District Advisory Council
March 5, 2025
Minutes

Opening
District Advisory Council Vice Chair Angela Kopnicky called the meeting to order. School Board Vice Chair Ruben Colón; Mike Micallef, Executive Director, Graduation Assurance/Student Services; Craig Pender and Nate Anderson, Coordinators, Student Services, were all in attendance.

Ms. Kopnicky introduced School Board Vice Chair Ruben Colón to bring greetings. The minutes from the February 5, 2025, DAC meeting were unanimously approved.

Selection of Nomination Committee:

- The district will send out an email to all DAC representatives with the nominating committee's email address and information regarding nominations.
- DAC representatives will need to contact the nomination committee members listed below if they are interested in serving as DAC chair or vice chair for the 2025-26 school year.
- Nomination committee members will forward the names of all DAC representatives interested to Lisa Long, lylong@volusia.k12.fl.us, prior to the April DAC meeting.
- Nomination committee members will report candidate's name received at the DAC April meeting, and nominations will also be taken from the floor up to the end of the April meeting. No nominations will be taken after April meeting is adjourned.
- At the May DAC meeting, each nominee will have the opportunity to briefly address the members before voting commences.
- The members of the Nominating Committee are:
    - Leslie LaRue, Woodward Ave Elem.- lelarue@volusia.k12.fl.us
    - Mary DiPadova, Osteen Elem.- medipado@volusia.k12.fl.us
    - Nancy Youssef, Spruce Creek High- nnyousse@volusia.k12.fl.us

Graduation Readiness Presentation

Mike Micallef, executive director, grad assurance/student services

- Policies 307; 308; 319 all conform with our mission
- Overview of graduation state requirements: credit requirements, GPA and state assessments
- Explanation of different types of diplomas
- Explanation of the difference between standard diploma and acceleration program
- AICE, Baccalaureate programs were discussed
- Overview of the different types of Seal of Designations available
- Explanation of assessment graduation requirements and options of earning them through concordant or comparative scores
- Principals and teachers as well as parents and students are able to view their accomplishments through portals on the web

Code of Conduct Presentation

Craig Pender, coordinator, student services and
Nate Anderson, coordinator, student services

- School Board Policy 208 – Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.
- State statutes keep elementary and secondary separated.
- There are four levels of offenses for being referred to the district.
- Policy 208 is reviewed annually and recommendations for revisions can be made by utilizing the QR code in the PowerPoint.
- Input must be made by April 11, 2025.
- Discipline matters - Culture Walks take place in all schools.
- Culture walks take place to ensure that compliance is taking place on campus and offer an extra sense of security.
- Things to be aware of: vapes, CBD and fidget spinners come in all shapes and sizes.

Member Comments

- New Smyrna Beach High School Barracudas Girls Basketball Team is bound for the Class 5 A finals!

Adjournment

The next District Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 2**, 5:15 p.m. at Mainland High School, multipurpose room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.