

**Fort Myers Technical College  
School Advisory Council  
Minutes of April 19, 2017 Meeting**

Present: Dr. Dante Ciolfi, Nancy Redenius, Brian Mangan, Tyler Patak, Tom Roth, Ron Pentiuk, Ron Anderson, Dr. Lemuel Lawrence, Ashley Skalecki, Michelle Zech, Richard Stevenson, Yareth Quinones, Todd Everly

Guests: Dr. Brian Byrnes; George McDaniel

**Approval of Minutes-** Approval of minutes from February 22, 2017 made by Michelle Zech and seconded by Dr. Lemuel Lawrence approved by all

**DAC Update – Dr. Dante Ciolfi**

Dr. Dante Ciolfi, the District Advisory Council (DAC) representative to SAC, reported on the following items:

**March 15, 2017 District Advisory Council Meeting**

- Pam LaRiviere, School Board Liaison – Legislative Priorities (**Appendix 1**)
- Soretta Ralph, Chief Academic Officer – new high school is on track.
- Trey Davis, Chief Technology Officer / Dwayne Alton, Director, IT Support
  - Restructured IT infrastructure: from silos to integrated teams

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**Appendix 1: The School Board of Lee County, Florida 2017 Legislative Priorities**

Invest in High Quality Instruction

Many of the reforms adopted over the past seventeen years rely on a strong supply of high quality professional educators being available to meet the needs of students and communities. We are now facing a huge teacher shortage. Enacting performance pay, using strong evaluation systems, retraining or removing poor performing teachers, and supporting a strong school accountability system will all fall flat if we do not have a pipeline of high quality personnel to serve our students.

- Provide resources for recruiting, retaining and training the highest quality educators.  
Enhance flexibility in teacher certification.
- Support a community project in Lee County to model recruitment and training strategies that will supply the needed educators.

Protect Public Assets/Provide Needed Student Stations

Transferring one-half mill from district capital outlay to the state FEFP helped the Legislature bridge its funding shortfall during the crisis budgets caused by the real estate value collapse. Since that time, more than a half mill of property taxes used for operations has been retired for tax relief while the funding transferred from the capital budget to temporarily to shore up operations was NOT restored to the capital budget.

- Restore the 2.0 mill cap for capital outlay purposes.

- Enhance PECO revenue sources to restore the PECO program as the primary state support for public school capital outlay needs.

#### Respect Local Constitutional Authority of School Boards

*Article IX, Section 4 (b), Florida Constitution: "The school board shall operate, control and supervise all free public schools within the school district . . ."*

- Provide for local school boards to make the final decision to grant or reject a charter school application, regulate a charter school that is having problems meeting local expectations, share or not share capital outlay funding, and the ability to terminate a charter.
- Repeal the recent mandate for school districts to pay higher education tuition for dual enrollment students.
- Remove the restriction for districts from demanding printed copies for the evaluation of instructional materials.
- Reject any new unfunded mandates.

#### Support Fair Competition

- Re-establish charter school administrative fees designed to fully cover the costs for all mandated district services to the charter schools and provide adequate funding for school boards to provide their required oversight to "operate, control and supervise" as established by the Florida Constitution.
- Provide regulatory equity between charter schools and traditional public schools by expanding flexibility for public schools, and maintain class size reduction penalties for all public schools of choice on the same formula.

#### Restore Smart Accountability

- Review state assessment requirements with an eye toward reducing the total instructional time lost both by students being assessed and those who are displaced because of test scheduling requirements.
- Allow paper and pencil exams to be offered if selected by local districts to reduce overall testing time, improve test scheduling or provide better measurements of actual learning for certain grades, schools or students.

**FMTC Annual Response Letter to COE-** Dr. Byrnes explained that the Medical Administrative Specialist program is on warning status because completion decreased to 56% and placement decreased to 60%. COE letter explained that Instructor turn over contributed to the problems. Currently students are progressing well. Automotive Collision repair and refinishing program have shown a decrease in placement due to long time instructor John Clute passing away resulting in large student withdrawal. New Instructor Mike Adcock has refurbished

the area and doing well with the current students. Phlebotomy program was cancelled due to many factors.

**FMTC Annual Response Letter to Workforce-** April 28, 2017 Career fair had 33 employers, May 3, 2017 career fair scheduled at FGCU. Students will be able to ride the bus or take their own transportation. May 11, 2007 FMTC will have an open house 3-6 pm. High School from Future Makers tours appear to show increased interest in enrollment for next year.

**Campus Modification Update-** Mr. McDaniel reported that the Child Care Playground is complete with the track paved and fence installed. They should install the shed next week. Major Appliance and Refrigeration Repair should be moved into H building by the end of the school year. A/C is complete with the plumbing in process. Various ceiling panels have been replaced throughout the campus.

**SIP Plan Update-** Mr. Mangan gave a Strategic Plan 2015-2020 handout with the Two SIP objectives identified. He discussed each of the 8 objectives in detail.

**COE Summer Self Study Plan-** Mr. Mangan reported that all of the standards have been reviewed. Programs are next to be reviewed and they will be copied to a flash drive as well as paper copies in the bins. In August one of the COE team members will come to the campus. Handout on Completers/Placement comparison for 2015/2016 -2016/2017 were given out and discussed. In addition, Lumina Foundation announced that changes are needed to reach the 2025 goal of 60% of working-age Americans hold degrees, certificates or high-quality postsecondary credentials within the next eight years. Discussions are continuing for the new school location. The foundation for Lee County Public Schools continues to participate in the discussion.

**Election of chair for 17-18 -** Tyler Patak was nominated and approved by everyone.

**FMTC graduation May 18, 2017-** All advisory members were invited to attend at SFM High School graduation at 6 pm

**Other Business/Good of the order-**Mr. Pentiuk recommended that Mr. Mangan contact Sheila Sarver to look at the COE standards since she has participated on COE visits recently.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 13, 2017 7:30 a.m. A-12. 17-18 schoolyear**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15. Thank you for attending!

Submitted by,

*Nancy J. Redenius*

Nancy Redenius, School Chairperson