Representative - SAB Chair
- Dr. Stephen Locke - FAU Faculty Representative
- Dr. Deborah Shepherd - Dean of the College of Education Designee
- Abigail Sinu - Student Government Association High School Student Representative
- Ms. Najla Ghazal - High School Parent Representative
- Mr. Michael Moore - At-Large Parent Representative - SAB Vice Chair

SAB Members not present (Excused):

- Ms. Cara Pavek- Elementary Faculty Representative

Other Staff present:

- Dr. Joel Herbst, Superintendent, FAU Lab Schools
- Dr. Lauren Robinson, Principal
- Ms. Iris Bernstein, SAB Recording Secretary
- Ms. Gracie Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

Ms. Caterina Siciliano, PTO Liaison

Visitors present:

A list of attendees to the SAB Zoom meeting is on file.

IV. Introductions

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

V. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

Approval of October 16, 2024, Monthly SAB Minutes:

Motion – A motion was made by Mr. AJ Frydman to approve the October 16, 2024, SAB minutes.

Second – Seconded by Ms. Lisa Spaulding.

Unanimous Approval

VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Joel Herbst

A. Construction Phase II Update

Dr. Joel Herbst provided an update on the Phase II Construction. Dr. Herbst also provided updates on the following:

- **2024 Niche Rankings:**
 - Elementary School: 3rd in the U.S.
 - Middle School: 5th in the U.S.
 - High School: 25th in the U.S.

- **Florida School of Excellence**
- Fall Festival: biggest to date with over 1,500 families in attendance
- Girls Golf Team, Cross Country, and Swimming participated in State Championship
- Science Fair Showcase
- Thanksgiving Feast this week

VII. PTO Report

Updated Presented by PTO Liaison, Mrs. Siciliano

- The Fall Festival was the best one yet! A huge thanks to PTO for this huge fundraising event and giving back the proceeds to our classrooms. Shoutout to the SGA and student volunteers.
- Thank you, PTO, for snacks and refreshments during the MS STEM Day trip to Seaworld.
- PTO also supported Ms. Francani by providing lunch to our students at the District Thespian Competition on November 2nd.
- Our 1st annual Character Counts assembly was a success, thank you PTO for the faculty/staff shirts!
- The National Merit Scholar Assembly recognized the achievements of our 2025 Senior class. Congrats to all! Thank you, PTO, for providing your support.

Upcoming Events:

- November 22nd: Annual Thanksgiving Feast
- December 2nd - 6th: Holiday Shoppe

VIII. Action Items

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

A. School Recognition Bonus 2024-2025

Ms. Gracie Diaz

Ms. Gracie Diaz provided a detailed summary of the 2024-2025 Florida School Recognition Program. The Florida School Recognition Program was created to recognize the efforts of outstanding faculty and staff from school districts and charter schools by providing financial awards to public schools. Florida Statute 1008.36, Florida School Recognition Program, recognizes and rewards schools with a sustained performance by receiving a school grade of “A,” thus A.D. Henderson and FAU High School was awarded \$183,328. Here is the link to the Summary: [School Recognition Program.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Motion – A motion was made by Mr. Michael Moore to approve the School Recognition Bonus 2024-2025

Second – Seconded by Mrs. Jasmine Coyle.

Unanimous Approval

IX. Discussion Items

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

X. Old Business

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

XI. Public Comment

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

XII. Announcements and Comments

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the SAB Meeting at 5:44 pm.

Motion – A motion was made by Mr. AJ Frydman to adjourn the SAB Meeting.

Second – Seconded by Mrs. Jasmine Coyle.

Unanimous Approval