



Superintendent's Student Action Council: February 2024 Meeting

February 27, 2024

PURPOSE • NON-PURPOSE

- Provide recommendations from the Superintendent Student Action Council (SSAC) as requested by the Board regarding Pasco School District's student voice program.
- District staff is not asking for action on the recommendations, instead, is requesting direction from the Board regarding next steps.
- Direction could include, but is not limited to:
 - Collecting additional information
 - Bringing the recommendations back for further discussion or action
 - Tabling the discussion for future consideration

Student Voice Program

- **Multiple Year Terms:** What are the pros and cons to shifting to multiple year terms for Student Board Representatives? Would this change or improve our student voice program?
- **Advisory Vote:** What are the pros and cons of implementing advisory votes for Student Board Representatives? Would this change or improve our student voice program?
- **Incorporating New High Schools:** What changes would you recommend as we add Comprehensive High School #3 and the Career and College Academy?



Process For Building Recommendations

- SSAC members were divided into three groups. Each group participated in a poster activity facilitated by a past or present Student Board Representative.
- Each group focused on one topic and then rotated to the next topic.
- Once SSAC members interacted with all three topics, they were asked to dot prioritize ideas and designate their support or non-support for each topic.

Process For Building Recommendations

- In small groups, the feedback from SSAC members was used to develop the recommendations that will be presented tonight.
- Once the small groups finished their recommendations, a final rotation was completed so all SSAC members were able to give additional feedback on all topics.
- A final "fist to five" survey was completed to gauge the extent to which SSAC members could support the recommendations.
 - Unanimous support for multiple year terms and incorporation of new high schools.

Multiple Year Terms

Recommendation

- 14 Votes for **No** Multiple Year Term
- 5 Votes for **Yes** Multiple Year Term
 - One-year term with an option for a two-year term while going through the application process.



Incorporating New High Schools

Recommendation

SSAC recommends increasing the number of Student Board Representatives to four (1 each for the comprehensive high schools and 1 representing a small innovative high school)

- **After opening Sageview High School, suggestion of waiting 1-2 years before adding a new spot.**
- **Incorporate student voice/suggestion boxes for students to use as a tool to communicate with the Student Board Representatives at each of the high schools.**

Advisory Vote

SSAC Recommendation

84% of the SAC voted yes for an advisory vote.

“The school board is accountable to the students and an advisory vote is a reminder of that accountability.”

Student Board Representative Recommendation

Some Student Board Reps feel that their voice is actively sought out by Board Members and received/heard during board meetings, without going on record with a vote. Some Student Board Reps feel like a more formal process would amplify their voice.

Discussion:

- Concern with student board reps being under 18 and publicly voting on items.
- Concern with Student Board Reps not fully having enough of the background knowledge on certain topics to make an informed vote.

Advisory Vote Approach Recommendation

- Student Board Representatives are directed by the Board of Directors to take topics to the Superintendent Student Action Council for study and discussion.
- The Superintendent Student Action Council votes on the topic, issue, or decision.
- The Student Board Representatives bring the votes of the Superintendent Action Council to the Board of Directors.
- This approach could be reviewed annually and adjustment could be made based on Student Board Representative input.



Discussion and Direction





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