

## District Advisory Committee Minutes

February 7, 2018

### REVISED

The District Advisory Committee (DAC) met on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 5:15 pm at Mainland High School, media center.

Ms. Angela Kopnicky, 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 member; Mrs. Susan Freeman, area superintendent; Ms. Cindy Fisher, coordinator of academic enhancement; and Ms. Nancy Wait, director of community information, were all in attendance.

Mrs. Freeman brought greetings on behalf of Mr. Russell, and spoke about the Middle School Expo, climate survey and flu season precautions.

- [Middle School Expo](#) is taking place between February 15- March 1. Parents and students will have opportunities to learn about special programs and take tours. Also, middle school students will be there to share their middle school experiences.
- The school district is encouraging staff, parents and students to participate in the annual School Advisory Council [Climate Survey](#). The information on the climate survey helps provide information for next year's school improvement plan. There are surveys for parents, staff and students. If you are a parent and staff member you may participate in both surveys.
- Flu season- we are in the peak of flu season. Some schools in the state of Florida have had to cancel classes because they have had an outbreak of the flu. Our schools are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the flu. Classrooms and offices are being sanitized on a daily basis. GCA, Volusia County Schools custodial services, have cleaning protocols they follow every day. The protocol requires wiping down all horizontal surfaces which includes desk, window sills, and file cabinets. They are sanitizing the tops of the desks and they are trained to use Hecicide Quat on all touchpoints to not only clean, but also to disinfect. The following areas are considered hot areas for GCA during the flu season:
  - Desks
  - Table Tops
  - Switch Plates
  - Sinks
  - Water Fountains
  - Door Knobs
  - All Restroom receptacles, wash sinks, and dispensers

The [sick day guidelines](#) have been sent to all principals and nurses. If your children are sick, please keep them home.

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 February 23.

#### School Successes and upcoming meeting information

Indian River Elementary DAC representative attended New Smyrna Beach High School's literacy night event and stated how nice the event was.

Nancy Wait, director of community information services, reminded DAC members of the upcoming special DAC meeting scheduled for February 21 at Mainland High. At this meeting, Chief Financial Officer Deb Muller will hold a discussion and input session regarding the VCS budget. Questions will be provided in advance of the meeting so DAC members can be prepared to participate.

Next meetings:

- Special Meeting, February 21, 5:15 p.m., at Mainland High School, media center
- Regular Meeting, March 7, 5:15 p.m., at Mainland [Deltona High School, media center](#). At this meeting, Mr. Russell will be talking to DAC members about the issue VCS is having with chronic absenteeism and how it is affecting student achievement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.