

FAMU DRS School Board Meeting

Minutes

October 21, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair

Attendance: Mr. Terry Watson, Mr. Bill Johnson, Ms. Chelsea Washington, Mr. Warren Hope, Ms. Tammy Ferrell, Ms. Dolores Glover, Mr. Emmanuel Uwaibi, Mrs. Gwendolyn Trotter, Ms. Sandy Ulee, Mrs. Ava Joseph, Ms. Sandra Moore, Mr. Tony Manson, Mr. Jerrell Lowery, Mr. Samuel Houston

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair, opened up the meeting and allowed for introductions for those that were present.
- II. Minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- III. DRS Administrative Update provided by Mr. Johnson
 - a. DRS will participate in the RACE TO THE TOP project.
 - b. The new Basketball Coach is Mr. Ganger who is currently a Math, Algebra, and higher level courses teacher. He was a teacher at Florida High and East Gadsden. Graduated from University of Charleston and Stetson University.
 - c. SAC will be here in Spring for SACs accreditation
 - d. School Improvement Plan (SIP): Mr. Moore and Mr. Uwaibi stated it was submitted and is on the web. – Student Improvement Initiatives.
 - e. Professional Development of Teachers, IPDP/ BT Program
 - f. SIP will be approved at the next meeting
 - g. Current Enrollment is 511 students opposed to the projected number of 550 students
 - h. Staffing Update was presented by Mr. Johnson
 - i. Class Size Reduction: Challenge for all schools but DRS is small so the challenge is even greater. End of the course exam will impact graduation rates as well. We are in need of a successful School Improvement Plan.
- IV. Superintendant Search Committee: Dr. Trotter presented the committee timeline.
 - a. Dissemination
 - b. Screening
 - c. Submit 3 unranked names to the Provost

There are 17 committee members, FAMU DRS Alumni, University Personnel, Teachers, PTO, and community person. Application Deadline is now December 1, 2010.

- V. Secondary Principal Update: Mr. Mike Wallace stated the committee did not select any of the applicants. No candidate displayed the desired qualifications for a secondary Principal. The position will be re-advertised.
- VI. Athletic Update: Table until next month. Mr. Houston was not present.

- VII. Board Member Comments: Suggested more tutoring and an afterschool program.
- VIII. Student Scheduling: Teachers need to improve the mode of communication with parents regarding grades, etc.
- IX. University Administration interested in participating in the FAMU DRS holiday social in December. Mr. Johnson stated to bring suggested activities to the November meeting for budget purposes.
- X. Public Comments: SAC will meet with Mr. Johnson for meaningful SIP.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:50 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.