

## District Advisory Committee December 6, 2023 Minutes

### Opening

District Advisory Committee Chair Angela Kopnicky called the meeting to order, brought brief greetings, and turned the meeting over to DAC Vice Chair Jennifer Marinaccio. School Board Chair Jamie Haynes, School Board Members Jessie Thompson and Ruben Colon; Dr. Carmen Balgobin, Superintendent; Dr. Rachel Hazel, Deputy Superintendent; and Danielle Johnson, Communications Director, were all in attendance.

Ms. Marinaccio, shared with committee members District Advisory Committee name will officially become the District Advisory Council effective in February. The minutes from the November 1, 2023, DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

### Superintendent Comments:

- Truly grateful to all DAC members for volunteering their time to attend the meetings and hope everyone takes time to relax during the upcoming holidays
- VCS is committed to the safety and security of students and staff. Several meetings have taken place between VCS and the County of Volusia ensuring the district has top security in place
- All school guardians are trained and equipped with Narcan
- Business Partners are excited to offer jobs and paid internships, more information to come....
- The second STEM bus is in the works. Click [here](#) to view a short video on the first STEM bus in operation

### Scholarship Programs, Post-Secondary Opportunities

Ms. Donnette Estelhomme, Specialist, Secondary Counseling, Student Services & Govt. Affairs

- [PowerPoint](#) presentation on Post-Secondary Pathways, Financial Aid and Exploration
- Xello is college and career readiness software that helps K-12 students define their future goals and transform their aspirations into actionable plans for success
- All eighth grade students participate in Xello

### Cultuvue

- James and Latoya Carey gave a [PowerPoint](#) presentation on Cultuvue
- What is Cultuvue? Cultuvue (pronounced: cul-tu-vue) is a non-profit organization that is a free community based initiative of KGI. For the past 3 years, Cultuvue has already successfully organized and curated approximately 300 portraits and works of art. Cultuvue is a photography

exhibition of artistic, creative expression of black culture, utilizing photographic, interactive, and educational components.

- For the past three years Cultuvue has expanded from one location, to three locations

### **School Board Members**

- Jamie Haynes and Jessie Thompson both wish everyone safe holidays and a relaxing winter break

### **Adjournment**

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 7**, 5:15 p.m. at Mainland High School, multipurpose room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.