

District Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday, April 5, 2019
Howell Center 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Adult & Community Education: Regina Browning; Apalachee: Roshanna Beard; Buck Lake: Linda Edson and Selika Sampson; Chaires: Pamela Coleman; Chiles: Joe Burgess, Chris Chaback and Christine Oh; Cobb: Darlene Fowinkle and Kristen Olsen; Conley: Amber Mitchell; Darryl Jones/LCSB: Marcus Nicolas; Dee Dee Rasmussen/LCSB: Ruth Feiock; Deerlake: Chris Chaback; DeSoto Trail: Michele Keltner and Fred Wollet; District: Shane Syfrett; Fairview: Cheryl Collier-Brown; FSU: Maria McIntyre; Gilchrist: Jennifer Weaver; Godby: Altovise Mitchell and Desmond Cole; Griffin: Rubye Graybill and Carolyn Hector-Hall; Hartsfield: Tyler Clark; Hawks Rise: Koulla Butler; Heritage Trails: Josette Capuano; Kate Sullivan: Lisa Neihaus; Killlearn Lakes: Kristine Gregory; LCVS: Jessica Lowe; LCTA/Pineview: Paula Percy; Lincoln: Jamie Remes; Nims: Calvin Hall and Jonathan Wilson; Oakridge: Antwan Cole and Dwanna Moore; Pineview: Danielle Hess and Jennifer Hirst; Raa: Valerie Scoon; Rickards: E. Melissa Cooper, Aretha McNeil and Johnitta Wells; Riley: Susan Walton; Roberts: Angela Tewfik; Sabal Palm: Regina Randolph-Hollis; Sail: Abigail Hansen; Sealey: Shayla Cole and Nena Parnell; Second Chance/LCJ: Bomani Mustapha; Springwood: Verne McLeod; Swift Creek: Michele Meyer; Richard Mospens

- II. **Excused:** Canopy Oaks: Karen Hood; Lively: Todd O'Neal; ACE: Noal Weiland; Montford: Dr. Robin Wood;

- III. **Guests:** LCSB: Rosanne Wood

- IV. **Welcome and Introductions:** Superintendent Hanna welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

- V. **Comments from Superintendent:** Superintendent Hanna said FSA testing was on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3. He said pep rallies were held at the schools and he was able to attend 8. He encouraged the teachers and students to stay motivated.

Superintendent Hanna said he had just left a meeting with Commissioner Corcoran. He said there was a good dialogue, however

Commissioner Corcoran expects to see public schools shrink from 200,000 to about 6,000. He said the Commissioner said every child in the lower social economic group would receive a voucher. He said they disagreed with “arming” teachers and non-instructional personnel. The Commissioner listen to the proposal regarding using DOE employees instead of “external operators” to assist those schools with a failing grade. Superintendent Hanna said he explained to Commissioner Corcoran that those students that are part of the 3rd grade retention adds to the lowering of school grades.

Superintendent Hanna said Commissioner was very adamant about his position on charter schools although those schools are not held to the same standards as public schools. While teachers must be certified at charter schools; administrators are not required to be certified.

- VI. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Johnitta Wells. Motion passed.

- VII. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown to approve the minutes with the correction to the spelling of Madeline Feiock’s name and seconded by Johnitta Wells. Motion passed.

- VIII. **Marketing Your School:** Rosanne Wood, Leon County School Board Chair (also one of the 2019 25 Women You Need to Know) thanked everyone for their service. She then asked each DAC member to download the app “Zillow”. She proceeded to illustrate how you can write reviews for your school. She did this by inputting a zip code and looking at available housing in the area which had reviews as to which schools are available and their rating from excellent to poor. She asked each DAC member to add a review about their school/s they represent. DAC member Johnitta Wells suggested each DAC member tell their SAC and ask those members to not only write a review but share with those in their various groups i.e. parents of the children in the various activities their children participate in. School Board Chair Wood said she is currently working with Leon County School Foundation and realtors to help boost school reviews.

- IX. **School Safety Updates:** Safety, Security & Emergency Management Chair, John Hunkiar gave an update on the safety and security measures currently be implemented, considered and presented to the School Board.

1. The School Board has approved “Mutual Link”. This allows every school employee to be notified in case of an emergency. There is a push/pull button to law enforcement with an open microphone to allow law enforcement to hear what is happening.
2. The \$1.2M funds given to enhance security was used to put law enforcement in each school. They’re currently working on security enhancements to Griffin Middle School, Fort Braden, Godby and Chiles high schools.
3. Working on placing “high quality” cameras in each high school parking area and a mass notification system.

He said the school board and law enforcement (local Sheriff’s Office) must agree on the implementation of the “guardian” program currently being proposed by the legislature.

Leon County schools constantly monitor the activities of calls involving threats to our schools. The 24/7 emergency # is 922-kids(5437). He also after the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman the legislation was passed requiring updates to the District’s safety policies. Revisions were made to the following policies: Policy 8405 – School Safety and Security; Policy 8407 – School Officers; Policy 8420 – Emergency Management, Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response Agencies.

A motion was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown to accept the policies and seconded by Fred Wollet. Motion passed

- X. **LCS Mental Health Plan and Vaping:** Dr. Alan Cox, Assistant Superintendent, School Management Services presented on vaping. He said HB 7026 provided for \$850K for mental health in Leon County.

He said vaping and mental health issues are prevalent in both our middle and high schools. Early assessment is very important. It allows for intervention and hopefully prevention. We currently have 1 mental health counselor for each middle and high school and 1 counselor for each 3 elementary school.

Vaping samples were presented for viewing. Vaping is an electronic cigarette and is very addictive. LCSB Policy 5512 addresses the disciplinary actions for the possession of vaping related devices. A video was shown on “vaping”. Goal is to get safe and drug free champions in each school.

- XI. **Nominating Committee:** Chair Dewanna Moore asked for nominations from the floor and presented the names from the 2019 DAC nominating

committee: Selika Sampson, Johnitta Wells, Antwan Cole and Jennifer Hirst presented the following names:

Chair – Cheryl Collier-Brown

Vice Chair – Dewanna Moore

Secretary – Verne McLeod

After some discussion between Roshanna Beard and Marcus Nicolas: Roshanna Beard nominated Marcus for Chair.

XII. **DAC Presentation Requests:** Superintendent Hanna shared a very heartwarming Facebook post written by the mother of a family with 5 adopted at risk students. She shared how she encouraged her kids to do their best even though she knew with their disabilities they would probably not receive a passing grade. She shared how the true worth of those kids could not be measured in “standardized” test. She gave praising reports regarding the teachers at the school her children attend. Superintendent Hanna said he would try to get the letter posted to the District’s website.

XIII. **SAC Questions:** None provided.

XIV. **Wrap Up on Issues:** None

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting – May 9, 2019.

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