



District Advisory Council (DAC) 2023-2024

Thursday, December 7th, 2023

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Howell Center, 3955 W. Pensacola Street

	What	Who	Outcome
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Michelle Gayle, Deputy Superintendent	
2.	Superintendent's Welcome	Superintendent Rocky Hanna	
3.	Approval of Agenda	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Vote
4.	Approval of Minutes (October 2023 and November 2023)	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Vote
5.	SDAC Updates	Aria Fisher, Leon High School	Information
6.	21 st Century Programs	Dr. Elizabeth Glenn	Information
7.	ESE Services	Cathy Shields	Information
8.	Student Threat Assessments	Ashley Anderson	Information
9.	<p>Policy overview:</p> <p>Policy 2522- Challenges to Adoption or Use of Instructional, Library, or Reading List Materials Owner: Shane Syfrett</p> <p>Policy 2522.01- Challenges to Materials Used in Classrooms, Made Available in School or Classroom Library, or Included on A Reading List Owner: Shane Syfrett</p> <p>Policy 1120- Employment of Administrators Owner: Brett Shively</p> <p>Policy 5780- Student/Parent Rights Owner: William Spillas and Wallace Knight</p> <p>Policy 6320- Purchasing and Contracting Goods and Services Owner: June Kail</p> <p>Policy 6450- Local Purchasing Preference Owner: June Kail</p>	Wallace Knight	Vote



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10.	DAC Secretary Vacancy	Dr. Michelle Gayle, Deputy Superintendent	Information /Vote
11.	SAC Questions	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Information
12.	Wrap up on Issue	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Information
	Adjourn		

**Please note that one or more Board members may attend this meeting.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024
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Next Meeting: January 4th, 2024

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- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Jacquelyn Steele (Conley), Scott Whittle (SAIL), Susan Walden (Academic Services), Judy Jecko (ACE-Transitions), JoAnne Clark (ACE), Cara Garrett (Astoria Park), Renee Gadson (Bond), Daniel Zeroto (Buck Lake), Stacy Ball (Chaires), Sarah Latimer (Chiles), Chris Chaback (Chiles, Hawks Rise, Deerlake), Damaris Barrios (Desoto Trail), Lashay McKan (Early Childhood), Karen Minert (ESE), Cathy Shields (ESE), Zellanye Hutchinson (Everhart), Jane Bullen (Everhart) Cheryl Collier-Brown (Fairview), Jamie Holleman (Ft. Braden), Brian Dobie (Griffin), Vernisha Howard (Hartsfield), Kaitie Lyons (Hawks Rise), Michele Runo (Hawks Rise), Theresa Novak (Killearn Lakes), Dr. Willie Williams (LCSB: Darryl Jones), LaShawn Gordon (LCSB: Marcus Nicolas), Louis Dilbert (LCSB: Marcus Nicolas), Andreka Rittman (Nims), Ranae A. Vos (PACE), Ivory Gabriel (Pineview), Dr. Anthony Thopson (Rickards), Leah Hutchins (Riley), Heather Daughtrey (Ruediger), Matt Roberson (SAIL), Aria Fisher (SDAC), Deanna Hughes (Sealey), Glondetra Arnold (Sealey), Susan Jones (Springwood), Moses Johnson III (Success Academy/Second Chance), Kristen Hunter (Sullivan), Joe Burgess (Superintendent appointee), Michele Keltner (Superintendent appointee), Dwan Knight (Woodville)
- II. **District Members/Visitors:** Dr. Michelle Gayle (District), Stacey Turknett (District), Kate Frizzell (Star Metro), Coco McClelland (District), Kenyara Barrett (SDAC), Kenyette Barrett (Visitor), Debra Barrett (Visitor), Mary Swain (Chiles), Tonja Fitzgerald (District), Jimmy Williams (District) Wallace Knight (District), Shane Syfrett (District)
- III. **Excused Members:** Linda Edson (Bucklake), Kasey Kirkland (District), Nathanie Wienert (Desoto Trail), Kelli Willis (Gilchrist), Desmond Cole (Godby), Jessica Hooker (LCSB: Alva Smith), Janet Thrasher (Leon), Kim Sims (Montford), Cara Stoudmire (Sabal Palm), Carolyn Jones (Sabal Palm), Alanis Hubbell (SDAC), Regina Browning (Superintendent appointee), Tod Lanter (Superintendent appointee), April Knight (District)
- IV. **Special Guest:**
- V. **Approval of Agenda:**
The motion to approve the October 5, 2023 DAC agenda was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Scott Whittle.
The motion was unanimously approved.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:**
The motion to approve the Thursday, May 4, 2023 DAC minutes was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Scott Whittle.
The motion was unanimously approved.
- VII. **SDAC:**
Kenyera Barrett (SDAC Chair) and Aria Fischer (Leon High School/SDAC DAC Rep) introduced

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themselves and their respective leadership role. They shared information from each high school including breast cancer awareness/fundraisers, homecoming festivities and other student led events.

Information about the 2nd Annual Longest Table was shared with DAC. This event will occur at Lawton Chiles High School and involve all area high schools (public and private). Students will share a meal and get to learn about each other during this event. Last year's event was very successful and the student leaders are planning for another successful event.

VIII. **New Member Orientation:**

Dr. Gayle welcomed all DAC members and thanked them for their support of LCS. She mentioned that the Superintendent and Board members admire and appreciate the service of this esteemed group of leaders. She asked DAC members to ensure they attend meetings and become involved in the processes that help to our District become stronger. The role of each DAC member includes attending meetings, staying engaged during each meeting and sharing information with his/her School Advisory Council after each DAC meeting. Dr. Gayle also showed members where DAC information is housed on the District website.

IX. **LCS Safety and Security:**

Presentation by Chief Jimmy Williams regarding safety and security in Leon County Schools. He spoke about hurricane preparedness, additional deputies at our high schools, the new Zero Eyes cameras, and the Pup Patrol for gun detection. He reminded members about the new protocol during football games and how the fans are appreciative of these safety efforts.

DAC members were reminded about calling 922-KIDS should they need to report any safety concerns.

Chief Williams also shared that we are asking about replenishing the Stop the Bleed Kits. DOE has \$250,000 for kits for the entire state.

Questions were asked about access control gates. We have six of them in the District. The cost is \$45,000 per school for these gates.

X. **STAR Metro:**

Kathryn Frizzell (STAR Metro) reminded members that all students ride STAR Metro at no cost. However, students must have a STAR Metro ID card. If a student does not have a card the cost is .60. There were 2300 student cards distributed during the 2022/2023 school year. LCS Safety and Security made 1800 of these cards and STAR Metro did the rest. Seventy percent of the students who have STAR Metro cards have been using them. There have been approximately 4200 student trips per month using STAR Metro cards.

XI. **Textbook Adoption:**

Assistant Superintendent Shane Syfrett shared a detailed flyer about the Instructional Materials Adoption Process (see attached). LCS only uses materials from the state adoption list. The review

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of materials includes parents on the review committee. Mr. Syfrett did also share information about the New Worlds Reading Initiative.

Policy Updates:

Each policy was carefully reviewed and presented by Wallace Knight, LCS Policy Director.

Policy 1213 – Student Supervision and Welfare

Motion by S. Whittle, second by C. Collier-Brown, unanimously approved.

Policy 3213 – Student Supervision and Welfare

Motion by S. Whittle, second by C. Collier-Brown, unanimously approved.

Policy 4213 – Student Supervision and Welfare

Motion by J. Holleman, second by S. Whittle, unanimously approved.

Policy 8660 – Alternative Transportation Methods

Motion by S. Whittle, second by J. Holleman, unanimously approved.

Policy 2520 - Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Motion by B. Arnold, second by Dr. I. Williams, unanimously approved.

Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Harassment (presented by Tonja Fitzgerald/Divisional Director)

Motion by D. Zeretto, second by B. Arnold, unanimously approved.

Policy 8410 – Critical Incident Responses

Motion by S. Jones, second by W. Williams, unanimously approved.

Policy 8405 = School Safety and Security

Motion by A. Knight, second by Dr. Thompson, unanimously approved.

Policy 2410 – School Health Services

Motion by Hughes, second by Dr. W. Williams, unanimously approved.

Policy 9500 – Relations with Educational Institutions and Organizations

Motion by S. Whittle, second by C. Collier-Brown, unanimously approved.

The following policies have been approved by the Board but were presented for informational purposes only:

Policy 7421 – Restrooms and Changing Facilities

Policy 8331 – Online Educational Services

Policy 9150.01 Entering Premises or School Grounds/School Safety Zone

XII. Suggestions for Agenda Topics

XIII. Exceptional Student Education District Advisory Council

Cathy Shields shared information about the ESEAC. Please contact Cathy Shields at shieldsc@leonschools.net if you would like additional information or have a desire to serve.

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XIV. SAC Questions/ Wrap-Up:

DAC needs a secretary. Please email Stacey Turknett if interested.

XV. Adjourn: at 8:00 pm

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- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Scott Whittle (Vice-Chair, SAIL), , Christine Epps (ACE), Katrina Bradwell (Astoria Park), Renee Gadson (Bond), Daniel Zeroto (Buck Lake), Stacy Ball (Chaires), Sarah Latimer (Chiles), Katherine Catron (Cobb), Karen Minert (ESE), Jane Bullen (Everhart), Cheryl Collier-Brown (Fairview, Griffin), Jamie Holleman (Ft. Braden/School Choice), Desmond Cole (Godby), Sophia Perkins (Hartsfield), Dr. Willie Williams (LCSB: Darryl Jones), LaShawn Gordon(LCSB: Dr. Marcus Nicolas), Louis Dilbert (LCSB: Dr. Marcus Nicolas), Janet Tashner (Leon), Katie Crowley (LCVS), Ivory Gabriel (Pineview), Dr. Marcus Scott (Raa), Brandi Andrews (Roberts), Cara Stoudmire (Ruediger), Aria Fisher (SDAC/Leon), Alanis Hubbell (SDAC/Chiles), Susan Jones (Springwood), Nikki Nicolas (Second Chance/Success Academy), Kristen Hunter (Sullivan), Joe Burgess (Superintendent appointee: High Schools). Regina Browning (Superintendent Appointee: Special Sites), Rashanna Beard (Woodville),
- II. **District Members/Visitors:** Dr. Michelle Gayle (District), Stacey Turknnett (District), Susan Walden (Academic Services), Wallace Knight (Policy and Title 9), April Knight (Title 1), Jessica Lowe (Attendance & F.I.T.) Beth Young (Ft. Braden, visitor), Laurie Cox (LCSB), Dr. Marcus Nicolas (LCSB), Sarah Hembree (Recruitment & Retention)
- III. **Excused Members:** Jacquelyn Steele (Chair/Conley), Judy Jecko (ACE-Transitions), Linda Edson (Bucklake), Mona Davis (Canopy Oaks) Chris Chaback (Deer Lake, Chiles, Hawks Rise), Damaris Barrios (Desoto Trail), Nathaniel Wienert (Desoto Trail), Brooke Brunner (Early Childhood), Kelli Willis (Gilchrist), Vernisha Howard (Hartsfield), Katie Lyons (Hawks Rise), Michele Runo (Hawks Rise), Dr. Anthony Thompson (LSSB: Darryl Jones), Jessica Hooker (LCSB: Alva Swafford-Smith), Scott Mazur (LCTA), Kim Sims (Montford), Andreka Rittman-Baker (Nims), Sandra Alber (Oak Ridge), Ranae A. Vos (PACE), Johnitta Wells (Rickards), Heather Daugherty (Ruediger), Carolyn Jones (Sabal Palm), Glondetra Arnold (Sealey), Michelle Keltner (Superintendent Appointee- Elementary), Tod Lanter (Superintendent Appointee- Middle),
- IV. **Special Guest: N/A**
- V. **Approval of Agenda: Tabled due to not having a quorum.**
- VI. **Approval of Minutes: Tabled due to not having a quorum.**
- VII. **SDAC:**
Aria Fischer and Alanis Hubbell reported information from each of our comprehensive high schools. That information included Breast Cancer Awareness fundraising, homecoming activities and overall philanthropy activities at each school.



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VIII. LCS Recruitment & Retention:

Sarah Hembree, Recruitment and Retention Director, shared an engaging PowerPoint and information regarding what innovative processes we are putting in place within LCS. The PowerPoint is located on the District's DAC site.

IX. Families in Transition and Attendance:

Director Jessica Lowe shared information about attendance, truancy and our District's approach to ending chronic absenteeism. She also shared information regarding our Families in Transition Program and how we are addressing the needs of this vulnerable population. Director Lowe's presentation is attached to the DAC website.

X. Title 1 Overview:

Director Knight provided information regarding the LCS Title I Program. She shared budget information and the fact that non-District schools receive Title I funds from the District if the student qualifies for Title I. Director Knight shared activities and parent workshops that have taken place and are scheduled to take place in the coming months. Director Knight's presentation can be found on the DAC website.

XI. 2024-2025 School Choice:

Jamie Holleman, School Choice Coordinator, shared that the School Choice window opens on January 8, 2024 and closes March 1, 2024. She also shared information about the LCS hardship Committee and some stats about our schools.

XII. Policy Updates:

Tabled due to not having a quorum.

XIII. SAC Questions/Wrap-Up:

Plea for a DAC Secretary to reach out to Stacey Turknnett.
Reminder about Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Holidays.

XIV. Adjourn: 7:53 p.m.

