

FAMU DRS School Board Meeting

Minutes

April 21, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair

Attendance: Mr. Terry Watson, Dr. Gennifer Bell, Mr. Bill Johnson, Mr. Michael Wallace.....?

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair, opened up the meeting and allowed for introductions for those that were present
- II. Meeting minutes tabled – quorum not met.
 - a. All meeting minutes need to be online. Forward February and March meeting minutes to the Board for approval.
- III. Administrative Update
 - a. School Safety --
 - i. Officer Darion Scott introduced himself to the School Board and provided an assessment of the school for school safety.
 1. Assessment
 - a. Need lockers to protect student personal property.
 - b. Safety and Security Link – Create a SADD Chapter. Would offer volunteer hours for students, Youth Crime Watch, etc.
 - c. Alternative to lockers is to require students to have clear backpacks. Several schools in the area have implemented this strategy.
 - i. Michael Wallace inquired about the text messaging system to notify parents regarding issues, etc.
 1. Officer Scott – Safe Link would provide this service.
 2. Implementation
 - a. Officer Scott will work with Mrs. Tennell and our Webmaster to get the page up on the website as soon as possible.
 - b. Issue will be place on the next School Board Agenda.
 - c. SADD and Youth Crime Watch should be a part of the School Improvement Plan.
 - b. New Student Information System (FOCUS)
 - i. Pamela Tennell (MIS) discussed the transition to the new student information system FOCUS.
 1. Focus Technology System (PAEC) New Student Information System. Prior to Focus we used GATEWAY. Gateway is mainframe system (1980 system) and is rather slow. We also use Pinnacle to input and viewing

grades. There is an interface to print report cards, transcripts, etc. We belong to PAEC. PAEC has decided to move to FOCUS therefore we must follow suit. It is cost effective with easy integration. FOCUS is being used in Pinellas and Charlotte County as well. Latin America, Africa, and India are countries that also use this system. We will integrate in two phases.

- a. Mr. Johnson asked should we purchase DASH BOARD?
 - i. Ms. Tennell-It is a system for us to look at later. It operates separately from what FOCUS does
- c. Race To The Top (RTTT)- Dr. Roberts (Please see attachments titled : Mixon & Associates Legislative Update April 18, 2011)
- d. SAC Accreditation Update –
 - i. Mr. Johnson Team will be here all day Wednesday and Thursday and reception on Tuesday Evening.
 - ii. Mr. Watson asked Ms. West to send out invitation to the Board.
- e. FCAT –
 - i. Mr. Johnson stated FCATs concluded today. We did have several irregularities within the school for the math portion for 10th graders. Some of the students were reportedly talking during the test. The University Counsel and DOE were notified. Mr. Johnson will keep the Board informed of the outcome.
- f. Gifted endorsement (PAEC)
 - i. Mr. Johnson stated the Gifted Endorsement was presented and signed for PAEC.
- g. Cell Phones –
 - i. Cell phone violations are being handled at the school. The school code of conduct does address electronic devices....illegal or non permissible use of electronic devices.”
- h. Internet and Social Media –
 - i. Mr. Wallace will provide the school with curriculum from FDLE regarding the use of Internet and Social Pages.
- i. Superintendent Committee-
 - i. Mr. Watson-- the committee submitted two names to the Provost Harris. No further updates.
- j. Principal Search Committee –
 - i. No report. The new Superintendant will decide who he/she would like to hire for the position.
- k. Athletic Field—
 - i. Mr. Houston stated fencing is going up and the Tennis Court is being contracted out. He is not sure of PECO dollars for next year. Depends on Legislation. He will have information concerning this in within the next three weeks or so.
 - 1. Dean Bell asked about lockers and where they could be purchased from within the budget.
 - 2. Board Comments—

- a. Dr. Bell stated Board members need to participate in the SACS reception.

I. Public Comments: None

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 p.m.