



Developmental Research School
at the University of Florida

P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School School Advisory Council

February 16, 2021

Member Attendance: Lynda Hayes, Carrie Geiger, Carla-Ann Brown, Brenda Breil, Jennifer Greer, Dr. Marisa Stukey, Wantanisha Morant, Meryl Klein, Janie Williams, Angie Gonzalez, Dr. Nic Gage, Donovan Cooper, Cris Gentilman, Rob Cox

Member Absences: Natalie Andrews, Lida Rodriguez Andrade, Regina Wims

Guests: Susan Johnson, Lisa Fabulich, Mickey Macdonald, Christy Gabbard, Clint Kovach

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Marisa Stukey

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes by Carrie Geiger
- Seconded by Cris Gentilman
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12-0

FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA

- Motion to amend agenda by Carrie Geiger
- Seconded by Cris Gentilman
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12-0

Professional Development Leave Presentation- Susan Johnson

- Original leave plan changed due to the pandemic
- She went through classes with a review of artists who had post war experiences.
- Through her classes, she learned about new ways to engage students in art pieces during a pandemic environment
- Spoke about the power of unspoken conversations through artistic expression
- Shared her research with Dr. Dana and Dr. Karen Kilgore into students' lived experiences during this pandemic.

New Beginnings Teacher Panel- Clint Kovach, Lisa Fabulich, Brenda Breil, Carla-Ann Brown

- High school student shared that the classes feel more connected and that it is easier to remain in contact with teachers when they are in close proximity to each other
- One teacher shared that the transition of students amidst the pandemic has been much smoother than she first thought. The motivation from the students is higher in this new space.
- High school social studies teacher shared that in the new space there is a potential for constant collaboration because the walls in the high school social studies space can open.
- Science high school teacher shared she is eager to use the space as it is intended post pandemic.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE- Donovan Cooper

- Students are trying to get a town hall together for students to ask questions
- T-shirt contest in the works to raise spirits



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FACULTY POLICY COUNCIL UPDATE – Mickey Macdonald

- Calendar Options for 2021 - 2022
 - Considerations include:
 - Alignment with SBAC
 - First day of school for students must be after august 10th
 - Secondary student minutes must be no less than 54,000 minutes per year
 - Options:
 - Option 1: students start on august 16, first semester ends january 7th,
 - Option 2: students start on august 10, first semester ends before winter break
 - Feedback:
 - More benefits from option 2: semester 1 ends before winter break, teacher PL days for teachers at the beginning of semester 2,
 - Option 1 benefits include 5 PL days, most familiar to students
 - Higher favorability for option 2 by teachers
 - For both options, we are over the required minutes, so we have time cushioned in for unexpected occurrences.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Carrie Geiger

- Accreditation Visit Spring 2022: Surveys Coming
 - Heading into our next accreditation cycle from an outside body of reviewers
 - 3 domains: leadership, learning and resource capacity
 - Surveys will be sent out to various stakeholders that will be used by the committee assessing the school

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Lynda Hayes

- a. Lessons Learned: Collaborative Research Summary
 - i. Dr. Karen Kilgore worked with faculty last spring in research about teaching and learning reflections amidst teaching during a pandemic
 - ii. Reviewed the potential impact of virtual learning and the toll of a global pandemic
 - iii. Themes found included:
 - 1. revamping student-teacher relationships were essential to success
 - 2. establishing new norms during this virtual space was up front for teachers
 - 3. adaptations of lessons to become more conceptualized
 - 4. improved technologies to support virtual learning during a pandemic
- b. Excuse our Dust: Construction Continues
 - i. Portables on the north side of the campus has been taken down
 - ii. I-wing and h-wing is next

ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn the February 16, 2021 meeting by Brenda Breil
- Seconded by Janie Williams
- Upon vote: Motion passed 12-0
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm