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School Board Workshop
November 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 8:33 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 Jacksonville Jaguars will be a gold sponsor for St. Johns County Schools and will host a “St. Johns County Day” on November 25th at 1:00 pm during the Tennessee Titans game. Dr. Joyner also stated that the Creekside High School Band will play during halftime, and that all Victory with Honor students are invited and will be honored as a group at the game.

The Children’s Museum of St. Johns

Ms. Susan Connor, Executive Director for the Children’s Museum of St. Johns presented an overview of the Children’s Museum and invited everyone to explore the new site at 149 Cordova Street on November 16th from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

School Board Committees Review

Mrs. Slough presented a draft of the School Board Committees for December 2012 - December 2013. The board will vote on committee representation at the November 20, 2012 Reorganization Meeting.

Benefits Coordinator RFP

Mr. Forson stated that thirty requests for proposals (RFPs) were sent to various companies, and only one response was received. Mr. Forson also stated that the Bailey Group submitted a proposal for medical, vision and dental insurance, and that he recommended moving forward with the Bailey Group proposal.

Update - New K-8 Schools “HH” and “II”

Mr. Forson presented an overview of the two new K-8 schools, “HH” that will be built in the Durbin Crossing/Aberdeen community, and “II” that will be built in the Nocatee area. Mr. Forson also presented a construction timeline which included the start of construction in March 2013, final completion in June 2014, and school opening in August 2014. Mr. Forson stated that the K-8 prototype has already been approved by the board. Mr. Degutis presented the recommended strategy for financing the new K-8 schools.

Character Counts Discussion

Dr. Joyner stated that the Character Counts! Banquet is scheduled for May 2, 2013 at World Golf Village. Dr. Joyner also stated that Mrs. Langston is organizing a Character Counts fundraiser, which includes a 6k run, to offset the cost of the banquet for the schools. Mr. Allen commented that there has been a decline in support of recognizing “good kids”, where there are numerous recognitions of “smart kids”. Mr. Mignon would like to see more recognition take place at the school level, since less than 1% of students get recognized at the Character Counts Banquet.

Health Services Update

Ms. Petty, Coordinator for Health Services, presented an update on Health Services, which included requirements and challenges faced by school nurses and the district.

Public Comments – *None*

Closing Comments

Mr. Fehling thanked Mr. Forson and Mr. Degutis for their work on the two new schools. Mr. Mignon stated that he had attended the National Career Academy Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this past weekend, and stated that he was very proud of the work being done in our Academies. Dr. Joyner stated that forty staff members have been invited to hear Mr. Steve Barone speak and give “next steps” on the Strategic Plan at FCTC on November 9th at 8:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved