



Developmental Research School
at the University of Florida

P.K. Yonge School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

P.K. Yonge DRS School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Secondary Building 1st Floor, Blue Wing
[School Advisory Council Documents](#)

In Attendance

Members

Cinton Alford
Mo Deel Coleman
Rob Cox
Lori Dassa
Lynda Hayes
Ashley Pennypacker Hill
Meryl Klein
Caley Lape
Brian Mathien
Nigel Newbutt
Erin Scarborough
Marisa Stukey
Jalea Turner
Cory Tomlinson
Megan Weber
Alisha Williams
Destini Williams

Guests

Monica Webb
Emily Eubanks
Jan Merritt
Bryce Stevenson
Dicy Watson
Sanil Nadar
Krystle Hunter
Mario Touissant

Called to order at 5:34
Minutes Approved
Agenda updated to review faculty travel requests after consent agenda

Faculty Travel Requests Discussion

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Nigel and Lori proposed streamlining process to report out. Are there items that don't have to be approved?

Ideas presented for report outs:

- Video clips as reports
- In person – chance to hear and ask questions, provides history of accountability and staying within budgets

Faculty Travel Request Presentations

Remaining Available travel budget approximately \$21,000

- Jan Merritt, Florida Council of Teacher's of Mathematics, Orlando, June 12-14
Approved \$480
 - Mentioned how she's been teaching for 20+ years and this was the first conference that she got to attend professionally and present at. Huge impact to her and large audience at conference because PK is well known professionally.
- Sanil Nadar, UF Intersections Conference, Orlando, Feb. 19-21 **Approved \$1,000**
- Jamie Burg, Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium, Tampa, Feb. 5-8
Approved \$924
- Jamie Burg, Florida Music Educators Association, Tampa, Jan. 8-11 **Approved \$960**
- Robert Edmondson, Florida Music Educators Association, Tampa, Jan. 8-11
Approved \$860
- RaeAnna Kramer, Florida Literacy Association, Orlando, Jan. 24-26 **Approved \$555**
- Ellie Umpierre, Florida Literacy Association, Orlando, Jan. 24-26 **Approved \$555**
- Gabby Amirin, Florida Literacy Association, Orlando, Jan. 24-26 **Approved \$555**
- Dicy Watson, Florida Literacy Association, Orlando, Jan. 24-26 **Approved \$555**
- Dicy Watson, Southeast Conference on School Climate, June 2-4 **Approved \$814**
- Bryce Stevenson, Southeast Conference on School Climate, June 2-4 **Approved \$814**
- Ashley Pennypacker Hill, Southeast Conference on School Climate, June 2-4
Approved \$814
- Mario Touissant Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education, Orlando, March 17-21 **Approved \$1,000**
- Jalea Turner, American Education Research Association, Denver, **Approved \$2,000**

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Interim Director, Lynda Hayes, asked for suggestions and additions for the draft PKY Parent and Family Engagement plan.

Suggestions included webinars, newsletters, family nights.

Activity Fees Discussion

Review of 2024-25 Activity Fees Budget

Proposed Draft Activity Fees Budget for 2025-26

The proposed Activity Fees budget does not include any changes for 25-26. 24-25 will be spent out by the end of the school year – a lot of activities happen in late spring.

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Note: SAC does not have the authority to raise the student activity fee. Student Activity fees are regulated by the UF BOT.

Director's Update

- **Director Search Update**
Search committee chaired by Erica Mcray. Posting is live and applicants in pool. Committee meeting Feb. 24 and Mar. 10. UF is putting resources around talent search. Dr. Stukey representing SAC on search committee.
- **Discussion around Director changes**
Is it possible for SAC to be more informed regarding changes in school leadership? SAC members appreciate that the SAC Chairs has been included on the search committee. Wondering if there be a parent forum with candidates for director. The goal is to have someone in place by July 1 at the latest, College of Education Dean has the final hiring authority. Director reports directly to the COE dean, dean to provost, provost to president, and president to BOT.
- **Gym Update**
Encouraged but no update yet
- **Lastinger Center Partnership**
Strong and growing partnership. Current agreement funds joint positions between PK and Lastinger.

Principals' Update – Ashley Pennypacker Hill

So grateful to SGA for elementary and middle school student government

- **PM2 updates**
Allows for temperature taking all along the way. Majority of each grade level scored higher than the state of Florida. Year over year progress
- **NEFEC tool – K-12 Lift**
New access to view student data. Initiative to teach the teachers how to use the tool. Monitors the rate at which students are making growth and progress. Data can be accessed in a timely manner. Future potential for parents and students to own and access their own data– leader in me empowers student as learner.

Student Government Update – Destini Williams, 24-25 Student Body President

- Refer to [slides](#)
- Very busy. Establishing elementary and middle school SG. Working on strong committee structure.

Faculty Policy Council Update – Jalea Turner, 24-25 FPC Chair

- Jalea has transitioned from chair-elect to chair, Gabe Lee has assumed new role as director of IT. 24-25 Teacher Evaluation system is in place, voted on, admin and faculty on same page. Look at different forms of data to decide whether changes in secondary are effective.



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Next Meeting Dates

April 8

Note: Add budget to April agenda for approval

Adjourn at 6:41