

MINUTES
Monthly Work Session

MEETING: October 17, 2017

PRESENT: Board Members: Caroline Zucker, Chair; Bridget Ziegler, Vice Chair; Shirley Brown, Jane Goodwin; Eric Robinson; Superintendent Todd Bowden

CALLED TO ORDER: 8:30 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Suncoast School for Innovative Studies (SSIS) School Improvement Plan- Natalie Roca SSIS Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSIS staff presented their School Improvement Plan summary • Their goals are to increase reading, math and science proficiency by 7%, decrease attendance from 34% to 24%, decrease suspensions from 24% to 14%, and increase parent involvement by 10%; strategies to reach those goals were discussed • SSIS staff answered questions from Board Members
Sarasota Military Academy (SMA) Achievement Goals- Natalie Roca SMA Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMA staff presented their School Grade Action Plan • The action plan has three components; the Academy, SMA Prep Middle School and SMA High School. Details on steps to improve each component was reviewed. • Data from 2016 and 2017 components was discussed • SMA staff answered questions from Board Members
Improvement Strategies to Affect Student Performance: Booker High, Booker Middle, Gocio- Laura Kingsley School Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booker High - Principal Dr. Rachel Shelley and Assistant Principal Laurie Breslin shared the vision and mission of Booker High School. Six strategic goals were discussed. Strategies to attain those goals include professional development, positive school culture, and standard-based Quality Assessment monitoring program. The professional development Visible Learning calendar was shared.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booker Middle - Principal LaShawn Frost reviewed current performance scores/comparative data (ELA, math, science, social studies). Seven strategies to improve student performance were discussed in detail. Strategies for improving expected level of performance were shared. • Gocio - Principal Steven Royce discussed the summary of success for Year 1, implementation of Year 2 and the long term plan in detail. Academic gains in 2017-18 include improved 71 points 10% gain, implemented Top Score Writing, IXL, Florida Coach Science, Cluster Test Writing, and all staff trained in understanding school grade including ESOL Aides. Overall school proficiency percent in FSA ELA, math and science was presented.
<p>Using Data to Identify Learning Gaps- Laura Kingsley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise Cantalupo demonstrated how to navigate the attendance data on the new dashboard • Kelly Ellington, Michelle Kloese and Chris Renouf gave an i-Ready presentation on how our elementary schools are using i-Ready to improve student achievement. Discussion included what does the data tell us, how are we responding to the data, and what resources/tools are we using in response to the data. Strategic ways we use i-Ready data is guiding planning, instruction activities, building capacity among our teacher teams, and making learning visible by creating student ownership. • Sue Meckler and Karen Rose gave an i-Ready presentation on how our middle schools are using i-Ready to improve student achievement. Data on predicted proficiency at the district and school-based level was reviewed. The middle school Master Plan and differentiated instructional support to achieve standards mastery was discussed.
<p>Communications- Todd Bowden Joe Binswanger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three potential scenarios and associated costs for the Communications Department Support model were presented to Board Members for consideration; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A) Outside Communications Firm supported by District Communications Manager and associated staff

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ B) District Communications Director supported by outside Communications Firm and associated staff ✓ C) District Communications Director supported by District Communications Specialist and associated staff • After discussion, the general consensus was to revise the job description for the Communications Director to be presented at a school board meeting for discussion and then advertise and fill the position. In the meantime information will be gathered on best practices of other school districts communications departments and go from there.
<p>Recessed – 12:41 p.m. Reconvened – 1:18 p.m.</p>	
Board Members Policy Review Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of staff assignments for policy review was shared with Board Members and then asked which policies they would like to be part of in the review process • After discussion, Board Members chose the following assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Caroline Zucker – Chapters 1, 8, 9 ✓ Shirley Brown – Chapters 2, 3 ✓ Bridget Ziegler – Chapter 6 ✓ Eric Robinson – Chapter 7 (and help with Chapter 6) ✓ Jane Goodwin – Chapters 4, 5 • Art Hardy explained the review process
Policy 4.30, Challenged Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members were provided with a draft copy of current revisions of Policy 4.30 and asked for their input • Discussion ensued • General consensus was to accept the current revisions and place it on the next agenda for advertisement
New Board Chair/Vice Chair Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members discussed the succession/protocol of the new chair. There was support for Bridget Ziegler and Jane Goodwin. A formal vote will be taken at the November 28, 2017 Re-Organizational meeting.

Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Monthly Work Session adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on October 17, 2017, and approved at the regular Board meeting on November 7, 2017.

Secretary
Todd Bowden

Chair
Caroline Zucker