

**District Advisory
Committee
March 3, 2021
(virtual)**

Opening

Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. School board Chairman Linda Cuthbert, School Board Vice Chairman Jamie Haynes, board members Ruben Colón, Carl Persis, and Anita Burnett, were all in attendance. Also, Superintendent Dr. Scott Fritz and cabinet members were in the meeting.

The February minutes were approved. Ms. Marinaccio asked members for three volunteers to serve as the nominating committee. The nominating committee members are:

- Joanna Olivari Kaney – eekaney@icloud.com
- Stefanie Elliott – SLElliot@volusia.k12.fl.us
- Tiffany Kinzer – tiffanykinzer@gmail.com

E-mail the nominating committee members if you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone to serve as chairman or vice-chairman for the 2021-2022 school year. If you nominate someone, please make sure they are willing to serve. The nomination committee will announce any nominations they have received at the April meeting.

Superintendent comments

Cleaning during Spring Break

- Our custodial contractor, ABM, will be conducting deep cleaning of the schools during Spring Break the week of March 22-26.
- Our principals are guiding those efforts to target high-traffic and specific areas where they would like to have additional cleaning.

Spring Break Meals for Students

- School Way Café will provide a free meal bundle to feed children during Spring Break
- This is for all Volusia County children, including students enrolled in brick and mortar AND those attending remotely.
- Families must register by Friday, March 12 – the link is at vcsedu.org and was sent to all families via School Messenger

Spring Break Academic Challenge

- All schools are offering a Spring Break Challenge to keep students engaged during the spring holiday.
- Variety of challenges (different for each school) – examples: reading and math contests/challenges, essay contests, virtual field trips, iready lessons, etc.

Preview of Summer School

- March 9 school board will discuss summer school programs
- Virtual and brick and mortar options
- Enrichment and remediation options

Strategic Plan 2020-2023

- School Board adopted new Strategic Plan on February 23
- New Vision Statement: Create life-long learners prepared for an ever-changing global society
- New Mission Statement: Volusia County Schools will ignite a passion for learning in all students to be productive citizens.
- Full plan online at www.vcsedu.org/strategic-plan

New HVAC program

- VCS has been awarded a \$530,000 Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant to launch a vocational program in heating/air conditioning at Pine Ridge High
- New Heating/Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics/Installers and Heating/Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Mechanics program will start in 2021-2022 school year.

Job Fair for teacher recruitment

- VCS will host an invitation-only Spring 2021 Instructional Job Fair for teacher candidates on Friday, April 16.
- More info on our website homepage – VCSSEDU.org

Events

- "Read Across America Day" was Tuesday, March 2
- March 8-12 is "National School Breakfast Week" and "National School Social Work Week"
- Month of March is "Youth Art Month," "Music In Our Schools Month," "Theatre In Our Schools Month," and "National Athletic Training Month."

Restorative Practices presentation

Nick Prince, Minority Achievement and Restorative Practices Specialist, gave a [PowerPoint presentation on Eye for an Eye: What are Restorative Practices?](#)

School Board Member Comments

Many thanks to DAC members for volunteering and Mr. Prince for his presentation. All school board members wish everyone a safe and relaxing spring break.

School Success

VCCPTA wrote Governor DeSantis asking him to direct Florida Department of Education to apply for the federal waiver to remove district accountability of the summative state assessments this year. More information can be found on VCCPTA Facebook page.

VCCPTA would like to announce two (2) new committees that will be part of their Executive Board - an Exceptional/Special Education (ESE) Committee and a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. Staci Tramont, is the VCCPTA ESE Committee Chair, and Billie Sue Nolan, is the VCCPTA DEI Committee Chair!!

The next DAC meeting will be virtual and held on April 7 at 5:15 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

