

District Advisory Committee February 7, 2024 Minutes

Opening

District Advisory Committee Chair Angela Kopnicky called the meeting to order. School Board Member Mr. Carl Persis; Dr. Carmen Balgobin, Superintendent; Mr. Todd Seis, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Angel Teron, REA Coordinator; and Danielle Johnson, Communications Director, were all in attendance.

Ms. Kopnicky welcomed DAC members and congratulated Mainland High's football team on their state championship. Ms. Marinaccio, shared with committee members District Advisory Committee name will officially become the District Advisory Council after the official vote takes place at the March 6 meeting. The minutes from the December 6, 2023, DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Superintendent Comments:

- Grateful to all DAC members for volunteering their time to attend the meetings and hope everyone enjoyed the break over the winter holidays
- School Grades were announced before winter break
- District overall went from 57% to 61% only 1% from becoming an A district
- 54 schools in the district received an A or B grade
- This is the first time since 2008 that no D or F grades were received
- School grades were based on seven components – see [PowerPoint](#) for components
- Graduation rates increased in every high school

Volusia County Schools Budget

Mr. Todd Seis, Chief Financial Officer

- [PowerPoint](#) presentation on VCS Budget
- Millage rates have consistently lowered
- Discussed general funding, base student allocation, district summary budget

Daytona State College – Free Paraprofessional Tuition

Dr. Tim Horton, DSC Vice President

- [PowerPoint](#) presentation on Daytona State College opportunities
- Reviewed DSC enrollment
- Highest ranked among Florida's 28 state colleges in U.S. News & World Report for online programs Once again ranked #1 non-university college in the U.S.
- New facility being built in Deltona will be able to house 200 nursing students
- Works closely with FUTURES Foundation

- Offers paid scholarships to paraprofessionals who desire to become a teacher

School Board Member Carl Persis

- values the relationship between Daytona State College and VCS
- cherishes all students like they are his own and wants them all to receive the best education possible

Member Comments

- Kim Short – represented VCCPTA in Tallahassee. Encourages members to look at [SB 0450](#) regarding human trafficking

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6**, 5:15 p.m. at Deltona High School, Learning Commons. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.