

## **District Advisory Committee Minutes**

May 1, 2019

The District Advisory Committee (DAC) met on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 5:15 pm at Deltona High School, learning commons.

Ms. Angela Kopnick, chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. April minutes were posted on the web for review prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved. Mr. Ruben Colón, school board member; Mr. Tom Russell, superintendent; Ms. Patty Corr, area superintendent; Ms. Rachel Hazel, interim chief academic officer; Ms. Saralee Morrissey, director, planning and construction; Mr. Josh Wycuff, project manager, student information system; and Ms. Kelly Schulz, director, community information, were all in attendance.

Ms. Angela Kopnick and Ms. Jennifer Marinaccio were the only two nominees submitted for 2019-2020 District Advisory chairman and vice chairman. Ms. Kopnick will remain DAC chairman and Ms. Marinaccio will be the incoming vice-chairman.

Mr. Russell spoke regarding the following items:

- Graduations are right around the corner and the school year is wrapping up quickly.
- Next week is teacher appreciation week
- Bus schedule in moving forward to accommodate the new elementary day schedule
- Many surrounding counties also have middle school students starting at a later time
- Senate Bill 7030 arming teachers is going to pass. The school board will make a decision in May on how to proceed once the bill has officially passed

Ms. Saralee Morrissey presented a half-cent sales tax progress report discussing the items below:

- Opened the first replacement school, Pierson Elementary
- Chisholm Elementary is under construction. This project is behind schedule.
- George Marks Elementary phase I has begun. Bidding of phase II replacement of school and remodel of media center to art and music will begin May 8
- DeLand Middle's project completion expected date is 2019 summer
- Deltona Middle and Westside renovations are in the works
- Multiple security and technology projects have been completed with more projects still in the pipeline

Mr. Josh Wycuff gave a PowerPoint presentation on [SIS Student Information System](#).

- Focus School Software will house many programs such as parent and student portal, crosspointe, attendance, gradebook, ESE, IEP, enrollment, master scheduling, discipline, attendance and many more.

- This software will improve student data processes, eliminate stand-alone systems, eliminate duplication entry, improve access to data to support decision making capabilities, improve reporting capabilities, update aging technology
- Master scheduling went live in January, 2019, new student enrollment went live April 30, full go live date is July 2019
- Focus Portal highlights include:
  - Multiple students can be associated with a single parent account
  - Most parents/guardians can register for Focus account entirely online
  - Passwords can be reset online using self-service
  - Data is live; much more data than current gradebook portal
  - Email notifications can be set up for attendance, grades, discipline
  - In future—parents will be able to update certain info, complete forms, and even register children for school entirely online

Mr. Ruben Colón, school board member, thanked District Advisory Committee members for their time and commitment to coming to the meetings and sharing the information with their schools.

Have a great summer!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.