

## District Advisory Committee Minutes

February 6, 2019

The District Advisory Committee (DAC) met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 5:15 pm at Mainland High School, media center.

Ms. Angela Kopnick, chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. December minutes were posted on the web for review prior to the meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Carl Persis, school board chairman; Mrs. Linda Cuthbert, school board member, Mr. Ruben Colón, school board member; Mr. Tom Russell, superintendent; Mrs. Susan Freeman, area superintendent; Ms. Rachel Hazel, executive director K-12 curriculum; Ms. Cindy Fisher, coordinator of student discipline and records; and Ms. Kelly Schulz, director of community information, were all in attendance.

Mr. Russell and Ms. Hazel spoke about the phases and progress on structuring the elementary day.

- Phase 1- start and end times were compiled from every level
  - Committees consisting of teachers, principals, parents and district staff convened in January and narrowed options to 3 diverse start and end times for each level
  - Stakeholder survey will be sent to all stakeholders (by category) asking that they vote on their preference option
  - Survey results and comments will be shared with the board for final decisions
- Phase 2- scheduling of the elementary day
  - March – committee to convene to recommend elementary scheduling guidelines
  - April - recommendations to be vetted by elementary teachers, administrators and district staff
  - May – communication of final recommendation to all stakeholders

A survey with the 3 time schedule options will be available next week allowing everyone an opportunity to vote. Once the results are calculated Mr. Russell will make a recommendation to the school board for approval.

Next to speak was Ms. Cindy Fisher, coordinator of student discipline and records. Ms. Fisher presented a [PowerPoint](#) regarding the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline Policy 208. Links to policy [208 elementary](#) and [208 secondary](#) as well as the [code recommendation form](#) have been posted on the District Advisory Committee's website. You can view any school board policy by visiting the district's website [www.myvolusiaschools.org](http://www.myvolusiaschools.org), click school board tab then BoardDocs.

Ms. Fisher explained how the Code of Student Conduct must be annually reviewed and stakeholders must be given the opportunity to submit input. Elementary and secondary codes are very similar to allow the district to address issues developmentally and age appropriate. The booklet that is sent home with every student at the beginning of the year is the family policy guide; however, only the Code of Conduct is being reviewed (policy 208). Ms. Fisher explained in addition to being required by the state of Florida to review it annually, it also important to revise Policy 208 because it sets the standard for student conduct in school. It defines offenses and discipline action. All suggested revisions may

not appear in the code, but they are all reviewed. Ms. Fisher requested input forms be submitted to her office by Friday, February 22.

Ms. Fisher also spoke about students vaping. Students are getting creative with vaping at school. Many students are unaware of how severe the consequences are of vaping. Now THC is available in a liquid form and can be used in a vape. If a student is caught with any level of THC in their vape they will be charged with a felony. She is working with health services on a campaign to help get information out about this new addiction.

School Board member comments:

- Ms. Cuthbert recommends reaching out to get a high school teachers' perspective before voting on a schedule that starts the day early
- Mr. Persis recommends sharing the results of the new time schedule by spring break. He would like notice of the new schedule be available to everyone as soon as possible.
- Mr. Colon sat on the committee and was impressed how well it was represented

Please click [here](#) to view flyer regarding Mental Wellness Community Forum.

Next meeting: March 6, 2019 Deltona High, learning commons

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.