

District Advisory Committee October 4, 2023 Minutes

Opening

Chairman Angela Kopnicky called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Mrs. Jessie Thompson, school board member; Dr. Rachel Hazel, deputy superintendent; Dr. Earl Johnson, chief operating officer; Patty Corr, asst. superintendent, student services; were all in attendance. The minutes from the September 6, 2023, DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Earl Johnson, Chief Operating Officer welcomed Volusia County Sheriff's office and expressed much gratitude for their partnership with Volusia County Schools.

Security Operations

Captain Todd Smith, tsmith@volusiaheriff.gov presented a [PowerPoint](#) on Safety and Security. Pointers included:

- Safety and Security is taken very seriously across the district
- Threats, Drill, Checks, and Culture must all show consistency
- Guardians/SRO/SRD all receive training, mental mindset enhancement, and mission in place
- Principals and staff are provided resources to contact during threat activity
- Single point of entry on campuses should be utilized. Gates and doors should be locked and shut
- See Something, Say Something is working. Suspects have been arrested when weapons have been reported through individuals implementing this action

Volusia County Sheriff's Office & Presenters

- Detective Lance LaMee, Volusia County Sheriff's Office, presented two PowerPoints regarding Human Trafficking.
- Ms. Carla Quann, Family Resource Center spoke regarding services that are available as a safe haven for all children.
- Ms. Marina Anderson, Regional Human Trafficking Coordinator, Northeast and Northwest Regions, Florida Department of Children and Families, spoke about sexual exploitation
- Ms. Karen Chrapek, Volusia Recovery Alliance, spoke regarding Narcan
- Sheriff Chitwood spoke regarding the attempt to get more access to Narcan throughout the schools. Dr. Hazel and Dr. Johnson both spoke regarding the process and Ms. Jessie Thompson confirmed this is an item that needs to be revisited.

Both PowerPoints and resources for all individuals who spoke are included in the links below.

[Human Trafficking and Online Safety](#)

[Child exploitation unit – Internet crimes against children](#)

<https://www.volusiasheriff.gov/resources/>

[21 APPS Parents Should Know About](#)

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 1**, 5:15 p.m. at Mainland High School, multipurpose room. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.