

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

Opening

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

The December minutes were approved.

Superintendent comments

1. Expressed his gratitude to Dr. Balgobin leadership and all of staff for their flexibility to adapt to the changes that 2020 presented
2. Discussed graduation rates which are up 3.2% to 87.7% !
3. He is proud the district is becoming a One-to-One district. Middle schools and high schools are currently receiving laptops
4. New instructional materials for English Language Art (K-12) have been selected and will be recommended and presented to the school board on February 9 and will be voted on at the March 9 school board meeting
5. Deadline for free and reduced meal application to be submitted is February 12. This could impact Title 1 funds.
6. Congratulations to Mr. Garaitonandia, our district's Teacher of the Year!
7. February is African American History Month. Events taking place will be posted on social media and there will be a school board presentation February 9 recognizing African American History month. We are also celebrating School Counselors and National Counseling Week.
8. The Strategic Plan will be presented at the February 23 school board meeting.
9. Dr. Fritz met virtually with a focus group of Atlantic High students.

Technology presentation

Clint Griffin, Chief Information Officer and Katie Micallef, coordinator learning technologies gave a PowerPoint presentation on [One to One technology](#).

School Board Member Comments

- Chairman Linda Cuthbert- thanked parents for navigating through the first half of the year and has hopes the second semester will be just as successful.
- Ms. Anita Burnette – is excited to participate in district advisory committee meeting and looking forward to new opportunities serving as a school board member.
- Mr. Ruben Colon- thanked DAC members for volunteering their time. He mentioned the challenge of getting free and reduced lunch application submitted and encouraged everyone to spread the word.

The next DAC meeting will be virtual and held on March 3 at 5:15 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.