

District Advisory Committee February 1, 2023 Minutes

Opening

Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:19 pm. School Board Members Mrs. Jessie Thompson and Mr. Carl Persis; Dr. Carmen Balgobin, Superintendent; Ms. Rachel Hazel, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Gabriel Berrios, High Asst. Superintendent; Ms. Patty Corr, Middle Asst. Superintendent; Mr. Angel Gomez, Community Information Director, were all in attendance.

Ms. Marinaccio, DAC Chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming DAC members back. This was the first meeting since winter break. The minutes from December 4, 2022, DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Announcement

Ms. Angela Kopnick, DAC Chairman, shared with the group two local events:

- Every year every high school is invited to participate in the Pitch Competition. This competition is very similar to the TV show Shark Tank. This year over \$4,500 was awarded to the students who pitched their ideas.
- The 13th Annual Empty Bowls event will be on April 1. Please see the attached information.

Superintendent Dr. Balgobin

- Graduation rates: every district will see a decline due to the waivers that were in place during Covid are no longer available. Last year the graduation rate was 91.9% with around 375 students qualifying for the waiver. According to the Central Florida Coalition graduation rates, VCS has the highest rate currently 88.9 %. The VCS graduation rate in 2018 before the waiver VCS graduation rate 84.5% so when you compare apples to apples there is a 4.4% increase.
- Next school year five more VPKs and six more part-time gifted programs will be added
- Next school year two more dual languages program and two French academies added next year
- There has been an increase in every subgroup. See page 5 in the [PowerPoint](#)
- Please see the information on the link below regarding FAME. One of the attendees asked about information regarding this program.
<https://www.daytonastate.edu/academic-departments/college-of-business-engineering-and-technology/school-of-computer-science/fame.html>

High Schools Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Gabe Berrio

- See [PowerPoint](#)
- Celebrations: Deltona High School had the highest graduation rate at 96%; Spruce Creek High increased the number of graduates; University High saw the largest increase in graduates
- Gradual increase has taken place since 2017
- VCS offers programs such as AVID, and Cambridge. The graduation rate from AVID students is 100%
- Cambridge program is another opportunity for students to take advanced classes. These classes are available in 5 high schools. Eighty-six of VCS Cambridge students won national awards with a Seabreeze High school student who was top in the country in the Cambridge program.
- Machining and HVAC or welding courses are being proposed by Daytona State College
- CTE update: total dual enrollment students at Daytona State is 1,587
- Looking to begin paid internships for students with local business partners

Middle Schools Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Patty Corr

- See [PowerPoint](#)
- YouScience – all eighth graders had the opportunity to take the test. It aligns with the student's interests and aptitudes. It helps get the students ready for what classes would be most beneficial for their future.
- New website menu of CTE Options:
<https://www.vcsedu.org/academics/career-and-technical-education>

School Board Member, Mr. Carl Persis

- Have attended a few rezoning meetings, and hope to have a decision by the end of this school year. This will only affect elementary.

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 1**, 5:15 p.m. at Deltona High School, Learning Commons. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.