



AGENDA FOR January 26th – 27th BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY – January 20, 2017 – 7:00 PM

(Dinner on your own before meeting)

- Welcome Terry Davila-Alexander
 - Meeting opened by President Terry Alexander, at 7:12
 - Expressed thank you to Dr. Masyada of LFI for hosting the meeting
 - Welcomed new board members
 - Returning board members introduced themselves
- Appointments and Introduction of new Board Members Terry Davila-Alexander
 - 1st Vice President, Peggy Renihan, announced nominations from nomination committee to management board, NCSS delegation, and endowment board
 - Chris Spinale – management committee
 - Kris Scola – endowment board and management committee
 - Emily Collins – endowment board
 - Cherie Arnett – head delegate to NCSS
 - Unanimous vote by board for all nominees
- Conference Report Peggy Renihan
 - Conference chair thanked conference committee and members of the board for their hard work on the 60th annual conference
 - FCSS member and supporting vendor response to opening reception was extremely positive
 - Thank you to Tim Girard for putting together the gubernatorial discussion
 - All candidates invited, well known candidates declined invitations
 - Thank you to the endowment for the 60th anniversary celebration and sponsoring TOY dinners
 - Comparisons from '16 to '17
 - Fewer TOYs but more attended the dinner
 - Keynote on Sunday a success, standing room only for the event
 - Studies Weekly provided the copies of the program free of charge
 - Sold advertising space in the program
 - Charged .50 cents per insert in the program
 - Session submitted through Google Forms, evaluated by three board members
 - Session evaluations were compiled to create list of accepted sessions
 - Pre-conferences not well attended or registered for, this year's conference will not have pre-conferences offered this year
 - 66 breakout sessions in total over two days
 - 14 poster sessions
 - Sessions designated as:
 - 51% high school
 - 14% elementary school
 - 35% middle school
 - 35 vendor booths
 - Payment for conference through website
 - 315 participants for the 2017 conference

- Developments
 - Doyle Casteel family will be matching the award in their father's name
 - Will make the award \$1,000
 - Son-in-law of Dr. Casteel offered to provide key not on cyber security
 - Sikh Foundation offered to provide a keynote speaker on diversity
 - Sharon Ortiz new conference co-chair with Peggy Renihan
 - 2018 conference being held at the Florida
- Endowment Report Kris Scola
 - Endowment provides FCSS with its non-profit status
 - Only council in the nation with a thriving endowment
 - FSU grant - \$100,000, in perpetuity, given tremendous presence
 - Report on FSU scholarships shared
 - UCF grant - \$50,000, support SOURCES conference and sending students to the FCSS conference
 - Endowment thanked conference chair and committee for recognition of cake, bar, and winners
 - Sponsored USF FCSS conference registrations
 - Supported conference with \$4,300 in expenditures
 - Working on creating local institute
 - Recognition for directors emeriti in upcoming program, little biographies
 - Historical preservation award application document will be in the Google folder
 - Idea came from a workshop on what board members wanted money to go to
 - Grant would go to local, small, struggling museums, libraries, or historical societies, that board members have a connection to
 - Guidelines and procedures developed in 2014
 - 2015 first grants given
 - 2016 evaluated, no awards
 - 2017 had three awards given
 - 2018 will provide six awards
 - Examples of how money spent: The Quina House Museum, St. Lucie Historical Society
 - Dollars provided for this project have improved how these organizations function
 - This year's portfolio submission will be April 21, 2018
 - Repeat organizations able to submit again
- State of Social Studies/FASSS update Tina Stavrou
 - FASSS met on 1/24
 - Legislative report provided by Dr. D. Dobson
 - Financial literacy bill is probably actionable for incoming freshmen cohort, 2018-1019
 - Aaron Standish from Palm Beach County shared how Palm Beach County does things as a stand-alone course
 - Legislation action steps initiated to find out more
 - C3 hub in Florida, Pasco and Brevard moving in that direction
 - Presentation by Steve Masyada, Kimberly Garton, and Jane Lo
 - Three other districts interested (funding?)
 - Standards revision (under Commissioner Stewart, no standards revision will take place)
 - Item Spec training with Dr. Stacy Skinner
- Executive Director Report Leslie Lee

- 2018 conference at Florida Hotel in Orlando
 - 2019 negotiations with Florida Hotel
- Five year plan in place for conference negotiations
- April meeting: Hotels near UCF above average in cost, will be looking for hotels with a decent room block deal, either near UCF or Florida Hotel
- April 20-21 or April 14-15 as potential meeting dates
- FASSS wants to establish partnership with FCSS again, wanting to share room blocks and meeting together
- Budget report will be provided later as Lori is still learning program and report is not yet complete
- Lori doing a fantastic job
- Audit outcome (see audit June 2017 PDF for details): books balanced
 - recommendations:
 - do it annually, not when treasurer position changes,
 - create a committee when a new treasurer is installed consisting of the treasurer, a director emeritus, and executive director
 - continue accountability for renewal of the organization's non-profit and tax exempt status with state and federal governments
 - continue use of an external CPA for annual tax preparation
 - document with recommendations attached
- Terry Trimble's recommendations for portfolio distribution is take \$20,000 of the \$27,000 earned in capital gains and allocate a 1/3rd into each of the following accounts:
 - Management reserve
 - Endowment
 - Operations
- Motion to accept terry's recommendation made by Cherie Arnette, seconded by Sharon Ortiz
- Discussion, none
- Unanimous vote
- Budget

Laureen Neubarth

 - General board meeting recessed and reconvened as a committee of the whole to discuss the budget
 - See budget PDF for details
 - Vote on budget scheduled for tomorrow morning, 1/26/18
 - If an increase is made, a decrease has to occur in another location

Committee Reports

- NCSS Resolutions and Legislation Report

Steve Masyada

 - Document in Google Folder
 - NCSS position statement to them in about 3 weeks
 - Last year's proposal: Curricula approach to better align with C3 and controversial issues adopted
 - Please provide feedback on proposals so it is reflective of board's wishes
 - Legislative update:
 - No EOC bills this session
 - Increased education funding from governor
 - Higher Education and HOPE scholarships priority of legislative leadership
 - Financial literacy as a recommendation not a requirement for 2018 freshman cohort
 - School safety: Guns on campus/teacher carry law
 - HOPE scholarships used to send kids to another school or private school because of bullying issues
 - Instructional materials: longer public review requirement
 - Mandatory retention: removing that requirement form third grade

- Year round school for districts that are failing
- Medical use of marijuana in schools/treated as any other type of medicine in a school setting
- K-12 classroom teacher bill designed to recruit top notch teachers and change examination requirements
- Apprenticeships in education
- Publications and Website Mark Quintana
 - FCSS website updates
 - Conference photos added
 - TOY/Award Winners updated
 - Updated payment on line when registrations all in one name
 - Board of directors can manually change their information on the website
 - Sponsorship renewals on website are generating dollars
 - Resources provided by teachers for posting, growing significantly
 - Newsletter archives updated
 - Board Meetings Archives updated and current
 - President's corner updated
 - Question: Tina Stavrou: do we support the Florida Council of Teachers of History Education?
 - Answer: maybe post something limited, send an email as a professional courtesy
 - Preference is to reach out to them and see if they will partner, establish a relationship
- Award Committee Chris Spinale
 - New awards co-chair, Alana Simmons
 - Nominating process for TOYs the same as last year, online, go through the website
 - Trimble award now \$1,000, compliments of an anonymous donor
 - Casteel award now \$1,000, compliments of the Casteel Family
 - Studies Weekly interested in sponsoring an elementary award, details being worked out
 - Superintendents will be emailed mid-February reminding them of the TOY awards

Called back to order at 9:18 and adjourned at 9:18,

Join us for social time following the business meeting!

SATURDAY – January 21, 2017 – 8:00 AM (Breakfast on your own before meeting)

- New Board Member Orientation Cherie Arnette
 - Cherie shared information regarding bylaws, awards, endowment, Google Drive resources, local council and website and publications.
- Welcome Terry Davila-Alexander
 - Meeting opened by President Terry Alexander, at 8:09

BUDGET

- Motion to approve the budget by Steve M. Seconded by Scott K. Motion carries

New Business

- Open Positions Peggy Renihan

- Open positions, District 4. Peggy R shared that she knows teachers in Baker County that have not been members, would she be able to invite them to serve on the board. Membership agreed that reaching out would be a good way to encourage membership.
- District 6 is open, Steve M and Kris will reach out for potential members. District 9 open, nomination for Jennifer Jolley to replace Kassie's open spot. District 11 two openings. Lindsey Smoot has resigned, Nomination for Jennifer Goth from Polk. Tina and Scott will reach out for potential members. District 12, Cherie will pursue potential members. District 13 has an opening due to Holly's resignation. Terry will reach out to Holly to pursue potential members. District 15 is open, Terry will follow up.
- Conference Brainstorming Peggy Renihan
 - Peggy shared conference information again and opened up an open forum for suggestions and questions.
 - Scott asked about the comments regarding the conference having too many sessions. Sharon shared that there were many time slots when she wanted to attend multiple sessions.
 - Terry shared that when the matrix is created, they try to be cognizant about dividing up content areas.
 - Peggy shared the due date for session proposals will be May 1st.
 - Scott shared that he received several comments about teachers who don't teach US History or World History not having enough sessions to meet their needs. He also wondered about lack of sessions focused on geography, psychology and sociology.
 - Peggy shared that sometimes the sessions submitted for those "elective" courses aren't that strong, but full transparency typically sessions in those niche fields are accepted.
 - Peggy shared that we need to encourage organizations to submit proposals in those niche areas.
 - Peggy shared that the proposal link is almost ready to go and that Tim and Mark will need to help her get that information live.
 - Peggy shared that the session proposal deadline has been extended for the past two years.
 - Peggy uses the registration confirmation as a way to confirm participation for presenters.
 - Emily asked other than elementary and electives, what are the other areas of need?
 - Cherie shared that the technology strand has been popular and that we could use additional sessions. ESOL and ESE are another area of needs.
 - Stacy Skinner asked to share the session proposals with other content areas for support to recruit additional sessions.
 - Scott shared that he will work on securing an AVID session since there are many districts across the state implementing.
 - Stacy shared that a follow up for evaluations for sessions that were well received, that we invite them to do a session digging deeper into the topic.
 - Peggy shared the data about tracks within the program and the topics/content of the sessions at last years conference.
 - Emily asked that Peggy share the charts with the membership.
 - Sheldon said we should reach out to local councils to gain potential proposals.
 - Peggy will add portion to the Google form for board members to add an

endorsement for presentations.

- Tim suggested that having an ESE Pre-Con or session during the conference.
- Peggy asked Scott to reach out to AVID for a potential sponsorship.
- Tina suggested connecting with people from the SOURCES conference to do repeat sessions at the FCSS.
- Kris asked to reach out to Dr. Waring for his conference evaluation information to reach out to get session/presenter information. Terry will follow up with Dr. Waring.
- Peggy shared that several people from Florida presenting at SOURCES conference also presented at the FCSS conference.
- Stacy shared the importance of reaching out to FOIL and other organizations for ideas about topics and presenters.
- Concerns with the lack of breakfast and coffee at the Innisbrook location. Lots of feedback from participants that the lack of coffee was an issue.
- Stacy suggested getting a sponsorship for morning coffee.
- Tina will work on getting the Teacher Law School on board for sponsorship.
- Debra shared that it would be nice for local councils to have a table to foster connections. Kris shared that the issue would be that local councils would have to purchase a table and potentially waiving the table fee for local councils.
- Sharon suggested a happy hour with local councils to promote membership, Stacy suggested a regional meet and greet.
- Peggy shared that we could budget for in the non profit space to have a local councils table.
- Leslie shared that we could use outreach funds to promote this avenue.
- Sharon shared that local council members want to go to sessions, not man a table.
- Debra shared that there didn't need to be individual tables, but one local council table to begin to facilitate a presence at the conference.
- Kris shared that the endowment table may be able to share and promote local councils. The table will be a general FCSS presence.
- Mark shared that the mentoring session may be an option for other districts to combine and collaborate and discuss local issues. Sharon suggested district photography time. Mark suggested something organized or blocked out time for districts to collaborate.
- Tina suggested maybe making the dress up piece to them competitive among districts.
- Adjourned for a five minute break.

- EOC Update

Dr. Stacy Skinner

- Stacey shared information regarding the FDOE's EOCA website.
- The EOCA fact sheet, most current updated sheet is from October 2017. Reminded information in the fact sheet includes which courses take the EOCA and that there were shifts in the statewide assessment schedule due to hurricanes and school closures. The updated assessment schedule is linked to the most current fact sheet.
- The state opens the EOCA window and districts and schools determine during which time in the window individuals are assessed.
- Sharon asked if there was a certain order that assessments should be given and

Stacy said she did not believe so, but suggested that they contact their district assessment coordinator for that information.

- Stacy shared that you need to ensure you are viewing the updated fact sheet with the appropriately linked assessment schedule.
- Stacy shared questions she has received from districts and teachers. Stacy shared that anytime a question comes in from an individual teacher or department head, that she will always reply and copy the district social studies contact so everyone is looped in in case information needs to be clarified.
- Information in the fact sheet includes links to data and reporting.
- Questions regarding how EOCA scores are calculated. Information about the achievement levels and scale scores are included on the fact sheet. Stacy shared that she will link in psychometrician regarding pattern scoring and additional statistical information.
- Stacy encourages teachers to use the content at each achievement level during instruction.
- Question regarding how the state determines levels 1, 2, 3. The ranges in scale scores at each level is included in the fact sheet and is based on standard setting for each assessment.
- Question about how many items a student needs to get correct and how many items are on the assessment. Information regarding the the number and type of items included on the assessment on the fact sheet.
- Field tested items send data back to Stacy's department. Stacy's team determines if the item performed as expected and if so, it is included in the bank for future forms. Reminder that those field tested items aren't included in student scores.
- Stacy encourages everyone to bookmark the EOC website, but not the fact sheet due to needing the most recently updated version released.
- PLO Collaboration
 - Stacy has worked with the new FASSS leadership team to release a series of professional learning opportunities.
 - The first session occurred at the January FASSS meeting on foundations and basics. The second session will focus on cognitive complexity. The third session will occur after enhanced score reports are reviewed and will drive content present. The PLO is in the format of a model PD so supervisors can go back and present information to their teachers.
 - Stacy suggests having FASSS members model the presentation to FCSS for gradual release.
 - Cherie asked about teacher nomination forms. Stacy shared that yes the nomination process is still open. You may self nominate or you can nominate another individual. Stacy will email the registration forms out.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33