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# P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School School Advisory Council

**February 18, 2020**

**Member Attendance:** Angie Flavin, Carla-Ann Brown, Meryl Klein, Osmara Salas, Wantanisha Morant, Carrie Geiger, Katrina Cabansay, Marisa Ramirez Stukey, Nic Gage, Clint Kovach, Janie Williams,

**Member Absences:** Ebony Clark, Diyonne McGraw, Gabe Lee, Lida Rodriguez Andrade, Chris Gentilman, Shanita Dunmore, Natalie Andrews

**Guests:** Grisell Santiago, Christy Gabbard

**Meeting called to order at 5:32 by Osmara Salas**

## **FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA**

- Motion to amend agenda to include the reading of the November minutes and move the Faculty Report on Professional Areas of focus to the March meeting by Carrie Geiger
- Seconded by Nic Gage
- Upon vote: Motion passed 10-0

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE – Katrina Cabansay**

- Time capsule is finished.
- Prom planning is underway with the 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

## **TEACHER TRAVEL FUNDING REQUESTS**

- Carla-Ann Brown – International Society for the Social Studies Annual Conference – Orlando, FL
- Requesting \$271
- Motion to approve funding request by Carrie Geiger
- Seconded by Wantanisha Morant
- The question was called.
- Upon vote: Motion passed 10-0
- Grisell Santiago – SCOLT Conference – Mobile, AL
- Requesting \$780
- Motion to approve funding request by Carrie Geiger
- Seconded by Marisa Ramirez Stukey
- The question was called.
- Upon vote: Motion passed 10-0

## **SECONDARY COURSE MASTER SCHEDULE AND SCHOOL DAY**

- Work has been underway on considering the impact of the master schedule for the secondary school
- The building is progressing well.
- Initial discussions of how the secondary faculty will be working and teaching together in the spaces
- New secondary master schedule will take effect in Fall 2020-2021



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- New schedule will allow students to see their teachers daily and take 4 classes each semester
- This allows for 32 course credits across the high school experience
- There are some elements currently under design (Advisory/Flex Time, School Meetings, Supervision)

## **FACULTY POLICY COUNCIL UPDATE – Natalie Andrews**

- N/A

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Carrie Geiger**

- N/A

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Lynda Hayes**

Today is Gator Day in Tallahassee. The strong, active support for PK Yonge from the UF Board of Trustees, President Fuchs, Dean Good and our elected officials continues this year. Today started with a small breakfast meeting with the President, UF BOT, and legislators followed by meetings with 12 different representatives and senators serving on the appropriations committees. In the current posted budgets the House allocated \$8.3M for PKY to finish our new building and indications are we have support in the Senate to be included in the final budget. The day ended with a Gator reception at the Governor's Mansion and I am hopeful I will be able to personally thank the Governor for his support last session, request his support for this year's budget, and to invite him to the ribbon cutting scheduled for Dec. 4. President Fuchs has it on his calendar!

I am meeting with the UF Executive Committee tomorrow to seek their approval to begin the required-by-state-law fundraising for our gymnasium replacement. Dean Good continues to provide his support for our capital campaign needs and we will soon launch a campaign to raise \$750K to \$1M to help get our new gymnasium started ASAP.

Lots of detail planning is underway for the big move ahead of us in the middle of the year next school year and we will continue to update students and families as things are finalized well in advance of the mid year move.

I am enthusiastically supportive of the move to a 4 x 4 schedule to provide more options and opportunities for our students and we are ready to learn how we can make it a great experience for our learners as there is no doubt there will be lessons to learn along the way—after all that is our mission to design, test, and share innovations to help improve Florida's K12 schools.

Regarding the discussion in the fall about increasing the student activity fee—it is not likely we will have the support of the UF Board of Trustees (and we must have their approval) so we are tabling that discussion for now and we will revisit budget options for next year when we meet again next month.

## **ADJOURN**



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- Motion to adjourn the February 18, 2020 meeting by Marisa Ramirez Stukeby
- Seconded by Angie Flavin
- Upon vote: Motion passed 10-0
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:00