

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – December 11, 2012

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Chairperson; Mrs. Peggy L. O’Shea, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Ms. Rene Flowers, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Members; Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Bessette, Associate Superintendent for Operational Services; and, Mr. David Koperski, School Board Attorney.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Teacher/Administrator Appraisal Plans - Modifications** – Dr. Grego, Dr. Ron Ciranna and Ms. Lisa Grant presented an update to the Board regarding the modifications that have been made to the appraisal forms. Mr. Marshall Ogletree, PCTA/PESPA, and Ms. Kim Black, PCTA, were invited to the table to participate in the discussion. Board Members requested that Ms. Grant send to them via e-mail the PowerPoint presentation.
- **Assessment Calendar – Elementary, Middle & High School Levels** – Dr. Grego, Mr. Bill Lawrence, Dr. Behrokh Ahmadi and Mr. Octavio Salcedo presented the newly revised calendars for PreK through Fifth Grade, for Grades Sixth through Eighth and for Grades Ninth through Twelfth.
- **Master Board Program** – Dr. Grego and Board Members agreed to submit the necessary paperwork to participate in the April 11-12, 2013 training in Ocala, Florida. Mrs. Beaty will submit that paperwork.
- **Leadership Discussion:**
 - **Superintendent’s Update** –
 - 1) Stated that the Board and the Superintendent, at a previous retreat, set in place an action plan and that he would like to bring back to the Board in the January workshop an update on the portion related to dropout prevention programs. Dr. Grego stated that the update will include an analysis and cost effectiveness of the programs.
 - 2) Shared that he is working with the team in Teaching & Learning to have a full-fledged summer learning program.
 - 3) Shared that staff is working with the Education Foundation to put in place science labs in each of our elementary schools. Dr. Grego stated that this is a great thing for the Foundation to get behind.
 - 4) Announced that three of our school sites will be on-line testing sites for seventh graders to take the SAT.
 - 5) Shared that a list of middle and elementary school clubs for math and science are being collected. Dr. Grego stated that a cost analysis will also be accomplished and that the Science Center is becoming involved.
 - 6) Shared that Dr. Ron Ciranna and the Human Resource team, along with those in Teaching and Learning and our principals, will be providing the Board with a calendar to be followed by the district in competitively hiring highly qualified teachers by the middle of May.

- 7) Shared that he will schedule a presentation at the January workshop to update the Board on the early childhood programs, including the Lew Williams project. Dr. Grego stated that unfortunately the announcements related to Head Start are now delayed till possibly sometime in March.
 - 8) Shared that evening events will be scheduled beginning in January at various schools for families to get to know the Superintendent and discuss issues related to school that they feel are important.
 - 9) Shared that a full review of TIS (Technology Information Systems) will be taking place to look at their efficiencies, etc. Dr. Grego stated that we will be capitalizing on our Dell contract to accomplish this review.
 - 10) Requested that Dr. Mary Beth Corace speak to the Board regarding the Sterling Education Summit scheduled for May 2013. Dr. Corace shared that several of the Board Members attended this summit last year; and, that the upcoming conference is schedule for the Tuesday following Memorial Day which presently has a board meeting scheduled. Mrs. Cook and Dr. Grego will work on changing that meeting day to allow Board Members to attend the Summit, should they choose to do so.
- **Mrs. Wikle** – Shared that she seems to be receiving many “marketing” e-mails. Dr. Grego stated that efforts have been made to reduce the number of marketing e-mails; but, will look into this further. Mrs. O’Shea shared that the Pinellas Education Foundation is now not allowed to e-mail teachers and, questioned whether this could be corrected. Dr. Grego stated that there is more to that concern; and, that he will be meeting soon to discuss that.
 - **Mrs. Cook** – Shared that we have only one workshop scheduled for 2013 and requested that the Board allow Mrs. Beaty and she to review the calendars to schedule possible dates, mostly focusing on the third Tuesday of each month. A list of potential workshop dates will be brought to the January 22, 2013 workshop for further discussion.
 - **Ms. Clark and Mrs. Cook** – Presented the legislative priorities card that will be distributed to the Legislators at the upcoming breakfast.
 - **Mrs. Cook** - Stated that she will be forwarding to the Board Members the Board’s Operating Manual electronically. This document will be added to the January 22, 2013 workshop agenda for discussion.
 - **Mrs. Cook** – Requested that the Board Members each complete their self-assessment instrument and forward that to Dr. Ahmadi prior to the winter break.
 - **Mrs. Lerner** – Requested that the Board have time at the January 22nd workshop to determine and prioritize future workshop topics.
 - **Mr. Bessette** – Provided the Board with a brief update on the copier issues.

No official actions were taken by the Board at this workshop. An audio recording of this workshop is filed in the Board Office archives. This workshop adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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