

**District Advisory Committee
May 7, 2025
Minutes**

Opening

Chairman Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. Mr. Ruben Colón, School Board Vice Chair; Mrs. Donna Brosemer, School Board Member and multiple cabinet members were all in attendance.

April minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Marinaccio explained there were only two nominees submitted by the end of the April meeting for the 2025-2026 District Advisory Council chair and vice-chair positions. Ms. Marinaccio and Ms. Kopnick were unanimously voted in to continue as next school year's chair and vice chair. Ms. Marinaccio shared how much support is received in the role as chair and vice chair and encouraged members to consider it in the future.

Congratulations to Ms. Leslie LaRue, DAC representative and past DAC chair, for recently being named FUTURES First Teacher of the Year for Woodward Avenue Elementary School.

Dr. Baker-Drayton, executive director, secondary and Ms. Castellanos, executive director, brought greetings on behalf of Dr. Balgobin.

End of the Year Update on Safety and Security_ Captain Smith

- This year there were nearly 900 FortifyFL tips, 33 arrests for written threats
- Metal detectors have begun being utilized at Pine Ridge High and Atlantic High
- K-9 usage has been expanded covering all secondary schools
- 33 audits completed with a 94% compliance rate
- Preparing for graduations and admin institute presentation
- Revisions have been made to the safety manual as questions are received

Summer Programs- Ms. Elizabeth Senez, Project Manager Federal Programs

Refer to the PowerPoint for a list of multiple summer programs offered. There are opportunities for students to retake state testing, credit retrieval courses for students who failed a subject and so much more. Students have been notified of the make-up opportunities. If you have a student that needs to utilize one of these options, please contact their school.

Academic Update – Dr. Baker Drayton, Kristy Castellanos, Kyle Schicker and Mike Cimino

Volusia Benchmark Assessment 3 was reviewed and explained how it is in alignment with the district's mission. Two short videos explaining testing and the benefits of

testing are included in the PowerPoint presentation. When the data is received a team (principals, asst. Principals and district staff) will review the information to determine what resources need to be implemented to help the students that might need additional support.

Congratulations to New Smyrna Beach High Beach Volleyball team on their championship!

Congratulations to the Timbercrest Elementary fifth grader that attended the DAC meeting for receiving a 5 on the PM3!!

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

If you are interested in continuing as the DAC representative for next school year, please contact your principal and cc Lisa Long. Lylong@volusia.k12.fl.us

Thank you for all you do and have a wonderful summer!