Orange County Association of School Administrators

Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2016

**Board Members in Attendance**

Seth Daub, Kelly Pelletier, Christine Szymanski, Tim Smith, Allison Kirby, Tom Ott, Ronda Weber, Pati Painter, Andrew Jenkins, Pat Ramsey

**Welcome**

The meeting began at 8:25 AM

**Secretary and Treasurer Reports**

Minutes motion by Kelly and Seth

Current balance is $2,911.43 in the checking and $30,912.75

**Committee Reports**

Elementary—No report

Middle school—The middle school principals have not been meeting regularly due to conflicts with schedules in the learning community. There is a meeting scheduled next week after the superintendent’s meeting at SeaWorld. Brandon McKelvey will be discussing what he knows about school schedules. A question was raised as to whether everyone is moving to block scheduling for FSA and EOCs. Middle school cannot create an exam schedule like the high school. Pati shared that many parents are getting frustrated in her community and pulling students out to attend private school, most of all because students are sitting in a block class with nothing to do due to the testing.

High school—The high school principals are in the process of setting up a meeting with Brandon McKelvey. High schools are seeing an increase in the number of 504 plans being written. This is coming from the office of civil rights. If a 504 plan is not provided, it looks like a case of discrimination. High schools are dedicating a great deal of resources toward 504s and there is no funding for this. Pat Ramsey shared how she dedicated more resources to MTSS so that they could secure funding for ESE rather than having to write 504 plans.

Additionally, Tim will share the draft of the new HS legislative platform.

Post secondary—The tech centers are experiencing the same thing regarding 504s, however their students need to self report.

**Old Business**

Eight people will be attending FASA Legislative Days. Bob has ordered the additional name tags for new attendees. Hotel and food expenses will be paid by Kelly. We will leave Monday afternoon and eat dinner once we arrive in Tallahassee. On tuesday morning, the team will meet with Scott Howatt for breakfast and to review the OCPS platform. Bob is working to set appointments with representatives. Kelly shared information about the schedule as well as what to expect and answered questions about past Legislative Days.

**New Business**

Congratulations to Pat Ramsey on her retirement.

Post holiday social—We need to set a date for this event, perhaps after spring break when we start state testing.

CBLT-Brandon McKelvey presented about VAM. This is our last year for hold harmless. A question was raised as to how state test scores will be combined with county test scores. CTA wants to change the score from 3.0 to 2.5 for reappointment since 2.5 is still considered effective. Additionally, there is a class action lawsuit regarding the number observations completed as it could be considered harassment. Scott Howatt is suggesting there be a cap on the number of observations completed for each teacher. Furthermore, they do not want the observations that don’t count to be entered on IO because after a certain time period, they become part of the permanent record and open to the public.

Kelly shared information regarding a new procedure in her learning community referred to as an “Academic audit.” This may be in response to the reduction in observations that can captured on iObservation. It has been found that teachers’ instructional practice score increase when observations are announced. Generally, in Title I schools, instructional practice scores do not match the school grade and principal evaluations are being effected. As a result, conjunctive scoring will be reviewed.

**Executive Director’s Report**

No report this month

**Next Meeting: February 19th**

**Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10**