

Florida Council for the Social Studies
Minutes – Board Meeting – Friday – 3/26/2010

Meeting called to order by President Kris Scola – 8:20 PM

Attendance: Cherie Arnette, Michelle Arquines, E. Sue Ayers, Aimee Ballans, Ted Banton, Elisa Beachy, Jack Bovee, Connie Brown, John Burkowski, Jason Caros, Randall Cook, Pete Cowdrey, Jessica Day, Ralph Egolf, Randy Felton, Dr. Rose Gatens, Sabrina Gates-McCarthy, Tom Glazer, Jan Smith, Leslie Lee, Angela Lewis-Williams, Nicole Marsala, Linda Medvin, Susan Oliver, Jane Palmer, Virginia Parra, Jonathan Pearce, Dr. Mark Quintana, Ben Saxon, Kris Scola, Dr. Theron Trimble, Joanne Wetzl

Absent: Barbara Davis, Sally Day, Fred Dorsett, Susie Fogarty, Debbie Gallagher, Julie Gates, Fran Holleran, Sheila Keller, Maureen Marullo, Judy Nugent, Janie Phelps, Karen Roberts, Tomi Sue Skirvin, Tina Stavro-Kelm, Regina Stuck, Kathy Taylor *no contact about absence*

President Scola welcomed everyone to the meeting

- Attendance sheet and travel sheet passed around to be signed
- Explained absences for certain board members

Announcements

- Jennifer Smith retired and moved to North Carolina
- Wilma Lovejoy resigned
- Replacements – (District 9) Jonathan Pearce – term until 2012, mentor Jason Caros; (District 15) Randall Cook – term until 2010, mentor Theron Trimble
- Fran Holleran – New Treasurer position
- Susan Farmer – past president of FCSS husband passed away
- Fran Holleran's father-in-law passed away last week
- John May – Sarasota County – Supervisor, retired and lobbyist passed away
- Mater Academy Charter School – entire social studies department (17 teachers) are members of FCSS. Kris to write note to Principal to congratulate and thank them.
- Received a thank you for the \$3,000 from Endowment for Florida History Grant
- Jason Caros thanked Jack Bovee for his recognition and dedication to the FCSS and now is Director Emeritus. Jack thanked all of the board members.

Minutes of January Board Meeting were approved. Motion made by Leslie Lee, seconded by Ted Banton. Motion passed.

Executive Director Report – Ralph Egolf

- Not too many memberships coming in, renewals are also down
- UCF has come across with student memberships
- Need to push people in our counties to renew memberships or join
- Went over budget – Spent \$6,725.23, transferred \$5,000 from CD, overall total \$17,817.26
- Board asked to do a comparison study to see about Fri/Sat format or full Sat. format. In comparison, cost was cost to the same.
- Only way to save to make a change was through conference call or a certain committee only to meet. Ralph suggested we stick to 2-day meetings and Linda Medvin, who originally suggested this study be done, agreed. President Scola said that this would be the way board meetings would be continued.

Conference Awards – Tom Glaser

- Announced that awards from last year were here to be taken home to districts
- TOY deadline for districts is May 1, 2010 for nominations for awards
- Discussion and Questions about these awards:
 1. Connie Brown wanted to know if any organization had ever been nominated for an award, having an organization in mind that has assisted with their regional conference – West Florida Historical Preservation Inc.
 2. Confirmed that TOY nominations in certain districts are sent to Superintendents who nominate, or send to Supervisors who make nominations.
 3. Sometimes the local council will nominate over the superintendent.
 4. Sabrina Gates-McCarthy proposed since there are three active local councils that these awards be chosen by the peers of the local council.
 5. Tom Glaser mentioned that the superintendent should not be cut out.
 6. Leslie Lee mentioned that in big districts that superintendents may not pay attention to these nominations, and that private or charter schools never make TOY nominations
 7. Research needs to be done on this issue, how does your county choose
 8. Final discussion – Nominations should be done this way:
Superintendent – Supervisor if no local council
If council, they nominate over the superintendent.
 9. Also for Professional Lay Awards, suggestion made that form also needed to be changed so we have an idea of what the award is for (new board members and who has received these awards before so that they are not limited to people only on the board) Maybe this could be sent out before the meeting so that people are prepared and have been able to give careful thought to these awards before the meeting.
- Pati Ceci could not be here; Kris gave out information sent from Pati to board members.

End of Year Course Update – Randy Felton

- Went over slide presentation paper slide and update on new timeline and information on Cognitive Complexity and Current FCAT II Plans
- Will send out Statewide Assessment Committee Information Form

Informal Grade Level Curriculum Meetings

- President Scola asked us to recess at 9:25 to Informal grade level curriculum meetings.
- Also announced that Linda Medvin brought Census Bags and Census materials for use in classroom.

Florida Council for the Social Studies Minutes – Board Meeting –Saturday– 3/27/2010

Meeting called to order by President Kris Scola – 8:45 AM

- Mentioned Spring was the least attended meeting, but good attendance
- Thanked the board for everything when Larry's Mom passed away.
- Noted that on the ballot sheet for Professional Lay Awards many people in multiple categories, questioned voting and people who wanted to be excluded from nomination.

Legislation Report – Jason Caros

- Social Studies Legislation discussed was House Bill 105; Senate Bill 1096
- Senator Atwater in favor, Rep. McBurney did not want to make language change due to what we had said in our last meeting.
- FCSS needs to decide as an organization whether we want this bill to go through
- Supervisors did not take a strong position – 30% was the hang up
- Timeline – 2013-2014 – 1 year before the test, 2012-2013 – new textbooks
- Class sizes could become much bigger in subject areas not tested
- Discussion ensued in support or non-support of the bill with many questions to Jason
- A motion was made by Virginia Parra to support the Sandra Day O'Connor bill, 2nd by Sabrina Gates-McCarthy. Motion passed.
- Jason also discussed Senate Bill 6; House Bill 7189. This bill passed the senate and the house is doing its first reading. This bill deals with teacher evaluations, merit pay and teacher tenure.
- Suggestions as a board were discussed:
 1. Make calls to House Speaker-Larry Creutel with regard to why you oppose this bill.
 2. E-mails are sometimes better than a phone call
 3. Should we as a board take a stand, form a subcommittee to list alternatives?
- Other bills mentioned were House Bill 1319 – Florida Retirement System; Senate Bill 2022 – Employees ¼ of 1% of gross earnings
- Also vacant districts need representatives for Districts 2,4,12.

Board Manuel/Action Plan for FCSS Board Members – Kris Scola

- Board manuel was being updated
- Job descriptions for FCSS Board members
- Action plans/Goal worksheet for FCSS Board members was passed out with goals that members of the board can customize to achieve
- Focus on outreach goals
- Complete by September and find ways in which you have done the things on the action plan/goal worksheet.

Break – 9:40 AM

Resume – Meeting called back to order 9:50 AM

Community Partnerships (Follow-up to Sponsor-a-Teacher) – Susan Oliver

- This program will send more teachers to conferences; build citizenship and scholarship programs for teachers.
- Want to form – Friends of FCSS Website – public announcements
- Recognize all sponsors at the conference, suggestion to give FCSS tee-shirts, or books to sponsors
- 3 Sponsors FCSS is targeting as a Board – Florida Bar Association, Rotary, Bank of America
- Procedures:
 1. Business or organizations will be asked to donate \$300.00 to sponsor a teacher for the conference – includes 2 nights and registration

raised to \$350

2. Checks written to FCSS, sent to Ralph Egolf for Teacher Scholarship with note on Memo line (Building Citizenship Scholarship) and district #.
 3. Districts should keep track of money collected, sponsor and if partial or full scholarship.
 4. Contact sent to Susan Oliver and Kris Scola so follow-up can be done
 5. Once the person for the scholarship is chosen, name for the person being sponsored should be sent to registration.
- Letterhead, envelopes and note cards can be picked up after the meeting to be used to send out to businesses.
 - Letter with complete directions will be sent out in an e-mail by Susan Oliver or Kris Scola after the meeting. Do not use the letter given out, it was only a sample.

Conference Committee – Ted Banton

- Hotel address not on website
- Discussion for fee structure for graduate students.
 1. Recommend a fee similar to brother and sister organizations with scan from professor or registrar
 2. This must be full-time registered graduate student
 3. Ted discussed that we already have 16 payment levels with 3 fee structures at this time.
- Dr. Rose Gatens made a motion that FCSS establish a policy to include full time graduate students at 50% of registration with evidence of full time schedule at registration. 2nd by Virginia Parra. Motion passed.
- Separate form for graduate students would be created
- This would be included in newsletter.
- Flyers from the Marriott were also available for board members to take
- Registration lists for Pre-Cons were also available to be picked up.

Who doing this

Newsletter Information – Mark Quintana

- Everyone on the board has an FCSS.org account and all mail goes to Board at FCSS.org
- Newsletter needs information from counties
- Pros and cons of not having a monthly newsletter but quarterly one were mentioned.
- It is critical that monthly information goes to the newsletter with different district directors sending news
- Newsletter is sent to all active members
- Revision of Trends & Issues is being discussed – whether to electronic due to funding – survey will be sent. Is this also a professional journal for secondary individuals over time? Want to get one out for the conference.

Announcements

- Linda Medvin sent information out for Summer Institute on State Taskforce Workshops
- Kris Scola asked three members to write thank you notes to Glencoe for Friday's dinner – Connie Brown, E. Sue Ayers, Elisa Beachy
Send to Mary Russett, Cecilia Lopez
- Miami-Dade held its regional conference with over 100 people and new members joined FCSS.
- Connie Brown announced that Pensacola's Regional Conference will be April 24, 2010

Motion to adjourn – Dr. Rose Gatens – 12:00 PM