



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