



DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)
2021 - 2022
Thursday, December 9, 2021*
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Howell Center, 3955 W. Pensacola Street

	WHAT	WHO	TIME	OUTCOME
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Michelle Gayle, Assistant Superintendent		
2.	Welcome from School Board Chair (Tentative)	Darryl E. Jones		
3.	Approval of Agenda	Vernestine McLeod 2021/22 Chairperson		Vote
4.	Approval of Minutes (11.04.21)	Vernestine McLeod		Vote
5.	LCS Student District Advisory Council Updates	Srinitha Srikanth, LCHS Peyton Gallant, LHS	5 min.	Information
6.	Safe Routes to School (Pineview & Fairview)	Joe Sisk, CPM City of Tallahassee	10 min.	Information
7.	2022 Legislative Updates	Jessica Janasiewicz, M.A., M.Ed. Governmental Consultant	30 min.	Information
8.	LCS Office of Admissions	Molly Smith, Project Manager	10 min.	Information
9.	Policy Review – PO 5780 Student/Parent Rights	Tod Stupski, Risk Management	10 min.	Discussion Vote
10.	Sub-Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Legislative Platform/Wells • By Law Review/Nicolas • Parent Involvement/Collier-Brown 	Vernestine McLeod	10 min.	Information
11.	SAC Questions and Wrap Up on Issues	Vernestine McLeod	10 min.	Information
12.	Adjourn Next Meeting 01.06.22	Vernestine McLeod		

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



District Advisory Council
Thursday, November 4, 2021
In Person Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- I. **Schools/Members Attending:**
- II. **School Board Members/District Administration/District Staff:**
- III. **Excused:**
- IV. **Special Guests:** James Cole, Gillian Gregory, Brooke Bruner, and Susan Walden
- V. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting started promptly at 6:00 pm and was kicked off with introductions beginning with Dr. Gayle.
- VI. **Welcome from Superintendent:** Superintendent Hanna welcomed all and gave some updates on what is happening within the district. We have already bypassed all positive covid cases for that we had for the 2020-2021 school year. Positive cases are now on the downward trend. The district will have 2 weeks to plan for the 3rd wave of Federal Funds. 20% of the funds need to be used on summer programs and the money is good through 2024. There is about \$12 million in funds. The Red Hill Charter school was previously denied by the district however, that decision was overturned by DOE. The school will open Fall 2022 and they will start with approximately 200 elementary students. This will mean our schools will miss out on FTE money. It was asked by a few members how we as teachers and parents can help and it was advised that we can write letters from DAC to repeal and give support to keep the Home Rule as well as limiting the reckless adoption of new charter schools. These letters can be in the form of editorials or we can write to our Delegates such as Tant or Ausley. Jackie Steele will get with Johnitta Wells about an Op-Ed for Legislative and Home Rule.
- VII. **Welcome from Vice Chair Darryl Jones:** School Board Vice Chair Darryl Jones supplied the refreshments for this meeting. Special Thanks to Craig Ford from Subway of Southwood. School Board Member Mr. Jones wants to be kept abreast of any concerns we have going forward, focus on learning loss, and he wants discussions focusing on more than masks. Lastly, he wants to start discussions with the Superintendent about teachers and staff needing livable wages.
- VIII. **Approval of Agenda:** motion made by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Damaris Barrios
- IX. **Approval of Minutes from 10/7/21:** motion made by Cheryl Collier-Brow and seconded by Scott Mazur.



- X. LCS Student Advisory Council Updates:** Updates given by Peyton Gallant and Srinitha Srikanth. SDAC met with John Hunkiar and Jimmy Williams about ending gun violence. SDAC also met with the director of nutrition services in regards to supply and food chain distribution and issues. They also spoke with vegan and vegetarian options for students. Students have made PSA's for LGBTQ and Harassment. They discussed starting Gay/Straight Alliance as well as overcoming Gender and Racial discrimination. Students can find PSA's and Help on their school websites.
- XI. LCS Transportation Updates:** Transportation Director James Cole discussed the shortage of bus drivers and assistants that are not only affecting the district but is also a nationwide concern. In our district alone we are down about 80 drivers and 20 assistants. In order to combat the shortage they have worked on combining routes to make it more efficient. There are currently 118 routes. Where the shortage is real the district is having more of an issue with driver and assistant attendance. There is an App that parents can register for called Here Comes the Bus that can be found on the district website. They would just need the code and the students id number. There was a question asked about bus drivers being able to receive more hours by doing their regular bus route as well as working in a school in between the drop off and pick up. Assistant Superintendent Gillian Gregory said that she took note of it and will bring it to the leadership team. There was also a concern about buses having cameras on the outside to monitor other drivers going through the stop signs. The answer was yes and if there are any other concerns they can be reached at 850-488-2636.
- XII. LCS Academic Services:** Assistant Superintendent Gillian Gregory and Brooke Bruner spoke on testing, standards, and curriculum. The district is in the process of implementing the new B.E.S.T. standards that are based on the Science of Reading. There will be an adoption of new curriculum that will align to the new standards. The state is eliminating the FSA because it no longer aligns with the standards so there will be new assessments. Also, the governor wants to progress monitor 3 times a year as opposed to 1 test per year. However, we will still use FSA for Spring 2022. The new assessment (FAST) will be used in Spring 2023. We will receive school grades for 2021-2022. However, there will be no school grades for 2022-2023. The progress monitoring piece is Cambium and it will pilot at Cobb, Deerlake, Woodville, Fairview, and Griffin. House Bill 419 governs all Pre-K and it requires all teachers to take 15 hours for emergent literacy. Then they will need to do 5 hours per year to continue to keep certification. It is required to administer class grading scale/evaluate VPK teachers and classes. January 4, 2022 VPK enrollment begins and all children signed up are screened.
- XIII. Refreshments for meetings:** Postponed to next meeting due to time constraints.
- XIV. SAC questions:** Postponed due to time constraints.

- XV. **Wrap-up:** Postponed due to time constraints. Any information from 2022 Legislative platform, By Law Review, Best Practices for Parental Involvement will be emailed to council members.
- XVI. **Adjourn:** 8:12 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Welcome to Leon County Schools



It is our mission to efficiently serve the families of Leon County, ensuring swift and seamless access to a quality education.

ready to enroll?

► Pre-enroll online. **START** at:
leonschools.net/officeofadmissions

► Email requested documents to:
lcsadmissions@leonschools.net

► Documents verified by
Office of Admissions

► Meet with an Office of
Admissions registrar via Zoom

STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

STEP 5

YOU ARE ENROLLED
and will be connected
with your new school



DISTRICT FACTS

94%
GRADUATION RATE
***5TH IN STATE**

16:1 STUDENT:
FACULTY
RATIO

STUDENTS:
32,000+

49 SCHOOLS

FACULTY WITH
ADVANCED
DEGREES: **42%**

AVG. YEARS TEACHING
EXPERIENCE:
12.7

ART AND MUSIC
OFFERED AT
ALL LEVELS

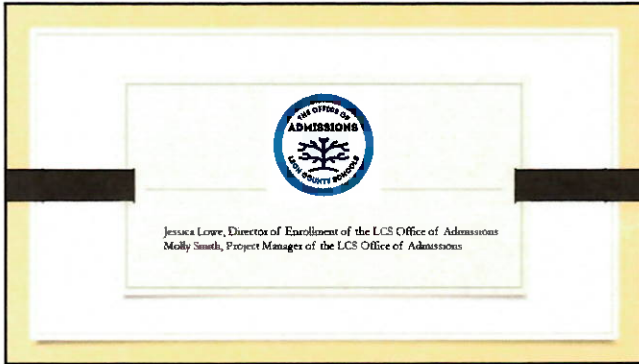
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SERVED YEARLY

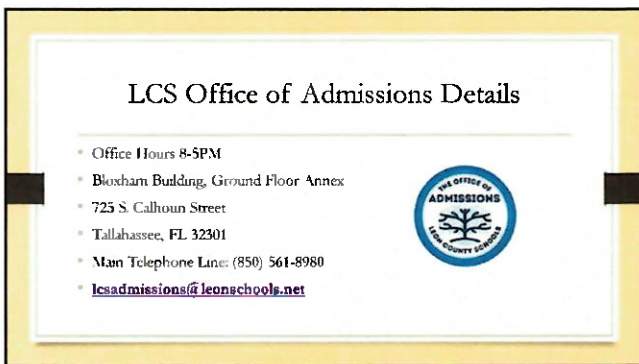
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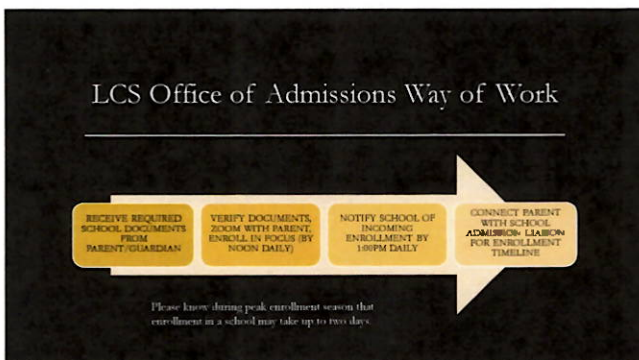
2,955
BUS STOPS

1:1 STUDENT:
COMPUTER
32,000+ COMPUTERS

CHAMPIONSHIP
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS







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Clarifying the LCS Office of Admissions

- LCS Office of Admissions will only enroll K-12 public school students.
 - Incoming seniors will be evaluated by Graduation Coach prior to sending to school site.
- VPK students will still enroll through Early Childhood Education
- Charter school students will enroll with their charter school.
- Home school students will enroll and record school through the Home School Compliance Office.
- Adult & Community Education students will enroll with ACE.

Clarifying the LCS Office of Admissions

- Lively College students will enroll at Lively College.
- The DJJ re-enrollment process will remain unchanged.
- Pace Center for Girls students will enroll with Pace.
- Application-based schools (SAIL, Success, JCVS) will correspond with the Office of Admissions to complete enrollment.

Withdrawals

- School Admissions Liaison will notify (in writing) the LCS Office of Admissions of the in-country student transfer
 - School Admissions Liaison will notify (in writing) the LCS Office of Admissions that the in-country student has been cleared for transfer.
 - Cleared for transfer includes returning (documentation, transcripts, and any other student equipment).
 - The LCS Office of Admissions will notify the student's new address and notify the receiving school of the incoming transfer.
- School Admissions Liaison will notify the LCS Office of Admissions of student withdrawing out of country state, that the student is cleared to withdraw.
 - The LCS Office of Admissions will notify receive and withdraw.
- Students withdrawing ages 16-18 will complete an intent to terminate and exit interview and follow guidance from Intervention Services.

What we are working on

- Creating a communication campaign for centralized student enrollment.
- Launching a LCS Office of Admissions district website for parents to read important registration information.
- Instructional flyers for school front office staff to hand out if parents come into the school to register.
- Creating a seamless way of work for each school team to be informed regarding an incoming student.

LCS Office of Admissions Launch Date

November 1, 2021

NOVEMBER

Questions?

- Jessica Lowe, lowej@leonschools.net
- Molly Smith, smithm2@leonschools.net
lcsadmissions@leonschools.net



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5780 - STUDENT/PARENT RIGHTS

The School Board recognizes that students possess not only the right to an education, but also the rights of citizenship. Federal and State law prohibit the Board from adopting any policy or rule, or from entering into any agreement, that infringes upon or waives the rights of freedoms afforded to students by the United States Constitution.

In providing students the opportunity for an education to which they are entitled, the District shall attempt to offer nurture, counsel, and custodial care appropriate to their age and maturity. The District shall, at the same time, guarantee that no student is deprived of the basic right to equal treatment and equal access to the educational program, due process, a presumption of Innocence, free expression and association, and the privacy of his/her own thoughts.

Attendant to the rights guaranteed to each student, however, are certain responsibilities, which include respect for the rights of others, obedience to properly constituted school authority, and compliance with the procedures and rules of the District.

Since a student who has reached the age of majority possesses the full rights of an adult, s/he may authorize those school matters previously handled by his/her parents, but s/he also assumes the responsibility for his/her performance in school, attendance, and compliance with school rules.

The School Board also recognizes the right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care for their minor children. Inherent within that right is the right to request and obtain information regarding the minor child's health, well-being and education while the minor child is in the custody of the school district, unless the information concerns a parent and would otherwise trigger the mandatory reporting requirements set forth in s. 39.201, Florida Statutes and Board Policy 8462.

Parents, or eligible students, may be accompanied by another adult of their choice at any meeting with District personnel. District personnel will not object to the attendance of such adult or discourage or attempt to discourage through any action, statement, or other means, parents or an eligible student, from inviting another person of their choice to attend any meeting. Parents, eligible students, and individuals invited to attend such meetings by parents or eligible students on school grounds shall sign-in at the front office of such school as a guest.

At the meeting's conclusion, parents, or eligible students, and District personnel shall sign the anti-coercion form (<http://www.forms.leon.k12.fl.us/files/Anti-Coercion%20Form.docx>), which states whether or not any District personnel have prohibited, discouraged or attempted to discourage the parents, or eligible student, from inviting a person of their choice to the meeting pertaining to their child's, or their own, educational environment, placement, or discipline.

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Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting

Date: 12/02/2021

Time: 6:00pm

Notes from Bylaws meeting:

Specific Article References, Clarification Questions, Discussions, and Recommendations

- Article II, Section 2: Function - Does DAC participate in the District's decision-making process of: Budgeting?
 - Discussion/Clarification Question: Is there a DAC member on Capital Outlay? If so, then the budgeting item is appropriate. If not, see recommendation below.
 - Recommendation: Remove budgeting from the list
- Article II - "Duties will be advisory in nature, and will not conflict with any of the powers and duties reserved by law or State Board Rule for the School Board."
 - Discussion/Clarification Questions: None
 - Recommendation: Reference Florida Statute 1001.42 and write it as "as referenced in Florida Statute 1001.42"
- Article III, Section 1 – Reference to the DAC membership composition
 - Discussion/Clarification Question: If the criteria for membership for a given school or Board is a hard requirement, then how does the DAC enforce compliance? Can DAC enforce the language? If not, see recommendation below.
 - Recommendation: Replace "shall" with "may" (e.g. "Each school may appoint up to two members from their SAC, PTO, PTO...").
- Article III, Section 5: Quorum is defined by a "majority"; throughout the document "majority" seems to be defined in more concrete terms: two-thirds vote
 - Discussion/Rationale: Consistency in language
 - Recommendation: Replace the term "majority" with two-thirds vote in Article III, Section 5
- Article IV, Section 1(A, 5) - if the Chairperson has to appoint a Parliamentarian, then there should be a description of the duties of said position.
 - Discussion/Clarification Questions: The Parliamentarian should serve for the same term as the Executive Committee, unless the person chooses to serve again by virtue of appointment by subsequent Chairpersons.
 - Recommendation: Furthermore, it should be defined what standard the Parliamentarian is bound by (e.g. Roberts Rules, Democratic Rules of Order, Atwood's, etc.).

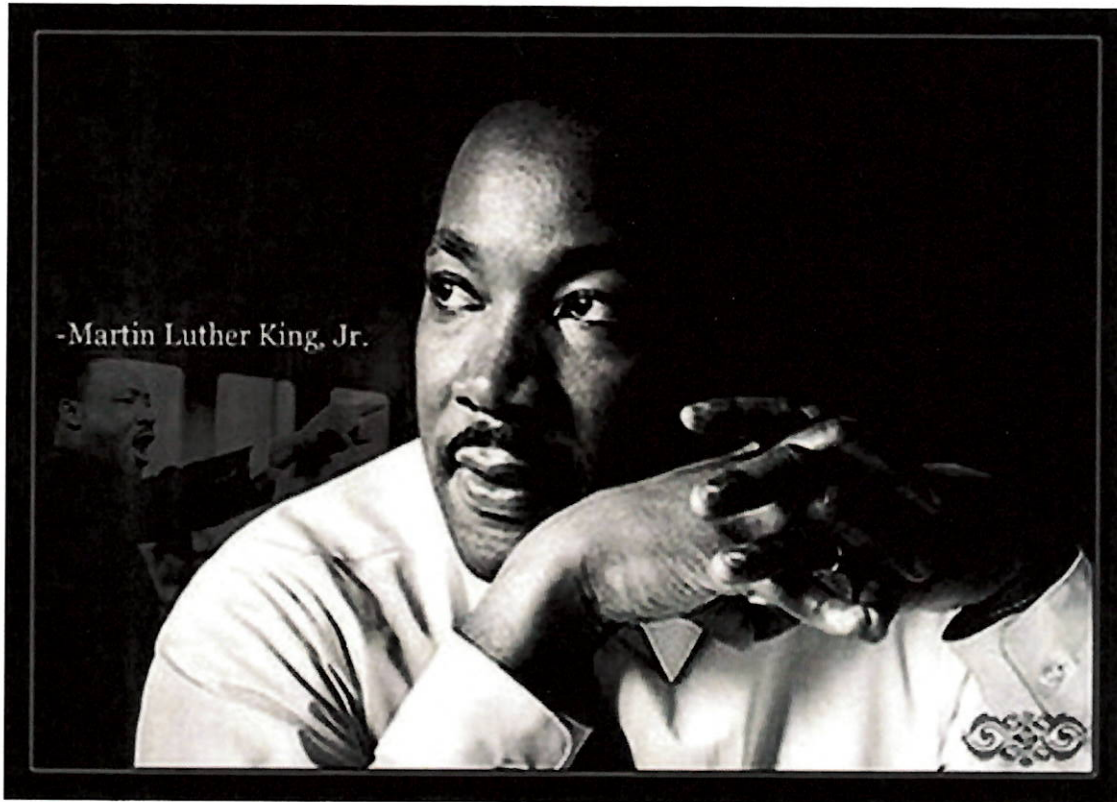
Specific Bylaw Recommendations not identified with a specific Article

- Add language that requires DAC members to be a member for one year before being eligible to be nominated for an office.
 - Rationale: Allows time to become familiar with DAC.
 - Discussion/Clarification Question:

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- Allows time for a member to become familiar with DAC
- Is there a time when DAC can't find an officer? Maybe we can prioritize experience, but we would not want to discourage new members from participating.
- Add DAC member to all vital decision-making committees including but not limited to administrative selections (principals and assistant principals) and Capital Outlay.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



2021 - 2022
DREAMERS AND DOERS
BREAKFAST

NEW DATE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022