

District Advisory Committee December 5, 2018 Minutes

Opening

Chairman Angela Kopnick called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Ms. Jamie Haynes, school board member; Mr. Tom Russell, superintendent; Mr. Gary Marks, area superintendent; Ms. Patty Corr area superintendent (effective 2/1/19); Mr. Greg Akin, Chief Operations Officer; Ms. Rachel Hazel, executive director of K-12 curriculum; Ms. Kelly Amy, manager, strategic partnership; and Ms. Kelly Schulz, director of community information services were all in attendance.

The minutes from November 8, 2018 DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Russell spoke about his recent experience at the FADSS (Florida Association of District School Superintendents) meeting he attended. At this meeting there was discussion on what school districts need to do right now to make schools safer.

- Identifying a safe zone area in every classroom is crucial.
- All schools need to make sure there are speakers in the hallways so everyone can hear if a code/alarm is being announced

Mr. Greg Akin, chief operating officer, spoke about the upcoming code red 2 drill.

- school messenger message will be sent out to all parents (*message will be coming next week*)
- drill is state mandated at all schools
- all school staff will receive direction from their principal
- drill will take place December 13
- only secondary students will have the option to view the shooter video

Florida Hospital & Volusia County Schools

Ms. Kelly Amy, strategic partnership manager, presented [Healthy Futures Partnership PowerPoint](#) and spoke on three areas of the program she is currently working on. Florida Hospital Partnership Leads: Mr. Erik Nason, sports medicine outreach coordinator and Lita Kapuscinski, director of business development, also spoke highlighting programs that will be offered to all VCS students.

- A solution to help with chronic absenteeism is beginning with eCare. Ten schools have been chosen to pilot eCare in January, 2019. This process will prove beneficial to students and parents.
- Erik Nason is the dedicated certified athletic trainer to serve as the school liaison to streamline and coordinate care of athletes
- Healthscience programs and academies: will provide internship programs and job fairs to recruit graduates for employment high school health academies opportunities

Educational Surrogates/Volunteer Opportunity

Dr. Rolanda Fabien, assistant director of ESE and student services, spoke about the need for [surrogate parents](#) for exceptional students in our community. Information is posted on DAC's website.

School Board Member Comments

Ms. Jamie Haynes shared with District Advisory Committee members how grateful and honored she is on becoming District 1 new School Board Member.

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 5:15 p.m. at Mainland High School, media center. The topic will be Code of Student Conduct. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.