

District Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2019
Howell Center 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Adult & Community Education: Regina Browning and Noal Weiland; Apalachee: Roshanna Beard; Astoria Park: Melinda Wilson-Jones; Buck Lake: Selika Sampson; Canopy Oaks: Karen Hood; Chiles: Joe Burgess, Chris Chaback; Christine Oh and Sherri Winsett; Cobb: Darlene Fowinkle; Conley: Lauren Johnson; Darryl Jones/LCSB: Marcus Nicolas; Dee Dee Rasmussen/LCSB: Ruth Feiock; Deerlake: Chris Chaback; DeSoto Trail: Fred Wollet; District: Shane Syfrett; Fairview: Cheryl Collier-Brown; FSU: Maria McIntyre; Gilchrist: Jennifer Weaver; Godby: Altovise Mitchell; Griffin: Rubye Graybill; Joy Bowen/LCSB: Juanda Beck-Jones and Louis Dilbert; LCTA: Scott Mazur; LCTA/Pineview: Paula Percy; Leon: Beth Overholt; Lincoln: Yashica Squire; Montford: Dr. Robin Wood; Nims: Calvin Hall; Oakridge: Dwanna Moore; Pineview: Jennifer Hirst; Rickards: Aretha McNeil and Johnitta Wells; Riley: Susan Walton; Roberts: Adam Roberts and Angela Tewfik; Sealey: Nena Parnell; Springwood: Verne McLeod; WT Moore: Melanie Phillips; Richard Mospens

- II. **Excused:** Griffin: Carolyn Hector-Hall; DeSoto Trail: Michele Keltner; Hartsfield: Tyler Clark; Hawkes Rise: Koulla Butler; Hawkes Rise and Chiles: Jennifer Pontero; Kate Sullivan: Lisa Neihaus; Oakridge: Antwan Cole; Raa: Valerie Scoon; Rickards: E. Melissa Cooper; Sealey: Shayla Cole; Swift Creek: Michele Meyer

- III. **Guests:** LCSB: Darryl Jones; Presenter - ESE: Jenni Jenkins;

- IV. **Opening Meeting:** Dr. Michelle Gayle opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. She welcomed everyone. Then proceeded with introductions by everyone in attendance.

- V. **Welcome and Comments from Superintendent:** Superintendent Hanna thanked everyone for their service. A settlement has been reached with the teachers' union for teachers to receive a salary increase. He said the Governor included in his recommendations to the legislature 100% voucher for school choice. He said he will continue his

fight for convention schools (public schools). He will speak with Senator Montford to get his assistance in the fight for public schools.

Superintendent Hanna said public schools are held to a level of accountability of standards set by the legislature and the Department of Education while charter schools/private schools are not held accountable to these same standards. The administrators of these schools are not required to have a college degree nor be certified as a teacher or administrator. He said he will meet with Education Commissioner Corcoran after spring break. Separate is not necessarily equal.

A Leon County School Board (LCSB) member has requested data to support the decision of allowing school start times to remain as is. The survey will be conducted from March 11 thru March 15, 2019 and will be made available for parents at all schools and concerned community members. The survey will have two (2) options: Option 1 - school start time will remain at 7:30 a.m. for high schools; 8:30 a.m. for elementary schools; and 9:30 a.m. for middle schools; Option 2 – school start times for high schools and 5 middle schools 8:00 a.m. and 9 a.m. for elementary schools, schools housing students in grades K-8, Griffin, Nims and Fairview middle schools. He encouraged each DAC member to cast their vote and encourage parents and others to participate also.

- VI. **Greetings:** District 3 School Board Member Darryl Jones said he was inspired by Superintendent Hanna’s editorial comment in the Tallahassee Democrat. He concluded by inviting DAC members to the LCSB retreat to be held Monday, March 11 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Safety and Security Complex.
- VII. **Recognition:** DAC members congratulated Dr. Michelle Gayle for being chosen as one of the 2019 “25 Women You Need to Know”.
- VIII. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Cheryl Collier-Brown with one change the agenda item “Testing Updates” will be presented by Shane Syreftt and seconded by Johnitta Wells. Motion passed.
- IX. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown to approve the minutes with the correction of removing Madeline Feiock and adding Ruth Feiock as Dee Dee Rasmussen school board representative and seconded by Roshanna Beard. Motion passed.

- X. **2019 Legislative Updates:** Jessica Janasiewicz, Government Consultant, Rutledge Ecenia, P.A. presented an overview of the issues for the 2019 session which began on Tuesday, March 5: Expansion of vouchers; the Governor has already signed an executive order to appoint a panel to develop safety and security procedures to be used at schools statewide; ELA will not be adopted this year; extend the period of time for teachers' temporary certification; limit fees charged for retakes of the teacher certification; build on community schools (currently Sabal Palm is the only school in Leon County); teacher incentives as it relates to being highly effective and review of the Best and Brightest program. She also said the Governor included in his recommendations a \$40 increase for students but this increase will be up to the legislative body to implement.
- XI. **Best Practices ESE Programs:** Jenni Jenkins, ESE Coordinator presented on Autism Spectrum Disorder commonly referred to as ASD. She said autism is known as a "spectrum" disorder because there is wide variation in the type and severity of symptoms people experience. Resources for students include District-Level Program Specialist for Behavior and Compliance; School-Level Behavior specialists who spend at least one/two days at the school working with teachers and students; Instructional Aides in the ESE classroom daily; curriculum for social skills and self-regulation and sensory materials and alternative seating. Training is provided to staff, parents and faculty. Although there is an array of programming for students with disabilities, there is still much that needs to be done i.e. transitioning from a "contained" environment at the elementary school level to a "main stream" environment in middle and high school.
- XII. **Testing Updates:** Shane Syreftt presented the FSA/EOC/Statewide Science Administration testing calendar. ELA, Math and Science FSA testing will be paper based for grades 3-6 and computer based for grades 7-12 and is scheduled to begin the week of April 2. Scores should be received for ELA around the end of May and for the Math and Science around the end of June. Included during this period is also EOC testing for Civics grade 7, Alegbra I and Geometry grades 8-11 and Biology and History for grades 10-11. Opportunities for retakes will end March 15.
- XIII. **Nominating Committee:** Chairman Dwanna Moore appointed the 2019 DAC nominating committee: Selika Sampson, Johnitta Wells, Antwan

Cole and Jennifer Hirst. Dr. Gayle said the committee would meet briefly at the adjournment of the DAC meeting.

- XIV. **Climate Survey:** Dr. Gayle said the survey will be conducted after spring break for grades 3-5 and each middle and high school.

- XV. **DAC Presentation Requests:** Dr. Gayle asked if there were any requests – school choice specifically the Hope scholarship. Dr. Gayle said this allows the student to move out of the district to another school district.

- XVI. **SAC Questions:** Question was asked regarding the procedure for placing a school on “lock down” following a crime being committed in the area. Dr. Gayle said Mr. Hunkiar monitors the TPD and Leon County Sheriff’s radio to make those determinations.

- XVII. **Wrap Up on Issues:** None

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

**Next meeting – April 4, 2019.
Snacks to be provided by SAIL**