

FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Workshop

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 3:30 PM

Room 4-154 A&B, Middle School Lecture Hall

Members Present: Carlos Villa, Chair; Dr. Brandon Bowden; Judd Enfinger; Darryl Marshal; Dr. Sara Scott Shields; Dr. Ruth Storm

Members Absent: Tisha Keller, Vice Chair; Dr. Rosezetta Bobo; Dr. Jimmie Davis; Elizabeth Croney

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Stacy Chambers, Director; Alyssa Pumariega, Student Representative

Staff & Guests Present: Dean Damon Andrew, FSU COE; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Lindsay Grooms; Jon Moyle, Board Counsel; Michelle Pohto; Robert Prater, IT Director; Hallie Solomon; Jeff Taylor, Chief Financial Officer; Kate Wasson, Board Clerk

Call to Order

Chair Villa called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and Public Discussion

The board recognized FSUS' board-certified CNA students. The students have worked since their junior years to pass a two-part CAN exam demonstrating mastery of 21 hands-on skills. FSUS' CNA program has had a 100% pass rate for the last 17 years.

Dr. Lyndsay Jenkins, Coordinator of the FSU COE Psychology program, and FSUS Student Services Director Jennifer Kinney presented on the success of the ASPIRE program at FSUS. ASPIRE, the Alliance for Supporting Positive-growth & Inspiring Resilience in Education focuses on increasing the mental health of students attending FSUS, creating practicum experiences for graduate students in Counseling and School Psychology, and conducts research on mental health and bullying prevention. The three-tiered approach to mental health includes efforts on whole-school, small group, and individual levels. FSU COE currently has 7 graduate students and 5 practicum students participating in FSUS' program.

Student Report

Ms. Pumariega introduced incoming Student Body President and next year's Student Representative, Hallie Solomon. Updates included:

- The baseball team won the district championships and is set to compete in the quarter finals.
- The Best and Brightest awards ceremony will be held on 5/11/22.
- Spring Banquet will be held on the final day of the 21/22 school year on 5/13/22.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Enfinger reported the committee had reviewed the draft FY 22-23 budget. Mr. Taylor reminded the board the draft was a placeholder until final revenue calculations are received in July. The budget included a projected \$694 revenue increase due to an increase in the FTE base allocation and the addition of another 4th and 5th grade class for FY 22-23. Most categorical allocations remained flat from the previous fiscal year. Increases included teacher salary, bringing all other employees up to the required \$15/hour minimum wage, and additional expenses related to the STEAM building.

Policy Committee Report

Dr. Chambers reported the Policy Committee did not meet. The school is awaiting PAEC's analysis from the legislative session prior to making policy changes.

Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Storm reported the committee had interviewed 8 applicants for the 2 board vacancies. Darryl Marshall was selected as the Community Representative nominee; Sarah Chason was selected as the Parent Representative nominee.

Attorney's Business

Mr. Moyle reported he had assisted Dr. Chambers with minor legal issues, including contract review. He has begun meeting with FSU to prepare for Collective Bargaining, with the goal of moving the timeline up to avoid retroactive pay issues.

Director's Business

Dr. Chambers reported commencement will be held at 6:30 PM on 5/27/22. She encouraged all board members to attend. Work has begun on budgeting and hiring, and a new communications plan will soon be finalized. The school held a soft opening of the STEAM auditorium; the official ribbon-cutting will be held in the fall. Dr. Davis is working with Dr. Chambers on a featured STEAM event for later in the year.

Other Business

Mr. Enfinger asked for an update on the lunchroom dining contract. Dr. Chambers reported Sodexo had opted out of the contract. She indicated she had been working with FSU Procurement to finalize a new dining RFP.

Adjournment

With no other business, the workshop was adjourned at 4:31 PM.