

## District Advisory Committee October 6, 2021 Minutes

### Opening

Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

The September 1, 2021 DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent Dr. Fritz introduced Mr. Ken Phelps, Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, vice president of resource development, who presented on a new program called ["YouScience."](#) The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce and Volusia County Schools, with support from CareerSource Flagler Volusia, will provide YouScience, an innovative aptitude assessment program, for all students in grades six through 12. This program is for middle and high school students to uncover their natural skill sets and identify potential career pathways using those innate abilities.

YouScience is a fun engaging aptitude exercise. After completing their YouScience assessment, students receive an individualized profile which provides in-depth information on their natural abilities, career fields which match those skills, along with the job outlook, average salary, post-secondary education requirements, and local businesses that hire workers in those careers. The profile includes data on careers ranging from those which can begin with a high school diploma or trade certification to fields requiring advanced degrees. This allows students to choose the educational track that is best for them.

Kelly Amy, VCS manager of strategic partnerships, spoke about the upcoming [School Choice Fairs](#) for Elementary & Middle Schools. The School Choice Fairs will give parents and students the opportunity to talk with school representatives from all K-8 schools in the district and learn what they offer. The School Choice Fairs will take place on the eastside of the county on November 4, 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach and on the westside of the county on November 30, 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Sanborn Activity Center in DeLand.

### School Success

Edgewater Public announced they have been working hard and have increased the school grade from a C to an A! They also wanted to thank Dr. Fritz for opting them in so that their hard work can be recognized!

### Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 3**, 5:15 p.m. at Mainland High School both in person and virtually. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.