BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
8:00 a.m. – Thursday, September 26, 2013
Valencia College

Host: Dr. Joyce Romano & Amy Kleeman


Staff: Cindy Williams, Twanna Scroggins, Jeanne Smith, Hiba George

Guests: Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Amy Kleeman, Debi Pedrozza, Lisa Yenke

Absent: Travis Blue, Debbie Clements, Angel de la Portilla, Teresa Donaldson, Erik Genrich, Tim Gomez, Michael Ison, Ryan Mahaffey, Tim Myers, Kevin Noonan, Joyce Romano, Eddie Sanabria, Josh Truitt, Ormend Yielding

Call to Order
Joe Losch called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. He thanked Joyce Romano and her staff at Valencia College for hosting the event. Amy Kleeman, Assistant Vice President of College Transitions, welcomed the group on behalf of Joyce who traveling outside of the country. He announced the grants received recently including the Lockheed grant for $30,000 for Biology Lead Teachers, SunTrust for $50,000 grant which was matched by Consortium funds for a total $100,000 grant. An additional sum of $227,609 will be used for Read2Succeed, Middle School Morning Book Club and for STEM grants. Joe also welcomed guests from BB&T and Welbro. He noted that George Nova has resigned from the Board. He then introduced Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent of Orange County Public Schools.

Dr. Jenkins’ presentation “OCPS Today”
Dr. Jenkins expressed her appreciation to our Board for all their efforts. She noted that these are exponential times. Jobs exist now that did not exist in 2002. Students are now digital natives. OCPS is considered an urban school district and is the 11th largest in the nation. Its vision is to be the top producer of successful students in the nation. There are 185,870 students and with 22,000 employees it is the 2nd largest employers in the area. OCPS is a 3.5 billion dollar business. Students represent 212 countries and speak 163 different languages and dialects. 65.5% of students receive free or reduced lunch and the student mobility rate is 31%. There are over 7,000 homeless families within the district.

Dr. Jenkins noted that our children can perform at very high levels but only if they are not burdened by adult issues. The Graduation rate for traditional high schools is 85.6%. 29% of high school students are enrolled in AP classes. There are 36 magnet programs.

The State of Florida is one of 45 states who have adopted the Common Core Curriculum. This is to prepare our students for college and for careers. 75% of curriculum will be digital by 2015. There are currently 7 pilot schools for digital curriculum in the district which represents a 10 million dollar investment. It will take an estimated $229 million dollars to go district wide.
Dr. Jenkins ended her presentation with a quote from Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”

Disability Mentoring Day
Jennifer Michaels was introduced to ask the Board to participate in the upcoming Disability Mentoring Day to be held on October 17th. October is Disability Employment Month. As a member of the transition team, Jennifer was asking any businesses interested in having students shadow at the workplaces to contact her for coordinating that effort.

Consent Agenda, Forms, audit statement
Joe asked the board members to review their packets for important forms such as the conflict of interest statement, committee lists and a list of teacher grants that need to be awarded. He called for approval of the consent agenda. Doug Storer moved to accept the agenda as written and the motion was seconded by Bill Gordon. Eric Kepfer noted an error in the attendance portion noting that he was in attendance at the last meeting. With this correction the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Joe read the audit statement and then read a motion to accept it. Alan seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Marketing Committee Update, PSP Update
Suzan Coddington spoke to the group about the recent Brand Summit. Alan Fidelo introduced Debi Pedrozza who then gave an update on the Philanthropic Strategic Plan. There has been $1.26 million dollars secured since the PSP’s April 9th rollout with an additional $5.85 million proposed. The public relations effort for the Winter Park Health Foundation donation should be rolled out soon. SunTrust’s commitment was for City Year and was a group effort. Talks are ongoing with Harris Rosen for a possible significant gift and there is work being done on a possible 145th Anniversary Gala. Alan made a motion to confirm the committee for the PSP which includes Jim McIlrath, Joe Losch, Alan Fidelo, Eddie Sanabria, and Doug Storer with Cindy Williams and Debi Pedrozza as ex-officio members. The motion was seconded by Suzan Coddington and it was approved unanimously.

Golf Committee Update
Doug Storer gave a golf committee update stating that the tournament raised $124,000. He gave special thanks to Eric Houston for all is efforts on the success of the tournament. Eric has accepted the position of Chair of the committee for the coming year.

Jeanne Smith asked the Board to congratulate Hiba George, our AmeriCorps Vista for the City of Orlando on her new position. Hiba is now the Program Coordinator for the City of Orlando’s Mayor Buddy Dyer’s Cities of Service Orlando Cares Initiative. We appreciate all her efforts on behalf of our students and wish her the best of luck in the future.

Adjournment: Joe adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.