

**AMENDED
MINUTES
Wednesday, November 9, 2011**

**Florida Atlantic University Schools' School Advisory Body
FAU High School – Conference Room
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 6:30pm. Attending members signed in and the Salute to the Flag followed.

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Troy McLellan to approve the Draft Agenda
Second – Seconded by Dr. Tammy Ferguson
Unanimous Approval

- II. **Welcome** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
Ms. Smolka welcomed the members of the 2011-2012 School Advisory Body.

Members who were present:

Ms. Robin Barks – Elementary School Faculty Representative
Mr. Elliott Bernstein – At-Large Parent Representative
Ms. Sharon Chapnick – High School Parent Representative
Ms. Emma del Real – Business/Community Citizen
Ms. Kaye Dickens – Middle School Parent Representative
Mr. Keith Feit – At-Large Faculty Representative
Dr. Tammy Ferguson – Principal/Director
Dr. Stephen Locke – FAU Faculty Representative
Mr. Troy McLellan – Elementary School Parent Representative
Mr. David Santiago – FAU High School Representative
Mr. Brian Schum – Secondary Faculty Representative
Dr. Deborah Shepherd – College of Education, Dean's Office Representative
Ms. Daphna Smolka – At-Large Parent Representative

Others Present:

Mr. Glenn Thomas – Assistant Dean, Pk-12 School and Educational Programs
Ms. Allyn Margolies - Recording Secretary
Dr. Rudy Collum – Assistant Principal, A. D. Henderson

- III. **Introductions** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
Ms. Smolka introduced the new 2011-2012 SAB members to the Business/Community Citizen Representative, Ms. Emma del Real.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

Approval of October 12, 2011 Monthly SAB Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Troy McLellan to approve the October 12, 2011 FAUS’ School Advisory Body Meeting Minutes.

Second – Seconded by Mr. Brian Schum

Unanimous Approval

Approval of October 12, 2011 FAUS’ SAB Committees Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Troy McLellan to approve the October 12, 2011 FAUS’ SAB Committees Meeting Minutes

Second – Seconded by Mr. Brian Schum

Unanimous Approval

V. Recognitions and Awards

Dr. Tammy Ferguson, Principal/Director

There were no recognitions or awards at this meeting.

VI. Principal/Director’s Report

Dr. Tammy Ferguson, Principal/Director

A. PTO

1. The PTO will be donating between \$8,000 and \$10,000 to the school, to be used for a school-wide project. Dr. Ferguson requested that the SAB members bring her their suggestions as how best to use this money.
2. The PTO Directory is ready to go to the printer.
3. On November 18th, there will be a “Dancing with the Hawk” performance by 5th grade students.

VII. Action Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

A. School Improvement Plan – Ongoing Changes/Updates

1. Discussion Prior to Vote
 - a. The SIP has already been uploaded to the State.
 - b. Regarding use of the Kindle:
 - i. The lifetime of the device is up to 5 years.
 - ii. We have warranties for damage and there is a one-time replacement.
 - iii. Each student is responsible for a \$150 replacement fee if their Kindle is lost or permanently damaged after one free replacement.
 - c. Chrome Book:
 - i. Mr. Brian Schum is comparing the Chrome Book to the iPad, the results of which will be used as a research project, along with two other ongoing projects.
 - ii. Chrome Book is a Google product.
 - iii. Mr. Schum feels it is a better classroom product.
 - d. Dr. Rudy Collum stated that new technology is being driven by the teachers.

Motion – Motion made by Dr. Tammy Ferguson to approve the School Improvement Plan

Second – Seconded by Mr. Keith Feit

Unanimous Approval

- VIII. **Discussion Items** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
There were no discussion items at tonight’s meeting.
- IX. **Old Business** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
There was no old business at tonight’s meeting.
- X. **Public Comment** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
There was no public comment at tonight’s meeting.
- XI. **Announcements and Comments** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
A. Ms. Sharon Chapnick brought up the High School Study Abroad program.
1. Mr. Glenn Thomas talked about the extensive program being run by Florida State University.
B. Mr. David Santiago asked if some of the high school trip fees could be reduced with contributions by the school. Dr. Ferguson said she would look into it.
C. Ms. Daphna Smolka spoke about the new “Healthy Meals” being served in the school cafeteria. She asked Dr. Ferguson to investigate packaging these meals in something other than Styrofoam. Dr. Ferguson stated she would look into it.
- XII. **Adjournment** Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair
Motion – Motion was made by Ms. Sharon Chapnick to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm.
Second – Seconded by Mr. David Santiago
Unanimous Approval

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New program dances its way into local classrooms

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Typical of fifth-graders, Barbara Monteiro wasn't too crazy about boys until she took part in the pilot program for Dancing Classrooms at the A.D. Henderson School on Florida Atlantic University's [Boca Raton](#) campus.

Three classes took part in the Southeast Florida launch of the social development program that uses ballroom dancing to teach students everything from math and the visual arts, to how to get along with the opposite sex. "It's pretty cool," said Barbara, 11, who already takes jazz and ballet lessons. "But she never danced with boys before," her mother Rosimeiri said.

Now it was show time, and Barbara, 11, and her classmates were all dressed up for a demonstration for benefactors at Woodfield Country Club, hosted by philanthropist Maria Occhigrossi. The next day founder Pierre Dulaine, an award-winning Broadway dancer and choreographer, visited Crystal Lakes Elementary School in [Boynton Beach](#) to illustrate how his program is integrated into the curriculum. Sessions are 45 minutes, twice a week for 10 weeks. The 20th lesson is a school showcase.

Dancing Classrooms has served more than 170,000 children in New York City since Dulaine founded it in 1994. It's now in 509 schools in 24 cities. Antonio Banderas played Dulaine in the movie "Take the Lead."

Deborah Briggs, former president of the [Boca Raton](#) Theatre Guild, is executive director of Dancing Classrooms of Southeast Florida and managed to attract a group of like-minded patrons.

No stranger to ballroom dancing, Occhigrossi is a major benefactor of Boca's Ballroom Battle, the annual ballroom dancing fundraiser for the George Snow Scholarship Fund. She's also the mother of Olivia, a fifth-grader at Saint Andrew's School, and a budding ballroom dancer.


Occhigrossi has a vision for rolling out the program in Palm Beach and Broward counties. "I want all the schools to do this and then have a cotillion at Saint Andrew's" she said. "If we form a partnership with public, private, charter and parochial schools, than schools that can't afford the program can be adopted," she said.

Marleen Forkas danced in Boca's Ballroom Battle and is another Snow patron. Now she has lent her support as a member of the Founders Group for Dancing Classrooms Southeast Florida. "If you teach

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children the right thing, they will have it for a lifetime," she said.

Deirdre Radler, a famous name in ballroom dancing with her husband Daniel, has signed on as one of three part-time teaching artists hired locally by Dulaine and trained by him in New York. The Radlers dance on "America's Ballroom Challenge," and he is a 14-time U.S. National Champion. Deirdre teaches some of children privately, which is how she came to be involved with Dancing Classrooms. "She's the grace and the elegance of Dancing Classrooms and the wind behind my wings," Briggs said.

"Dancing Classrooms would not exist without the passion of Margaret Prince, a fifth-grade teacher at A.D. Henderson School. She has spearheaded the program along with the other fifth-grade teachers Gina Bove and Suzanne Sutton, and their principal Tammy Ferguson," Briggs added.

For more information, visit dancingclassrooms-sfl.org, email Deborah Briggs at dhbriggs@DancingClassrooms-SFL.org or call 561-247-0017.

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