

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
March 24, 2015

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairman Bev Slough. Dr. Joyner called roll; school board members, Mrs. Beverly Slough, Mr. Patrick Canan, Mr. Bill Mignon, Mr. Tommy Allen and Mrs. Kelly Barrera were present. Also in attendance were Mr. Sidney F. Ansbacher, Esq. (sitting in for School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III during his absence), district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Dr. Joyner read his open letter to parents on assessment. Mrs. Barrera stated that the letter was very insightful, she would also like to make available information regarding reducing stress and test anxiety to parents and students. Mr. Allen, Mr. Canan, Mr. Mignon and Mrs. Slough were very supportive of the letter and stated that a video regarding assessment should be posted on the website. Mr. Canan stated that assessment is the biggest issue with parents right now.

TAG! (Children's Museum)

Mrs. Kim MacEwan, Executive Director of the Children's Museum presented an update which included the new location (behind Target) which will house the interactive museum and natural wooded play area. Mrs. Michele Wiles, Program Director for Education, presented an overview of the educational aspects of the museum.

Recruitment Update

Mr. Brennan Asplen, Mrs. Cynthia Williams and members of the Minority Recruitment Committee presented information regarding the 8 critical shortage areas, community support, college outreach and addressing retention of minorities.

District Website Update

Mrs. Christina Langston and Mr. Michael Clark presented an overview of the new SJCS D website, and stated that they hope to go live with the new site soon.

Growth Management Update

Mr. Tim Forson and Mrs. Nicole Cubbedge presented a growth management update which included zoning, relocatable costs and requests, enrollment, school size, and projected student growth for Ashford Mills/Shearwater and Encanta/Windward ranch.

Public Comments-None

Closing Comments

Dr. Joyner stated that we will have outgrown the superintendent's conference room and will be looking into updating the audio/visual equipment in the auditorium for future meetings. Dr. Joyner also stated that we will be looking into moving to an electronic board packet. Mr. Canan stated that he appreciated all the information presented, and that he learned a lot about recruitment. Mr. Allen thanked everyone for their presentation and stated that rezoning is inevitable as we continue to grow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1120 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved