

**Fort Myers Technical College
School Advisory Council
Minutes of February 21, 2018 Meeting**

Present: Richard Stevenson, Nancy Redenius, Brian Mangan, Thomas Fletcher, Tyler Patak, Mareille Rolon, Michelle Zech, and Todd Everly

Guests: Kim Brooks and George McDaniel

Approval of Minutes - Nancy Redenius

The minutes from the November 15, 2017 motion to be approved were made by Michelle Zech, seconded by Rich Stevenson and approved unanimously as presented.

District Advisory Update presented by George McDaniel for Dante Ciolfi

DAC Meeting 11/15/2017

1. The *Legislative Update* included a report from Mrs. Chris Patricca and Staff Attorney Robert Dodig who shared the District's Impact Report. The Lee County School Board's 2018 Legislative Priorities were then shared; they are:
 - Obtain funding for a Lee County School District pilot program that successfully addresses teacher recruitment and retention using a career ladder for educators, minority recruitment tools for all employees, and a Grow Your Own model for recruitment of new teachers.
 - Amend the "High Growth Capital Outlay Fund" to provide state funding for needed classrooms and to include Lee County, one of the fastest growing districts in the state.
2. Additionally, the *Constitution Revision Committee*, which meets every 20 years, has made several education-related proposals, which the District is monitoring. The District will keep DAC updated on the progress of education-related proposals and communicate a possible call to action during the first several months of 2018.
3. *Lee County Standards for Excellence* are being developed to identify standards most critical for college and career readiness.
 - *Input* was (and continues to be) gathered from teachers, businesses, institutions of higher education, as well as parents.
 - *Diamonds of Differentiation* have been created to help define: the standards themselves, strategies supporting students who have not yet mastered the standards, and enrichment for students who have already mastered the standards.
 - *English Language Arts (ELA) Standards* are being piloted; *math and science standards* are currently being developed.

DAC Meeting 1/17/2018

1. This meeting featured an update from School Board Member, Mrs. Chris Patricca, regarding the *half-penny sales tax resolution* by the School Board. Six of the seven Board members expressed support for this. All DAC committee members were encouraged to request that a School Board member speak at homeowner association meetings, SAC meetings, etc., to

explain the rationale for the Board's decision. NOTE: School Board member, Mrs. Chris Patricca, will be presenting information regarding the tax referendum at our next SAC meeting.

2. The school capital outlay surtax would fund projects for new construction, reconstruction, improvement of existing school facilities, safety and security improvements, and technology upgrades. The tax is estimated to raise approximately \$59 million per year.

Official CPL Data Report- Kim gave handouts on the 1st Semester total enrollment numbers and available seats. In addition, she reported on the 16/17 COE Data for each program with average completion rate of 79 %, total placement rate 92% and Licensure exam rate 96%.

Enrollment Update: Kim Brooks gave a handout on 2018-2019 school year 1st semester Core program numbers with returning students, new students, and available seats for each program.

SREF final feedback: George McDaniel reported that there were no violations.

Campus Modifications Update: George reported that Financial Aid is relocated to the front of C building. The conference room was remodeled into 2 offices with computers planned in front of the offices. Modifications are in process for the Medical Assistant's mock Dr. Office in F-17.

FCSUA update: Brian Mangan reported on the 2016 Legislature statute that students with disabilities have access to meaningful postsecondary education. Signed into law by Florida's governor on January 23, 2016, the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (the Act) (FS 1004.6495) established the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at the University of Central Florida (the Center) and charged the Center with managing the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP) application and approval process. The Act also established criteria for FPCTP approval, scholarship awards for eligible students to attend approved programs, grant awards to promote new program development and existing program enhancements, and accountability requirements associated with these opportunities. Mr. Mangan attended a planning meeting held in Orlando for applying for Federal money to assist students with Unique Abilities to get gainful employment. Michelle Zech stated that Vocational Rehab, LARC may be good resources. Requirements for students include ability to communicate and move around campus, Curriculum cannot be modified but support and extended time can be provided. Additional resources would include a mentor and hiring a person as coordinator for the program. Plan is to start the program August 2019 with 6-8 students.

New Programs: Medical Assisting plans to start March 26, 2018 with a maximum of 12 students. Biomedical Tech was daggered to stop but the DOE has agreed to continue the program. Mr. White will teach starting July/August with his other program. CNC considering a soft start July/August or possible January start.

COE Update: COE meets this week and the school should hear in the next 30 days about accreditation. Everyone was invited to the Advisory Breakfast April 6, 2018 7 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Other Business/Good of the order: Rich Stevenson asked about threats to the campus. Brian informed everyone that drills are taking place on a regular basis. School District of Lee County is responding to the social media walkout planned by students today, March and June.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 18, 2018 7:30 a.m. in A-12.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 am. Thank you for attending!
Submitted by,

Nancy J. Redenius

Nancy Redenius, School Chairperson