



COE & FAUS RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Monday, September 8, 2008

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

ADHUS/FAU High School Media Center

MINUTES

Present: Lydia Bartram, Director of Slattery

Nancy Brown, Director of Early Childhood Education

Doug Osbo, AP, Secondary Education, Henderson School

Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director, Henderson School

Tammy Bresnahan, Staff Development Coordinator, Henderson School

Jenny O'Sullivan, Teacher, Henderson School

John Hardman, Research Coordinator of the FAU Schools

Lorraine Cross, Coordinator of Effective Teaching Practices, Office of Student Services

Ira Bogotch, Professor, Department of Educational Leadership

Regrets: Fred Barch, Principal, Pine Jog Elementary School, Debbie Snyder, Principal, Palm Pointe, Susan Toth, Director of Education, Pine Jog Environmental Center

1. Welcome and introductions: There are many new members on the committee, including Lydia, Doug, and Patricia. We opened the meeting with introductions and a welcome to all.

- a. Review of the mission of the FAU Lab Schools

We reviewed the missions of the four FAU Schools and plans this year to revisit them as well as develop individual school level visions for each of the FAU Schools. What unites us is the commitment to the role of research in school practices, from teaching, to curriculum development, professional development, and school leadership.

@Slattery a series of professional development/research workshops will be held on the 15th, 17th, and 19th of September. Tentative presenters include Glenn Thomas, Jim McLaughlin, Nancy Brown, Dilys Schoorman, and Lydia Bertram. @Henderson a series of workshops will be held to develop a whole school vision. John Hardman will facilitate this process.

Ira Bogotch suggested that segments of these workshops be videotaped, edited, and put on the web so that our sister schools @Pine Jog and Palm Pointe can see how FAU Schools are integrating research into the role of teacher/administrator.

b. Governance structure and role of the Research Committee

The Committee reviewed its current governance structure within the COE and proposed for 2008-2009 a number of new directions:

- a. Nancy Brown proposed for discussion the possibility of selecting one over-arching research topic that each of the four FAU Schools could approach from its own context.
- b. Ira Bogotch offered two proposals for consideration:
 - i. The FAUS-COE Research Committee itself engage in an cross-school research with the purpose of building community, securing resources for research, and disseminating research findings;
 - ii. The FAUS-COE Research Committee consider moving from a College level committee to becoming a University-wide Committee with members from Departments and disciplines across the university. All research would be focused on testing hypotheses/concepts within the FAU Schools and collaborating with the FAU Schools in application and dissemination of findings.

All of the proposals received favorable comments. With regard to b.ii., the comments included "totally makes sense," "increases the potential for resources," "allows us to disseminate information to a larger community," "impacts locally and globally," "gives the FAUS Research Committee a more active role in supporting the concept that research is part of educational practices at every level." It was agreed that Lorraine Cross, Ira Bogotch and John Hardman would bring a formal proposal to the full committee at its next meeting. The proposal would include the necessary approval process needed to become a university-wide committee.

2. John Hardman presented the draft of *Research Notes*, Volume 1, Issue 1. The committee was asked to suggest the following:

- a. A column written by school practitioners, teachers, administrators, and professors called Educator's Corner. Jenny O'Sullivan, Henderson teacher, volunteered to write the first column.
 - b. A news column informing of research events (conferences, panels, workshops) attended and/or facilitated by faculty and administrators
 - c. Possible names for the newsletter (members to submit ideas to John Hardman at whardma1@fau.edu)
 - d. Other format options as well as dissemination strategy: e-publication only.
3. New Research Projects: The Committee discussed the need to conduct a "math learning study" involving researchers from Mathematical Sciences and COE, Math Education.
4. Spring Dates for the next Research Mixer were proposed and finalized before the Committee's next meeting.
5. NALS (National Association of Laboratory Schools) Symposium @Pine Jog (Oct. 22-24): John Hardman described plans for both e-conferencing as well as on-site meetings and workshops highlighting Florida's first green school. A monograph will be published on both papers presented and commentary during the symposium. Plans also include attendance of approximately 40 NALS members.
6. Next meeting: October 13, venue TBD.
7. Adjourn: 4:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Dr. Ira Bogotch, Secretary.