**OCASA Board Meeting**

**September 16, 2016**

**Bob Clark, Christine Syzmanski, Atresa Grubbs-Holmes, Travis Diesel, Tim Smith, Andrew Jenkins, Ronda Weber, Pati Painter**

**Welcome**

Meeting opened at 8:10 by Tim Smith, President

**Secretary Report:**

The minutes were read from the August 26th, 2016, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Christine Szymanski and seconded by Rhonda Weber.

**Treasurer Report:**

Checking Account- $1576.15 Savings Account- $29, 084.12

**Committee Reports: (Association Presidents Report HS, MS, ES, PS)**

**Post Secondary**

The TABE Test (Test of Adult Basic Education) is currently being administered on all campuses. The relationship is going well with high schools. There is a Career Specialist on each campus, testing is going well.

Tech programs have been expanded to get teachers on the high school campuses; students are not being transported to the Tech Centers. This provides additional course offerings and more opportunities for students. Classes will be limited classes to 25, as the numbers have been too high in the past. The teachers who are teaching the classes do not have an education background, they are from the industry. The Perkins Grant was reauthorized; it allows CTE to purchase equipment.

**High School**

The partnership with CTE is going well. High schools are also looking at AP courses and opening doors for more students. The data is being analyzed to look at students who may have been missed. High Schools are going through a transition, as they are no longer apart of learning communities. The High School Division has created a collaborative environment, principals are learning from each other. However, it has hampered relationships with their feeder schools, because they are no longer meeting within the learning communities. Post Secondary meets with the high schools as well.

**Elementary School**

Third Grade Mandatory Retention and FSA opt out issues are a being discussed. An alternative will be the Portfolio Assessments, which will be administered throughout the year, after each MTP (Measurement Topic Plan). Students may be promoted on based on the Portfolio Assessments. There is new MTSS documentation, and determining ESE eligibility will be based on standards, not necessarily skill. The district purchased iReady, which costs $20,000 to $30,000 per year and they want the data. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) K-3 and iReady Diagnostics are being administered. Recess (20 minutes) is now mandatory for all ES everyday based on OCPS Policy.

**Middle School**

Testing- Students will be administered the PSAT in 8th grade in October when high schools are testing. CAPE Digital Curriculum for 6th and 7th is delivered through language arts classes. Schools have experienced a dip in test scores. Teachers have had to learn the curriculum for CAPE. Middle Schools are looking at ways to accelerate students by getting them through algebra and shifting the teacher’s focus to Standards Based Learning. Instructional Coaches have to teach one period in MS/HS. CTE has also been given the same message. ICTS teachers were used at the beginning of the year. At the ES level, coaches must have intervention blocks or work with students.

**Membership Report**

Going into PNPA classes next week. There are approximately 260 members to date.

**Old Business: Legislative Issues for 2017 Legislative Session**

Melanie initiated the survey; Rhonda and Tim categorized the responses from approximately 40 respondents.

Proposed Legislative Platform is as follows (district’s platform was reviewed prior to the proposed platform): Change the State Testing and Accountability Systems, Make adjustments to the implementation of the Class Size Amendment, Eliminate requirements with Teacher Evaluation and VAM

**Final** **Recommendation**: Get the final product to the superintendent or deputy superintendent by email. Also, give it to FASA to promote our local issues, which hopefully is an expansion of FASA’s position. Tim will try to schedule an appointment with Dr. Jara in the meantime.

**Board Membership Update**

* Travis Diesel – AP - Ocoee HS
* Postsecondary Vacancy (for Tom Ott) - need replacement
* Preparing New Principals: Representatives will attend upcoming PNPA meetings.

**New Business:**

* **Legislative Platform:** based on the recommendations from today’s meeting, Tim will revise the platform and present it to the district for review.
* **Compensation: Assistant Principals**

In some cases, assistant principals are experiencing a pay cut after changing from an instructional position to an administrator. A study was done a few years ago with the I-4 corridor, because we were losing principals and AP’s.

**Recommendation**: Instead of looking at salaries, they need to look at the daily rate. We also need to do a compensation study and gather the data to present to the district. Ask Rick Collins to look at AP compensation.

* **Political Contributions following Primary Election**

We have ensured visits through the FASA PAC contribution.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM