

FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Workshop

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 3:30 PM

FSUS STEAM Innovation Room

Members Present

Darryl Marshall, Chair; Carlos Villa, Vice Chair; Dr. Rosezetta Bobo; Dr. Brandon Bowden; Jimmy Cole; Gillian Gregory; Dr. Jimmie Davis; Dr. Toby Park-Gaghan; Amanda Grace; Katie Perkins

Ex Officio Members Present

Dr. Christopher Small, Interim Executive Director; Sam Nelson, Faculty Representative, Megan Nguyen, Student Representative

Staff and Guests Present

Megan Brink, Principal; Sean Pittman, Pittman Law Group; Robert Prater, IT Director; Anthony Robinson, Athletic Director; Brad Rohrer, Chief Financial Officer, FSUS; Suzanne Wilkinson, Principal; Opal McKinney Williams, Board Counsel

Call to Order

Chair Marshall called the workshop to order at 3:35 PM and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Recognitions

Dr. Small reported FSUS had been recognized by the College Board with a Gold Award for AP access. The board recognized 42 students designated as National AP Scholars and 2 students receiving national AP Ambassador awards.

Student Report

Ms. Nguyen offered the following updates:

- Seniors are finishing up painting their parking spots.
- Juniors are preparing to begin planning for the prom
- Coach McNeal put together a college fair on 10/1/24 for all juniors and seniors.
- Homecoming week is underway. Events include a powder-puff football game, a bro-bowl, dance, dress-up days, pep rally, and a tailgate.
- Preparations for the annual dance marathon are ongoing.

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda items were as follows:

- SSRA Submitted & District Best Practices
- Quarterly Safety Compliance Notice

Mr. Helms reported the district SSRA, which includes Pembroke Pines, had been submitted. The quarterly safety compliance notice was submitted per statute; there were no areas of non-compliance.

Informational Items

Dr. Small reported the school had received the certificate of project completion for the gym roof. The stadium bleacher project is nearly complete; the official ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Friday, 10/18/24.

Dr. Small briefly reviewed the final contract negotiated with Pittman Law for the board's legal services.

Dr. Small reported Dean Andrew had provided the board with a copy of the Interim Director's contract and explanatory email.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Rohrer reviewed the 9/30/24 financial statements. He reported the internal spend revenues have been slow to post due to the hurricane; the negative balances reflected should be corrected soon. Two faculty salaries have been moved to grants to correct the remaining budget deficits.

Policy Committee

Ms. Brink presented the following policies for first reading:

- 3.47 – Animals on Campus
- 9.30 – Use of Facilities
- 9.40 – Advertising in Schools

The policies were accepted for first reading.

Ms. Brink presented the following policies for third reading:

- 3.40 – Safe and Secure Schools
- 4.22 – Educational Materials
- 4.24 – AI Acceptable Use
- 5.30 – Student Control
- 5.341 – Use of Time-Out, Seclusion, and Physical Restraint for Students with Disabilities
- 8.10 – Safety
- 9.30 – Use of Facilities

The policies were accepted for third reading.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

Chair Marshall reported the school had received a final invoice of \$12,075.20 from the previous board counsel, Moyle Law Firm. Charges included services rendered from July 2024 through September 2024, and a miscellaneous expense from May 2024. Dr. Small reported all invoices through 6/30/24 had been paid when the purchase order governing the relationship had expired. He indicated Mr. Moyle had asserted he was operating under a new contract for FY 24-25 which included the requirement for a 30-day notice of termination; the school does

not have a signed copy of that contract. Following discussion, the board determined a partial payment would be appropriate for services rendered through August, as well as the miscellaneous expense from May.

Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported a portion of the upcoming board retreat would include a review of the lab school and charter school statutes, Sunshine Law, and the board's roles and responsibilities. She also reported a draft policy on conflict of interest would be provided at the November board meeting.

Director's Business

Dr. Small updated the board on the potential purchase of the land adjacent to the school. He indicated documentation had been received regarding the process which will be reviewed by board counsel. Additional information on next steps will be provided at the November meeting.

Dr. Small reported he had spoken with Dean Andrew regarding strategic planning. The COE's plan, which includes six goals, will be finalized soon. Dr. Small indicated he hoped the board would be able to begin its own strategic planning process in advance of the COE's plan's completion.

Dr. Small reported the board retreat would be held on campus from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesday, 10/22/24. He briefly reviewed the agenda with the board.

Dr. Small updated the board on the director search and evaluation instrument. He suggested a board member serve as the search committee chair; training is available through FSU for members serving on the committee. The board discussed the need to develop a position description for the FSUS Director prior to convening the search committee. Ms. Gregory will reach out to FSU HR to obtain information for the board relative to the process.

Board Member Requests for Information

Dr. Bobo requested board members be surveyed to identify their areas of interest and expertise relative to their service to FSUS.

Dr. Park-Gaghan requested the school discuss the use of the term "powwow" with the student body to determine if it should continue to be used.

Other Business

Coach Robinson provided a brief update on fall sports and invited the board to attend the homecoming festivities.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.