

School Advisory Council meeting  
April 15, 2014

Called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Those in attendance:

Grisell Santiago, faculty  
Lizzie Rodriguez, faculty  
Eileen Oliver, member  
Paul Manning, member  
Liesl O'Dell, member  
Helen Zee, member  
June Allen, member  
Gary Boulware, member  
Tomasz Debicki, member  
Carrie Litchfield, member  
Lindsey Ammons, member  
Cathy Atria, member  
Melanie Heflin, member  
Susan Cary, guest, member  
Deborah Hill, member  
Jennifer Phegley, guest (nominated for elections next month)

1. Motion to approve the agenda: Helen Zee motion, June Allen second, motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion to approve minutes: Melanie Heflin motion, Cathy Atria second, approved unanimously.
3. Conference report by Rodriguez/Santiago. One take-away from the conference is that they'd like to start foreign languages in middle school, rather than waiting until high school. They'd also like to offer Mandarin. Another is using Skype as a tool in the French classes.
4. Climate survey vote passed 10-1. Survey reviewed today. Should go out tomorrow. The survey will be open for 2 weeks. It is completely anonymous. Hayes says PKY doesn't have access to any of the director's survey results, as that one is conducted completely through the College of Education dean's office.
5. School start/stop time. Cathy Atria spoke to this issue. See handouts. Data on the handouts were calculated from the first day of school to March 31 for each year listed. Tomasz reiterated his comments from the last meeting, requesting the original start time of 8:40 or another relatively later time. Atria asked if anyone had a better idea to address tardy and safety issues, provided that each division needs to start within 5-10 minutes of each other. None were offered. Hayes gave historical perspective about what start times have been over the years. Helen Zee asked if there can be a compromise between the early time and later time. Hayes said yes, but understand that the vast majority of students have parents who need to be at work at 8:00 a.m. which means a delay in the start time will pull teachers out of their planning time in the mornings, and require them to come help supervise the kids on the benches. More discussion

ensued. Hayes says they are going to wait until the results of the climate survey are back to decide what to do. It is an administrative decision.

6. Nominations for SAC '14-'15 school year.

Monica Poole has rescinded her name for consideration.

Need 2 parents for elementary, 1 parent for middle and 1 parent for high.

Those nominated include:

elementary: none - Debra Hill says she will ask some parents

middle: Diyonne McGraw and Paul Manning

high: Helen Zee and Jennifer Phegley

Diyonne McGraw (middle), Helen Zee (high) and Jennifer Phegley (high).

All nominations should be sent to Cathy Atria.

The vote will take place at the next meeting - May 20.

7. Principal/director's report

School safety plan. Had some discussion and comments. PKY does not have a texting system right now. Just skyward, phone homes and e-mails. Paul Manning asked if there is a lock down, or if PKY wants parents to come immediately, what system is in place? Hayes says they are going to work with UPD and ask UF if PKY can access their texting system for emergency situations. They think Baby Gator has a similar system in place - that perhaps we could access. Admin will report on this at the next meeting. Kerry Litchfield also wondered if internet safety is included in the plan.

6-12 building plans:

Hayes passed out the last draft of the architect's plans she had available. She says some of these designs have evolved since this was printed, but it's the most up-to-date copy she has. Hayes says they have had endless conversations with the architects about safety features incorporated into this new design.

George Lucas film crew were on campus filming from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. M-F last week. Harvard will be here the week of May 19 to film educational practices.

Timeline: PKY has to have full support of UF admins to request state and federal funding for this project. Right now, UF has other more pressing building projects in the queue (chemistry bldg, etc.). So as soon as this legislative session is over in May, Hayes will be meeting with UF's Jane Adams (VP for governmental relations) to plan for the next legislative session. Hayes has been asked to focus on raising \$5 million as a seed, then UF will help raise the other \$18+M. Hayes has also talked with UF admins about PKY possibly working with a professional marketing and fundraising company on this. Hayes is hoping something will come from the George Lucas foundation's interest. The film crew said they are hoping to have their PKY film ready for a late June or July launch via Edutopia.

In terms of funding for this 6-12 building project in general, there are several bodies involved: trustees, college of education, president, board of governors, Florida lab school lobbying team. Hayes has been asked by the board of governors to make a presentation on behalf of all 4 lab schools in the state. It will be a

type of annual report presentation.

Adjourn at 7:12 p.m.