

District Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2025

Time: 5:15pm

Location: Deltona High School – Learning Commons

1. Welcome and Introductions

District Advisory Council Chair, Jennifer Marinaccio called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. She gave a brief greeting and reminded everyone to sign in. The Superintendent and Board Members are attending a conference and could not be present.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November's minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

3. Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent was not present.

4. Security Update – Presenter Captain Smith and Special guest Deputy Akeley and firearms detecting canine, Maverick

- [PowerPoint presentation](#) on DAC Safety and Security
- Metal detectors operating at six high schools and others are expected to be up by January.
- Reunification Team meets monthly to create a high-performance team and practice regularly. They identify their strengths, weaknesses, and areas of improvement.
- Campus Guardian Angel Drone Program. The state allocated funds to do a pilot program. There were only 3 districts in the state chosen to participate. Multiple drones will be located throughout the schools. The goal is to confront the threat within 15 seconds. The program is expected to begin school year.
- There was a reduction in arrests and weapons found on campuses. Zero weapons were found in the month of November.
- Contact Information: Captain Todd Smith, Director of School Safety and Security
 - Email: tsmith@volusiasheriff.gov

5. ESE Update – Presenter Jacquese Copeland

- [PowerPoint presentation](#) on Instructional Update: Exceptional Student Education
- ESE restructured to increase efficiency, to make sure students are being serviced appropriately, and to make sure school-based support are where they need to be. Switched from a program-based support to school-based support.
- New this year, Behavior Support Teacher, ESE Support Class, ESE Separate Class and ASD/IND Intensive Behavior
- To track compliance and to make sure students are receiving services, every quarter the school goes through an audit. The audit consists of service delivery and discipline.
- School report card grading was explained.
- Parents and schools can make requests to have a liaison.
- New ESE parent liaison, Angela Miller Ext. 73836
- No new state complaints since June 2025. Continue to meet weekly with BEESS, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services.
- Contact Information: Jacquese Copeland, ESE Executive Director, TLL
 - Phone Number: 386-734-7190 Ext. 33281
 - Email: jjcopela@volusia.k12.fl.us

6. School Board Member Comments

No School Board Members were present.

7. Member Comments

VCCPTA Reflections Ceremony is coming up in December. Chisholm, Citrus Grove, Cypress Creek, Ormond Beach Elementary, Pathways Elementary, Pine trail, Sweetwater Elementary, Creekside Middle, Hinson Middle, New Smyrna Beach Middle, and Ormond Beach Middle will present to the county. The theme is “I Belong”

8. Adjournment

Happy Holidays!

- The next District Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 5:15pm at Mainland High School in the multipurpose room. There will not be a meeting in January 2026.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.