



FATA Meeting Agenda

Wednesday May 15, 2019

8:15-9:45

Lake Mary Marriott - Salon F, G, H

- Meeting called to order at 8:15
- Board Business:
 - Nedyia Francis, Charlene Sozio, Peter Zsiga, Daphne Csonka and Amy Crowell were in attendance from the board.
 - Pete Zsiga made a motion that was seconded by Paula Wicker to approve the minutes that are posted on the FATA site.
 - Treasurer's Report—we currently have \$2,865.83 in our account.
 - Annual Meeting will be August 27th. We are looking at having it at Itta Benna again this year, details will be sent once the venue has been secured. Test Hound is one of the major sponsors we have secured so far this year.
- Topics for Discussion:
 - New Florida Standards Review Process Specialty Stakeholder
 - Neyda is the ELA rep and Pete is the Math rep for our organization. The standards are not yet available online. Neyda and Pete will be communicating with everyone as they learn more and to get feedback on the new standards.
 - Pasco
 - PSAT/NMSQT selection
 - Citrus encourages certain students to take it based on previous scores. The students pay to take it in their Jr. year, but one school puts money aside to pay for the students.
 - SAT/ACT NCR—who pays?
 - Brevard—they leave it up to the schools if they want to pay or not. They encourage 12th graders to take it in the spring.
 - Volusia—We give ACT in fall and spring and for Sr.'s the district pays 70% and the school pays 30%. Jr.'s pay if they want to take it.
 - Polk—gives ACT in fall and pay for seniors, in spring they pay for Jr.'s and Sr.'s and give SAT and ACT.
 - Hernando—has given SAT for two years and they pay for the Sr.s.
 - Marion—offers SAT and ACT and schools pay for it all. They give it in fall and spring
 - Flagler
 - For safety and security purposes, should we post testing times/dates?
 - Brevard will continue to post the dates.
 - Someone mentioned sending letters to the students with the dates instead of posting.

- Broward
 - Since Grade 3 scores are coming out so late, do you use anything as a predictor for Level 1s?
 - Brevard, Lake and Volusia use I Ready as a predictor.
 - SAT 10, new norms are hard to figure out. Brevard uses the abbreviated version. They want to put something together that can be vetted and sent to everyone, so we are all scoring it the same.
 - With the FSA scores coming back so late, does it impact promotion policies?
 - No one said they use the scores for promotion/retention.
 - Acceleration is causing students to take the Bio and Alg./Geo EOCs earlier than ever before (7th grade) and then when they get to 8th grade they are forced to take the 8th grade science and 8th grade math.
 - Not many districts have this issue but when districts call the accountability office, they have been given different answers on how to handle it on the accountability side with corrections. We would like to ask DOE to clarify this to everyone.
- St. Lucie
 - Does anyone have an issue with Pearson putting science and EOCs on the same Pre-ID?
 - No one said it was an issue.
- Brevard
 - Question 17
 - Quite a few students reported on 7th grade reading and 8th grade math that there was a question that they couldn't answer. Some schools called the helpdesk and they just told them to have the students reread and do their best. We feel that perhaps this was a field test question. If it was problematic statewide then DOE said they'll disregard it in scoring. We feel this caused frustration for students which could skew the scores.
 - Paper-Based Testing
 - Pickup began before the window was over which caused issues for a lot of districts.
 - There were roughly 15 districts that used UPS to have schools send back.
 - Pasco had an issue with UPS for retakes, in their processing several boxes were damaged, and tests were not able to be scored. DOE allowed them to transcribe those tests into new booklets.
 - Lake had a great experience with UPS, she was able to track the boxes and she had a form for schools to use and several people, including the principal had to sign it. This put the onus on the school to do it correctly and gave them some ownership.
 - Makeups were an issue statewide. It was problematic to get them done with the shortened window because of the early pickup.

- There was a concern about the Pre-ID labels on the booklets. Volusia collected and looked at labels and a lot of labels (barcodes) were light, smudged, damaged or there were labels missing on books. It will be interesting to see if statewide there is an issue with booklets not being scored on time because of the labels.
- There seemed to be a shortage of boxes, schools had an issue with the tests not fitting back in the boxes they were sent in.
- Next year's paper-based calendar looks very tight. This year 5th graders had to test at least four days in a row, which was fatiguing.
- Palm Beach County said due to the additional work it takes for managing paper-based testing some districts were short district assessment personnel to assist with investigations at the schools.
 - Citrus lets their HR handle the investigation.
 - Brevard has district personnel start the investigation and if it needs further investigating then their professional standards takes over.
 - There is a concern about Caveon flagging schools for erasures. Many students use the strategy of crossing through incorrect answer choices and they had to erase because they crossed out through the bubble.
 - Reference Sheets were an issue because students had to flip back through session 1 to get to it and some students went back to working in session 1. Also, some who printed the reference sheets gave them out to the wrong grade which caused invalidations.
 - A district asked how others handle Scholar Designation for Sr.'s who need an EOC score.
 - It was suggested that they pick up their sticker over the summer. The student's grade can be predicted but not the Achievement Level.
 - Caveon—we need to keep a pulse on the Caveon invalidations to avoid what happened last year with Civics.
- Test Hound—Max Gregory
 - Hernando piloted their software this year and it went very well the schools love it and Test Hound has been very responsive to making any suggested changes.
- Pete Zsiga announced that we need sponsors/ideas for speakers for our state meeting, which will be on August 27th.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:32.