Board of Directors Meeting
8:00 a.m., January 26, 2012
Valencia College

Host: Linda Downing

Present: Betsy Bell, Travis Blue, Debbie Clements, Suzan Coddington, Linda Downing, Alan Fidelo, Deni Gorden (via conference call), Eric Houston, James Lawson, Ivan Lefkowitz, Joe Losch, Ryan Mahaffey, Jim McIlrath, Rosina McVicker, Jennifer Michaels-Gesundheit, Kevin Noonan, Michelle Radcliffe, Rob Roache, Eddie Sanabria, Leah Shepherd, Doug Storer

Staff: Twanna Scroggins, Heath Wells, Cindy Williams

Guests: Rob Anderson (Lake Nona High School), Robert Bonesteel (Evans High School), Tim Shuler (Edgewater High School)

Excused: Tobi Allen, Renee Burke, Melanie Fernandez, Cathy Hertz, George Novo, Patti Reilly-White, Rick Roach, Rich Sloane, Jim Waters, Ormend Yeilding

Absent: Eric Dodson, Tim Myers, Josh Truitt

Call to Order
Alan Fidelo convened the meeting at 8:15 am. He began by thanking Linda Downing and Valencia College for hosting the meeting.

Adoption of Consent Agenda
Jim McIlrath moved to adopt the consent agenda and Doug Storer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion from the Finance Committee
Joe Losch made a motion that the $98,000 planned gift from the estate of Virginia Mundell be a board designated reserve fund for future use. Eric Houston seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Appointments
Alan announced that he was appointing Michelle Radcliffe and Ivan Lefkowitz to the board. Michelle is the director of human resources at Arnold Palmer Medical Center managing services for approximately 1,700 team members. She brings organizational development, strategic planning and change management skills to the board in addition to her strong human resources background.

Ivan Lefkowitz is the founder and president of the law firm of Lefkowitz, Shaw & Senter. Ivan is a Board Certified Tax Attorney and a frequent lecturer at programs and seminars on corporate fringe benefits, financial planning and estate planning. He practices primarily in the areas of Federal tax law, estate planning, deferred compensation and pensions, corporate and business law. Ivan has already attended two Finance Committee meetings and is a great addition to that group.
Opportunity Scholarships Discussion
Jim McIlrath moderated a discussion about the Opportunity Scholarship Program which allows students attending low-performing high schools the opportunity to transfer to a higher performing public school. Rob Anderson (Principal – Lake Nona High School), Robert Bonesteel (Assistant Principal – Evans High School) and Tim Shuler (Assistant Principal – Edgewater High School) were invited to share their views on how this program impacts their schools.

The guests shared that while school choice can be a good thing, the way it is currently implemented has negative consequences. For example, schools do not know who will be transferring until August 1st – only weeks prior to the start of the school year. This creates both budget and staffing issues as schools do not know how many students they will be gaining or losing until after budgets are set and teachers are hired.

School Board Update
Rick Roach was in Tallahassee so there was no update.

OCPS Administration/Superintendent Search Update
Alan talked about the district’s search for a new superintendent. There are 21 candidates and the Superintendent Search Advisory Committee will narrow the field down to the finalists at its January 30th meeting.

Orange County’s Top Talent
Leah Shepherd reported that the date for Orange County’s Top Talent is May 12, 2012 at the Hard Rock Live. There will be 18 acts featuring singing, dancing, instrumentals, comedy, drama, and novelty acts. Orange County Public School students, teachers, administrators and staff are eligible to participate. Acts may also include Central Florida community and business leaders who are connected to the schools through Partners in Education or other engagement initiatives.

Mix 105.1’s Scott McKenzie and FOX 35 news anchor Bob Frier are hosting the event. Celebrity and corporate judges will select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. Each winner will designate a school to receive a cash prize on his/her behalf. A traveling trophy will go to each of the schools represented by the winners.

The goal is to have 1,100 attendees with tickets prices at $10 each. Sponsorship packages are available and all board members are encouraged to solicit corporate involvement. Debbie Clements is coordinating the auction and would appreciate board members collecting donations.

Sixty-percent of the event’s net proceeds will go to the Foundation to support its programs and forty percent will go back to the schools through teacher grants to support visual and performing arts including instruments, art materials, equipment, sheet music and more.

Auditions are scheduled for April 21st at Edgewater High School. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Philanthropic Strategic Plan
Alan shared that all 15 members of the PSP committee have been appointed and their first meeting is scheduled for February 15th. The goal is to have the plan completed by June.

Chairman’s Comments
Alan announced that Ryan Mahaffey left Wells Fargo and is now with PNC Financial Services Group. He also thanked Betsey Bell and the Orlando Magic Youth Fund for the $50,000 grant to support the Foundation’s literacy programs. He also reminded board members to sign the
Foundation’s Conflict of Interest policy. Finally, Alan encouraged board members to take a look at the Foundation’s new website (www.foundationforocps.org) and provide staff with feedback.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Williams
Executive Director

**Important Dates**

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