

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP – June 24, 2014

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 12:56 p.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

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

Following the Board’s discussion on ESE Organization Charts Update, Mrs. Cook received agreement by the Board to add an update on the website revisions.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Strategic Plan Status Report** – Dr. Grego and Dr. Mary Beth Corace provided the Board with a quarterly update on the status of the district’s Strategic Plan discussing the goals 1-5 and the associated actions. Mrs. Lerner questioned whether the Bridging the Gap Strategic Plan could be simplified. Dr. Grego stated that staff will be looking at that plan to make sure that results are being achieved. Under Goal #2, Ms. Flowers requested that the Board receive pre and post Summer Bridge data on the students who participate in this program. Under Goal #3, Ms. Flowers suggested that a requirement of professional development for the School Board Members be placed within the goal. Under Goal #3, Mrs. Lerner stressed the need for the district to provide additional alternatives to out-of-school suspensions. Dr. Grego shared that staff is looking at programs offered by outside agencies. Under Goal #4, Mrs. Wikle suggested that the Board, in composing their legislative card, include information regarding the unfunded mandates that are handed down from the state. Dr. Grego stated that the next step will be to bring the Strategic Plan back to the Board in July reflecting the Board’s suggestions.
- **Budget Update** – Mr. Kevin Smith, Ms. Karen Coffey and Ms. LouAnn Jourdan presented information on the proposed 2014/15 budget. A clarification will be sent to the Board Members regarding the Technology Refresh Plan portion of the report, clarifying as to whether the number “1” refers to one computer or one computer lab.
- **ESE Organizational Charts Update** – Dr. Lisa Grant provided the Board with an overview of the proposed updated organization chart for the department of ESE. Dr. Corbett presented the revised job description for the Exceptional Student Education Specialist position.
- **Website Revisions Update** – Ms. Donna Winchester provided the Board with a brief presentation regarding the changes taking place on our district’s website.
- **Gulf Beaches/Kings Highway/Pinellas Gulf Coast Academy/Hamilton Disston Updates** – Mr. Bob Poth, Area Superintendent, provided the Board with an update on the Gulf Beaches program; and, Dr. Barbara Hires, Area Superintendent,

provided the Board with an update on the Kings Highway program, both programs opening this August. Dr. Hires presented information regarding the program to be offered at the new Pinellas Gulf Coast Academy; and, shared that the hope would be to be able to duplicate this program on the Hamilton Disston campus. Mrs. Lerner requested that the Board receive additional information regarding the Taking Responsibility for Academic Xcellence Program: Dr. Hires forwarded this information to the Board via email. Mr. Ward Kennedy, Area Superintendent, provided the Board with an update on the facilities, textbooks and transportation to be assigned to support the new elementary academies at both Kings Highway and Gulf Beaches.

- **Largo High School – Phase II Plan Presentation** – Mr. Michael Bessette and the design team from Harvard Jolly Architect presented a visual update on the design and construction of the new Largo High School.
- **Leadership Discussion** - Mrs. Cook shared that all items from leadership were presented during the Board meeting held prior to the workshop.

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 4:33 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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