

District Advisory Committee
May 1, 2024
Minutes

Opening

Vice Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. Dr. Rachel Hazel, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Jamie Haynes, School Board Chairman; Mr. Ruben Colón, School Board Member; Mrs. Jessie Thompson, School Board Member and multiple cabinet members were all in attendance.

Since April's DAC meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, March minutes were up for approval and were unanimously approved.

Elections were handled a little bit differently since the April meeting was canceled. An email was sent to all DAC representatives explaining that nominations would be accepted until 6:30 p.m. on April 3, through email or phone conversation. Ms. Marinaccio was voted in as Chair and Ms. Kopnick, Vice Chair for 2024-2025 District Advisory Council. Ms. Marinaccio shared how much support is received in the role as chair and vice chair and encourages members to consider it in the future.

The School Board Member comments were moved to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate the busy calendars they have this time of year. Ms. Haynes, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. Colon all expressed their appreciation to District Advisory Council members for being advocates for their schools as DAC and SAC committee members. Mrs. Thompson included the appreciation to the students who have also traveled to the meetings. Ms. Haynes shared with DAC members, the best way she can be contacted is through email.

Deputy Superintendent Rachel Hazel wished Principal Micallef a "Happy School Principal's Day". She also mentioned this is a busy time of year with multiple events and activities as the school year is wrapping up. And don't forget to thank a teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10.

[Student Technology- The Good, The Bad, The Ugly](#) – Dr. Matt Kuhn, Chief Technology Officer

Technology must be monitored to research the good, the bad, and the ugly. Dr. Kuhn gave a presentation on the following:

- Trends in research
- A systematic approach
- Student outcomes
- Student achievement, where can improvements be made
- Balancing technology with physical health
- Cybercrime and online bullying
- Online misbehavior mitigated with digital citizenship
- The efficacy of all three levels listed below are needed to reach the full potential of our educational technology:

- Fidelity and intensity of application usage
- Quality and appropriateness of instructional, administrative, and business applications
- Reliability and functionality of hardware and systems

Technology is more productive than ten years ago. Using technology improves student learning. Volusia County Schools has increased the use of educational technology over the past couple of years. Student outcomes have improved over the same period of time; however, there is room for growth:

- We have only scratched the surface of technology for math learning.
- Not all technology used is helpful.
- Students need a balance of human interaction and physical activity.

[Mental Health Awareness](#)- Ms. Jessica McIntyre, Coordinator of Mental Health Services gave a presentation on mental health and shared with the group information on the topics below:

- May is Mental Health Month
- What is Mental Health
- Signs and Symptoms of Youth Mental Health Challenges
- ACEs and Trauma- Adverse Childhood Experiences are negative experiences that occur in childhood that can affect children for years and can impact their future opportunities
- Resilience- children can show healthy development despite adversity
- How to Help
- Resources

The meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.