

District Advisory Committee November 8, 2018 Minutes

Opening

Chairman Angela Kopnicky called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Mrs. Linda Cuthbert, school board chairman; Mr. Tom Russell, superintendent; Ms. Susan Freeman, area superintendent; Ms. Rachel Hazel, executive director of K-12 curriculum; Ms. Cynthia Ramirez, executive director of Futures Foundation; and Ms. Kelly Schulz, director of community information services were all in attendance.

The minutes from October 3, 2018 DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Comments

- Schools will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving
- Mr. Russell also spoke about a group that Volusia County Schools sent up to Jackson County to help clear out debris at the schools. The locals were very thankful. In fact, we received this email from a woman who is a Seabreeze High graduate and now lives in Jackson County.



"I am a native of Ormond Beach and Volusia County schools (Corbin Avenue, Osceola, Seabreeze) and a current resident of Jackson County. I wanted to thank you and your employees who have done so much to help this little community that was so totally devastated by Hurricane Michael. My husband and I retired here after many years in Atlanta because this area was still so "Old Florida" with the huge oaks and numerous acres of natural habitat. "Unspoiled" would be a good description. This is a very rural, poor but proud area of Florida. Hurricane Michael really laid us flat but we will recover thanks to the many wonderful people who came to our rescue. Coming through Malone recently, a particularly poor area of our county, I was surprised and delighted to see trucks and crews from Volusia County Board of Education. Made me very proud! A member of our local school board told me that you all were a godsend and they could not have recovered without you. Thank you again for all your help and for caring. Helen Murray Callaway SHS'63"

- Elementary Day planning:
 - Two sub-committees will be formed
 - DAC members are requested to talk with SAC and submit 3 questions/concerns regarding the change to the elementary day and the potential impact to their school
 - a consensus will be shared with the school board

FUTURES Foundation

Cynthia Ramirez, executive director and her team; Laura Reece, Take Stock In Children college success coordinator; and Stephanie Parks, program coordinator, presented a [PowerPoint](#) on several of the programs they offer. FUTURES Foundation has been Volusia County Schools Education Foundation for thirty-three years. Cynthia shared with DAC members the new support education tag that will hopefully be available for purchase at the tag office by the end of this month. For every car tag purchase FUTURES receives \$20 which goes towards classroom mini grants.

School Board Member Comments

Mrs. Cuthbert mentioned that Zoe's Policy 218 was approved at the November 7 school board meeting. This policy will be beneficial for terminally ill students.

School Success

Ormond Beach Middle – grateful for middle school cross- country

Creekside Middle – grateful for assistance school had been provided for son with dyslexia

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 5:15 p.m. at Deltona High School, learning commons. The topic will be Florida Hospital Partnership. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.