

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, October 28, 2025)

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Members present

Kelly Barrera, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson, Bev Slough (online)

Meeting called to order at 4 PM**A. Meeting Opening**

2. Roll Call by Superintendent
3. Pledge of Allegiance by Ms. Collins

B. Opening Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Ms. Collins remarked that "these are exciting times for our students." Mrs. Slough reported she was pleased to represent the Board at FSBIT last week. Mr. Coleman extended congratulations to the Toco Creek High School and Pedro Menendez High School academies on their Fire Rescue event. Dr. Asplen noted an upcoming calendar change for discussion and expressed appreciation to Mr. Ted Banton for honoring Mr. Bill Mignon with the naming of the Pedro Menendez High School football field.

C. Workshop Topics

1. Attendance Impact on Student Performance, presented by Mr. Guy Harris and Mr. David Morell.
2. School Board Rules Update: Cell Phone Policy / Bullying Policy / School Volunteers Policy, presented by Mr. Frank Upchurch.

D. Public Comment

1. Kate Dowdie, 53 Bayview Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32084
Mrs. Dowdie spoke about parent code of conduct.

Online

1. Allison Baker spoke about open enrollment.
2. Tamara Haleem spoke about parent code of conduct

E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Dr. Thomson and Ms. Collins stated that they enjoyed the presentations. Dr. Thomas suggested including three or four bullet points for a Parent Code of Conduct. Mrs. Barrera expressed her appreciation for the presentations and commented on the Character Counts middle school event. Mrs. Slough noted that she enjoyed participating in the meeting via WebEx. Mr. Coleman thanked Mr. Harris, Mr. Morell and Mr. Upchurch for their presentations. Dr. Asplen thanked Mr. Upchurch for his work on the policies, stated that a civility policy is already in effect, and mentioned that he presented our legislative platform yesterday to county commissioners. The Board agreed to move the first school board workshop in December to December 8, 2025 at 3 PM.

F. Adjournment - 11:37 AM