

District Advisory Committee September 1, 2021 Minutes

Opening

Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:18 pm. Dr. Scott Fritz, superintendent; Dr. Carmen Balgobin, deputy superintendent; Ms. Patty Corr, asst. superintendent, middle; Ms. Rose Roland, asst. superintendent, student services; elementary; Dr. Gabriel Berrio, asst. superintendent, high school; Dr. Joe Phillips, chief information officer and Dr. Mark Shanoff, chief operating officer were all in attendance.

Ms. Marinaccio, DAC chairman, thanked all District Advisory committee members for volunteering their time. She reviewed the responsibilities, [purpose and expectations](#) as a DAC representative. The minutes from May 5, 2021 DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Comments

New Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee

- Focus meeting with principals
- Elementary, Tami Fisher; Middle, Stacy Gotlib; and High, Dr. Todd Sparger

Middle School Changes

- Reinstating AVID in all middle schools
- All middle schools have teams of 4 core teachers and 1 AVID elective teacher in 6th grade
- Middle School Teaming is coming back – will do school-wide training

VPK Expansion

- Blue Lake, Enterprise, Ormond Beach, Read-Pattillo, South Daytona

HVAC ribbon-cutting

- Launched our new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program at Pine Ridge High
- Ribbon-cutting for new facility held in July
- Expanding Career Technical Education (CTE) programs
- VCS received grant to fund HVAC vocational and certification program

Summer Home Run Reading Challenge

- Huge success to help with summer learning – 1,230 students participated in challenge with VCS and the Daytona Tortugas

- Grades K-8 – and they logged 606,479 minutes
- Won prizes, including a ticket to the ballgame Aug. 21 for completing the challenge (630 students completed)
- Citrus Grove Elem was the top school with 65,000 minutes read

Mask requirement update

- The Volusia County School Board voted Tuesday to require face coverings for K-12 students in schools and VCS facilities starting Tuesday, September 7. There will be a grace period the week of September 7 for families to obtain a note from a medical professional requesting a medical exemption.
- The policy will continue until October 15, 2021 and will be re-visited by the School Board at their regularly scheduled meeting on October 12, 2021.
- Masks and/or face shields will be allowed.
- Masks will be worn inside all schools and facilities and may be removed outside.
- Masks will be required on buses.
- Employees will be required to wear face coverings until October 15, 2021 as well.
- Appropriate accommodations will be made for medical purposes on an individual basis in accordance with the ADA.

Rose Roland, asst. superintendent, student services, reviewed the [COVID-19 Decision Tree Student Protocol](#)

Dr. Mark Shanoff, chief operating officer shared the following information:

- PPE supplies are delivered within 24 hours to schools after an order is placed
- ventilation of classrooms is top priority
- CDC published 8-9 fresh air exchanges should be made per hour. All of VCS buildings including portables receive up to 10-12 fresh air exchanges per hour
- when positive case occurs room/office space is vacated for 24 hours and deep cleaning takes place
- bus driver shortage is happening nation wide
- working diligently on making adjustments to bus routes
- masks are required on buses
- all buses have a/c and provide fresh air exchange
- recently signed a contract to begin E-mist buses nightly very soon

School Board Member comments

Anita Burnette- announced the mask mandate was passed to be in effect on Tuesday, September 7.

Ruben Colon- thanked the DAC members for volunteering their time and for their patience through these difficult times

School Success

PTAs/PTSAs - Volusia County Council PTA will be hosting a Presidents and a Treasurers leadership workshop Friday morning starting at 9:30 am. An email was sent to PTA Presidents with the details.

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 6**, 5:15 p.m. at Deltona High School, learning commons and virtually. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.