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Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Body
Wednesday, May 11, 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 6:03pm. 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 Mr. Marc Hopin
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. Lacey Chimienti – Secretary and Elementary Faculty Representative
Ms. Emma del Real – Business/Community Citizen
Dr. Patricia Hodge – Principal/Director
Mr. Marc Hopin – Treasurer and Middle School Parent Representative
Mr. Shevrin Jones – At-Large Faculty Representative
Dr. Stephen Locke – FAU Faculty Representative
Mr. David Santiago – Student Representative, FAU High
Ms. Daphna Smolka – Chair and Elementary School Representative

Others Present:

Ms. Allyn Margolies - Recording Secretary
Arianna Gagnon – Student
Kyle Shope -- Student

Members who were absent:

Mr. Jonathan Goldberg -- Staff Representative (Unexcused)
Mr. Tom Ievoli – Middle School Faculty Representative (Excused)
Ms. Tracie Nieporte –At-Large Parent Representative (Excused)
Dr. Deborah Shepherd – College of Education, Dean’s Office Representative (Excused)

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

Approval of April 6, 2011 Monthly SAB Meeting Minutes:

Motion – Motion was made by Ms. Lacey Chimienti to approve the April 6, 2011 FAUS Advisory Body Meeting

Second – Seconded by Mr. Shevrin Jones

Unanimous Approval

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

Motion – Motion made by Mr. Elliot Bernstein to approve the March 23, 2011 FAUS' SAB Committees Meeting Minutes

Second – Seconded by Ms. Lacey Chimienti

Unanimous Approval

V. Recognitions and Awards

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

- a. Henderson 4th grade and 8th grade received the highest mien score in the state.
- b. Dr. Patricia Hodge commended the new 8th grade teacher, Ms. Debra Rosenblum, for her FCAT work.
- c. Mr. Shevrin Jones announced that the 9th grade came in 3rd place for their Earth Day project; FAU High School was the only high school in the state to participate – all other entries were college level.

VI. Principal/Director's Report

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

1. Dr. Hodge announced that the school has 6 students that are qualified for the National Merit Award this year.
2. On May 10th the school had its Sports Banquet, which was a wonderful event this year.
3. Graduation will be held on May 20th; Prom will follow on May 21st.
4. 8th Grade Graduation will be held on June 8th.
 - a. PTO
 1. PTO Appreciation Night will be held on June 1, 2011.

VII. Action Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

a. Approval of Parent/Guardian Satisfaction Survey, 2010-2011

Discussion on certain questions in the Survey was held prior to the vote.

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Elliot Bernstein to approve the Parent/Guardian Satisfaction Survey, 2010-2011

Second – Seconded by Mr. Shevrin Jones

Further discussion ensued:

- i. Mr. David Santiago stated that the Survey seemed to be a little broad for the high school, but should still cover the issues.
- ii. Discussion was held on whether the Survey could be translated into foreign language (i.e., Spanish or French). Ms. Emma del Real informed the SAB as to what she estimated it would cost to have the Survey translated (\$100 per language).
- iii. The SAB determined that the school would make hard copies of the Survey available in either Spanish or French, as needed.
- iv. The vote was taken.

Unanimous Approval

VIII. Discussion Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

a. Supplements List

1. Mr. Santiago commented that the high school did not get the sports survey until school was already let out.
2. Ms. Chimienti stated that she coached cross country and there was only one girl who participated, not three as stated in Coach Maki's report.
3. Dr. Hodge stated that the Teacher's Union would have to approve each coaching rate change; this cannot be decided by the School Advisory Body.
4. Discussion was held on the costs of suggested additional sports teams and whether there was enough money available for each one.
5. Mr. Hopin stated that he did not feel that the School Advisory Body should be involved in selecting specific sports teams but should only determine dollars available for all teams each year. Several other SAB members agreed with Mr. Hopin. Last year the school spent \$35,200 for athletics (supplements only).
6. It was agreed to discuss Activity Fee numbers at a future FAUS Finance Committee Meeting.
7. Dr. Hodge will put together a revised Supplements list for the next Finance Committee Meeting on May 25th, incorporating the \$70,000 carry-over.

At this point in the meeting, there was a brief interruption in the Agenda while two students, Ms. Arianna Gagnon and Mr. Kyle Shope, came to speak to the SAB about their Earth Day Green Project that came in 3rd place (see V. Recognitions and Awards, c.). Mr. Jones had invited them to give a short presentation and answer questions.

b. Cafeteria Issues

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

1. Ms. Smolka suggested making a cookbook incorporating fresh, green vegetables, and providing these foods to students, made from produce that they grow at the school.

c. Education Committee

Mr. Shevrin Jones, Comm. Chair

1. Mr. Jones stated that he will be sending an email to the team leaders to get one member from each team to finalize the school's Vision Statement.

d. Finance Committee

Mr. Marc Hopin, Comm. Chair

1. Mr. Hopin distributed a sheet entitled "FAU – Palm Beach, Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)" and discussed the figures as they relate to FAU.
2. Most of the budget is tied up in salaries.

e. Personnel Committee

Mr. Tom Ievoli, Comm. Chair

1. A discussion was held on the timeline for submission of parents' self-nomination forms for the 2011-2012 School Advisory Body.
2. An email to Faculty and Staff for self-nomination to the 2011-2012 School Advisory Body will be sent out on Monday, May 16, 2011.

IX. Old Business

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

None

IX. Public Comment

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

None

XI. Announcements and Comments

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

Mr. Hopin mentioned Dr. Hodge's resignation, effective June 17, 2011. An additional announcement will be sent out in an upcoming Friday Folder.

XII. Adjournment

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Chair

Motion – Motion was made by Mr. Shevrin Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm

Second – Seconded by Mr. Elliot Bernstein

Unanimous Approval