

District Advisory Committee November 2, 2022 Minutes

Opening

Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Ruben Colón, School Board Chairman, Carl Persis, School Board Member, Linda Cuthbert, School Board Member, Anita Burnette, School Board Member, Dr. Carmen Balgobin, Superintendent; Rachel Hazel, Deputy Superintendent; Mark West, Chief of Human Resources Officer; Dr. Earl Johnson, Chief of Operations Officer; Rose Roland, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services; Angel Gomez, Communications Director; Chastity Burke, Coordinator, Security Operations; and Craig Pender, Coordinator, Student Services were all in attendance.

Ms. Marinaccio, DAC Chairman, opened the meeting by stating she hopes everyone stayed safe through Hurricane Ian, and announced at this time there will not be a make-up meeting for the canceled October meeting. The minutes from September 7, 2022, DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Balgobin shared the talking points below.

Thankful for everyone's patience before, during, and after Hurricane Ian

- Week before district worked closely with county and city managers to prepare
- During the storm working closely with staff and other superintendents 24/7
- School was closed for five days
- Evacuee students were transported from the Ocean Center to their schools

Dual Language Expansion

- Two more programs will be offering Spanish
- Two programs will be offering French

Dual Enrollment has increased by more than 200 students

Partnerships in Education

- Principal for a Day is taking place on November 3, 2022, at the Brannon Center
- Partnership with Daytona State College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University along with Junior Achievement to help create pathways for middle school students
- Daytona State College is looking at offering a welding program at Pine Ridge High and Deltona High

- New Smyrna Beach High may be offered machining, welding, virtual welding
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is looking to offer an aviation program to Campbell Middle, Deltona Middle, and Holly Hill School. DeLand High will be receiving an engineering program similar to what is offered at Atlantic High
- The district is working on creating the option for parents to shop for their student's education on the website:
 - put in the student's zip code
 - view what programs/academies are offered in their area
 - view the criteria for their student to apply for the program/academy
 - view what business is supporting or providing incentives for the program

Dr. Earl Johnson, Chief Operations Officer, and Chastity Burke, Coordinator, Safety and Security Operations presented a [PowerPoint](#) on Security Operations. She discussed:

- Where we are now: 90 school guardians, 20 school resource deputies/officers
- Upgrade door locks, install additional fencing, install BiDirectional Amplification System to improve radio transmission, upgrade camera systems
- Vape Detectors will be installed
- Vaping has created large numbers in vandalism in FY22, totaling \$63,832.71 in middle/high schools

Rose Roland, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, and Craig Pender, Coordinator, Student Services presented a [PowerPoint](#) on discipline, code of student conduct policy 208E & 208S

Craig Pender spoke regarding the code of student conduct [Policy 208e](#) and [208s](#), parent input for recommendations is requested annually on the district's website. The discipline department is very proactive with the ever-evolving changes. The discipline office works very closely with mental health, and social workers. Schools are visited when it appears there is a trend happening, for example: when TikTok challenges.

Alternative Education has proven to be successful for many students. Some students catch up on their schoolwork when they are assigned to an alternative school. Alternative Education is a small environment that helps students focus. If a child is recommended to attend an alternative center the alternative principals have agreed to assign and individually follow up with the student after they transition back to their original school to make sure they maintain some stability. Visitations from their

mentor will be every three to four weeks. Alternative centers can be recommended for a grading period or a full year.

School Board Member Comments

Linda Cuthbert- Mrs. Cuthbert shared this is her last DAC meeting and she is retiring from the school board. She wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Carl Persis- Every moment with a child is a teachable moment. Try to not to get mad, try to revisit with them what happened, talk to them and help them process other ways to handle things.

Anita Burnette – Thanked DAC members for being at the meeting. She is encouraged by the new programs with business partners. She is compassionate for those who had storm damage. Some schools affected by the storm are being repaired as quickly as they can, and she appreciates everyone's patience.

Ruben Colon- Thanked the DAC members for volunteering their time.

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 7**, 5:15 p.m. at Deltona High School, learning commons. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.