

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
March 6, 2012

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Beverly Slough. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; all school board members were present. Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Dr. Joyner stated that the Aerospace Academy at St. Augustine High School would be shooting off rockets this week. Dr. Joyner also stated that the first auditions for Arts Alive would be held this week at Fruit Cove Middle School, and that the Student Services Department is accepting donations of non-perishable food and supplies for Feed Our Children at Sebastian Middle School on March 15, 2012.

Homeschool Update

Mrs. Denise Faulk gave a detailed presentation on Home Education which included the requirements and the process. Mrs. Faulk stated that there is a tremendous amount of tracking and monitoring of homeschool students.

Academic Support

Mr. Scott Sherman presented information on data of past performance and future implications. Mr. Sherman offered great detail on school grading, cut scores for proficiency, end-of-course exams, post-secondary readiness test (PERT), and the tracking of data. Mr. Tim Egnor presented academic support strategies that are currently in place. Mr. Egnor stated that funding is offered to the schools through the Supplemental Academic Instruction Plans (SAI), summer reading camps, advanced academic plans for the middle schools, and academic support plans to provide tutors, algebra camp, etc. There are also many support documents available on the website, such as the Parent Resource Guide, Student Progression Plan, Instructional Validity Study, curriculum maps and pacing guides. Mr. Craig Speziale and Dr. Linda Thomson presented strategies and initiatives that are being used at Ponte Vedra High School and Ketterlinus Elementary School.

Common Core

Due to time constraints, Chairman Beverly Slough asked that the common core presentation be moved to the next school board workshop. All agreed.

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Closing Comments

Mrs. Slough asked if we would still be able to fund our Instructional Literacy Coaches. Mrs. Slough stated that the ILCs seem to play a very important role at the schools. Mr. Fehling thanked the Finance Department for being so fugal over the years and always funding the classrooms first. Mr. Fehling also stated that the Information Technology Department has taken a huge hit lately with employees leaving to find other jobs. He asked that we take a look at IT salaries during the budget process. Mr. Mignon also thanked the Academic Services Department and stated that this workshop was full of valuable information. Mrs. Beverly Slough stated that news from Beth Sweeny in Tallahassee is that House bill HB7059 has already passed the full house and will likely be taken up in place of the Senate bill tomorrow.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved