

FASC District V Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2009

Royal Palm Beach High School

I. The meeting was called to order by Royal Palm Beach High School at 10:17 A.M.

II. Palm Beach Central High School and Park Vista High School led the pledge.

III. The Royal Palm Beach Chorus led the National Anthem.

IV. The Royal Palm Beach Assistant Principal welcomed District V to the school in place of the Principal. She also introduced Superintendent Art Johnson. Art Johnson spoke and then allowed for a question/answer session. Lake Worth High School asked if Superintendent Art Johnson suggested AP or Honors classes. Superintendent Johnson said that as long as the student is prepared, AP classes are a healthy challenge that not only go more in depth, but also allow for college credit. Boynton Beach High School commented that honors classes were taken out of their school and there is now no placement for students not advanced enough for AP classes, but too advanced for regular level classes. Superintendent Johnson agreed that this is an issue. Boca Raton High School asked where the surplus of new students would be placed? Superintendent Johnson said they would use the resources such as guidance counselors and course catalogue sheets. Fort Pierce asked if there was anything that could be done to change the requirement that a student attend the high school for 2 years to be considered for valedictorian/salutatorian to 4 years. Superintendent Johnson said a student's move is not usually within their realm of control. Superintendent Johnson then introduced Sandy Richman, the School Board Vice President. Ms. Richman said hello and welcome, and introduced the Principal of Royal Palm Beach. Superintendent Johnson returned to the stage and introduced Ms. Anne Killits, the Chief of Staff of Palm Beach County School District. Cardinal Newman asked if it was true that the Bright Future Scholarships were being cut? Superintendent Johnson was unsure.

V. Roll was called by Spanish River High School. Twenty-four schools were present.

VI. The minutes had not been received from the last District V meeting, so the reading of those were postponed until the December meeting.

VII. Lake Placid announced a working balance of \$3029.85.

VIII. Royal Palm Beach introduced guest speaker, Blake Koch. Blake Koch spoke of his discouragement after his first audition was canceled, but a year later he was offered another and currently has a three year contract with NASCAR. He then had a question and answer session.

IX. A slideshow made from last year's District Rally was presented by Royal Palm Beach.

X. New Business

a. Royal Palm Beach discussed two constitutional amendments: one stating that the Vice President will hold the second meeting, one stating that District dues are \$25. Debate of the amendments will be held at the second District V Meeting. If approved, the amendments will go into affect for the next District term.

b. Royal Palm Beach explains that the District's main goal is recruitment, especially outside of Palm Beach County.

c. Lake Placid presented the agenda for their rally.

d. Royal Palm Beach presented the agenda for the state convention.

e. The State Project, as chosen by West Florida, is Literature for Little Ones

f. The District Project consists of any and all projects relating service to animals. This Project will be honored at the District Rally, but not at the State Convention.

XI. Royal Palm Beach introduced Geoff Chiles who spoke to the District about the Worst to First campaign, an effort to increase Florida's spending on education. Florida currently spends the 49th out of 50 most on education.

XII. Geoff Chiles introduced Wesley Barnett from SweatMonkey who spoke to the district about his website. The website is an area for non profit organizations to post information such as meeting dates and volunteer opportunities. ;

XIII. The meeting was adjourned by Royal Palm Beach at 11:43 A.M.