

District Advisory Council

Thursday, May 4, 2023

In Person Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Jacquelyn Steele (Conley), Damaris Barrios (DeSoto Trails), Jennifer Hirst (Pineview), Cara Garrett (Astoria Park), Jamie Holleman (Buck Lake/Ft. Braden/Godby/SAIL/Swift Creek/Lincoln), Linda Edson (Buck Lake), Mona Davis (Canopy Oaks), Christy Worley (Chiles), Brooke Brunner (Early Childhood), Karen Minert (ESE), Cheryl Collier-Brown (Fairview/Griffin), Desmond Cole (Godby), Latanya Peterson (LCSB: Darryl Jones), Dr. Willie Williams (LCSB: Darryl Jones), Louis Dilbert (LCSB: Marcus Nicolas), Keith Berry (Leon), Melford Sims (LCTA/Lively), Andrea LeBeaud (LCVS/ACE Transitions), Rebecca Shultz (Montford), Andreka Rittman (Nims), Angel McMilliam (Nims/Oak Ridge), Sandra Alber (Oak Ridge), Dr. Marcus Knight (RAA), Robert Amstutz (Rickards/Hartsfield), Johnnita Wells (Rickards), Leah Hutchins (Riley), Cara Stoudmire (Sabal Palm), Scott Whittle (SAIL), Amaya Waymon (SDAC), Susan Jones (Springwood), Amy Alvis (Success Academy Second Chance), Todd Lanter (Superintendent Appointee), Becky Viosca (Superintendent Appointee), Regina Browning (Superintendent Appointee), Amy Hartman (Swift Creek), April Knight (Title I), Roshanna Beard (Woodville), Margaret Anderson (WT Moore), Cathy Shields (District ESE), Hudson Taylor (SDAC)
- II. **District Members/Visitors:** Dr. Michelle Gayle (District), Erica Childs (Pace), Marvin Boatman (Pace), Kristel Avilus (Pace), Laurel Harbin (COT)
- III. **Excused Members:** Brenetta Lawrence (Bond), Erica Stelter (Ft. Braden), Angela Roeder (Killearn Lakes), Kristen Williams (LCSB: Laurie Cox), LaShawn Gordon (LCSB: Marcus Nicolas), Wallace Knight (Policy), Inika Williams (Roberts), Matt Roberson (SAIL), Shayla Cole (Sealey/Godby), Nena Parnell (Sealey), Brian Dobie (Sullivan), Michele Keltner (Superintendent Appointee), Joseph Burgess (Superintendent Appointee)
- IV. **Welcome from Superintendent Hanna:** We were informed of Best and Brightest celebrations coming up as well as celebrations and Commencement ceremonies for K, 5<sup>th</sup>, and High school. The Superintendent participated in the field trip at the airport to go over Hurricane preparedness for this year. Brief discussion about the investigation by the Governors office and DOE into Superintendent Hanna. Support and well wishes were given to the Superintendent.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Johnnita Wells. Motion approved unanimously.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Johnnita Wells and Scott Whittle. Motion approved unanimously.
- VII. **SDAC:** recognizing 5/8-5/12 as mental health week, 5/9 wear green, and initiative to spread positivity with affirmation stations.
- VIII. **Pace Center for Girls:** There are currently 70 girls enrolled in the program and there will be a few more openings coming soon. They usually have a wait list but, it goes fast. This school is to make the girls feel safe and fit in whereas the traditional public school might not have

been a great fit for them. This school is year-round but, they do have some free time in the summer and integrated fun activities for the girls. The girls do receive instruction in the core subjects, speech therapy, small group, and pull out. They also have therapists on staff. Pace has a contract with LCS and they follow most of what the district does. Pace is a free school and the students are not court ordered. There is no graduation but, they can get a GED or transition to LCS for graduation.

- IX. City of Tallahassee:** There are major developments residentially and commercially throughout the city. Several projects are already in the works in order to improve the city. Some concerns were the expansion of traffic signals and calming with the increase with the new developments. It was explained that the City is taking this all into consideration. A few main things coming to the city will be the completion of 2 Amazon buildings and a minimum of 3 Wawa's.
- X. DAC Executive Board:** Jacquelyn Steele was nominated to retain the position of Chair and Jennifer Hirst was nominated for Vice Chair which, she declined. Scott Whittle was then nominated for position of Vice Chair. A motion was made to accept Mrs. Steele and Mr. Whittle to attain those positions by Chris Chaback and seconded by Cheryl Collier-Brown. The vote was put through and passed unanimously in favor of Mrs. Steele and Mr. Whittle as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. The vote for Secretary will happen in the fall as the nominated person (Dr. Inika Williams) was not in attendance.
- XI. SAC Questions:** It was mentioned that viewers would prefer to have the school board meetings back to Facebook live. On 5/7 170 girls will be participating in a Girls On The Run race.