

FAMU DRS School Board Meeting

Minutes

February 17, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair

Attendance: Mr. Terry Watson, Mr. Bill Johnson, Mr. Jerrell Lowery, Dr. Gennifer Bell, Dr. Warren Hope, Ms. Chelsea Washington, Dr. Tony Manson

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair, opened up the meeting and allowed for introductions for those that were present.

- I. Meeting minutes tabled – quorum not met.
 - a. Asked Board members to review all meeting minutes emailed by the Secretary and send responses to him.
 - b. Mr. Watson stated he will contact the absent members.
- II. ESOL Endorsement- PAEC (pronounced Pace) Mr. Watson stated the documents were emailed to each member.
 - a. Mr. Johnson explained ESOL Endorsement is a an online consortium service used for teacher recertification. Provides other benefits for example IT process through gateway.
 - b. Mr. Johnson will bring Mrs. Pamela Tennell (DRS MIS personnel) to speak about the integration of the new paperless system.
 - c. Mr. Johnsons stated endorsements are for teachers who teach students who do not use English as their primary language.
 - d. Dr. Hope asked is there a fee to the teacher for the endorsement system. Mr. Johnson stated teachers do not have a fee however the Board pays a membership fee for PAEC.
 - e. Mr. Watson stated Board members need to sign off on the endorsements. He will send an email to absent board members.
- III. Administrative Update
 - a. School Improvement Update – Ms. Grant stated no update
 - i. Mr. Watson stated he will work with Mr. Uwabi to determine if the current plan can be approved in an attempt to get closure and submit the plan to the appropriate party.
 - b. SAC Accreditation Update – Mrs. Rivers described the current process. All teachers were divided into teams and a presentation was submitted every Wednesday. Teachers were very engaged in the process.
 - i. Dr. Atkins visited the school on February 17, 2011 to provide insight on what the team will be looking for. He will be back before the complete SAC team comes to meet with the faculty to ease any anxiety.

- ii. A reception for the SAC team is anticipated for April 26, the day before the SAC review to begin.
 - iii. Accommodations for the SAC team must be provided by FAMU DRS.
 - iv. Mr. Johnson gave accolades to the teachers and Mrs. Rivers for their hard work in preparation for the SAC review.
- c. FCAT Preparation- Mrs. Rivers stated there are a number of tutorials.
- i. 4, 8, and 10 graders meet on Saturday for Florida Writes. (Great attendance by students)
 - ii. 6-10 graders will start their Reading and Math Saturday program upon completion of the Florida Writes exam.
 - iii. 3, 4, 5 graders are in tutorials on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 3:30pm to 5:30pm.
 - iv. 8 graders meet on Wednesdays after school . Assessments are provided at the start of the session and at the end to analysis progression and to ensure success.
 - v. Board members and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the tutorials.
- d. Race To The Top- Dr. Roberts and Ms. West provided a presentation – see attached documents.
- i. Dr. Roberts went over the presentation with the Board and encouraged participation in the development of the RTTT plan.
 - ii. Dr. Roberts stated because of DRS’ participation in the RTTT it is eligible to receive other funding that will become available.
 - iii. Dr. Roberts stated there are several trainings and discussions taking place; she will be attending an upcoming training on Feb 28 and Ms. West will participate in training in March. She encouraged the Board and stakeholders to participate in the trainings; they are free and can be accessed at (www.Solutions.com)
 - iv. Dr. Bell asked to have the link sent to the Board.
 - v. Mr. Watson stated the link should be placed on the website. He also requested to have the RTTT team make a presentation at each Board meeting.
 - vi. Mr. Johnson suggested the Board look at the Hillsborough county schools for their current evaluation process. Developed from \$700 million dollar Gateway funds. He also Gave Dr. Roberts and Ms. West kudos for their dedication to the RTTT plan.
 - vii. Ms. West stated the Stabilization dollars are going away and RTTT will help in keeping many of the programs going and staff being paid from grant funds in place.
- e. School Recognition Dollars- Mr. Johnson stated the school received these dollars do to the schools grade improvement; D → C. The money is distributed based on the Teachers combined desire. Mr. Johnson states to have the Advisory Council make recommendation to take money off the top for students before teachers receive money.

- f. Mr. Johnson mentioned the school collected \$700.34 to give to the family of the student who lost their life in a car accident. Mr. Watson stated the university counselors were very helpful during the grieving process.
- g. Superintendent Committee- Mr. Watson stated the screening process is still going. There are some issues that the committee must respond to by February 22, 2011. The interview process and list of names will be provided to the Provost at the end of March. The plan is to have the candidates visit the school and meet faculty before a final decision is made.
- h. Principal Search Committee- Mr. Wallace not present. Update tabled.
- i. Athletic Field: Mr. Houston not present. Update tabled.
 - i. Mr. Watson will ask Mr. Houston to send an update via email if he will not be at the next Board meeting.
- j. Board comments- Mr. Watson stated thanks to all Board members who are in attendance, presentation that were provided and the hard work of the teachers.
- k. Public Comments: None

Meeting adjourned @ 7:17 p.m.