



District Advisory Council (DAC) 2024-2025

Thursday, February 6, 2025

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	Rocky Hanna, Superintendent	
3.	Approval of Agenda	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Vote
4.	Approval of Minutes (January 2025)	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Vote
5.	Florida Civil Museum, INC (FCRM)	Delaitre Hollinger, Co-Executive Director Jacquelyn Perkins, Co-Executive Director	Information
6.	Florida Prepaid	Shannon Smith, Managing Director, Moore Company	Information
7.	Title IV	Christy Fulator, Coordinator	Information
8.	Legislative Committee Updates and Break out session	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Information
9.	SAC Questions	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Information
10.	Wrap up on Issue	Jaquelyn Steele, Chair	Information
	Adjourn		

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



Next meeting Thursday, March 6, 2025

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Thursday, January 9th, 2025
In-Person Meeting: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M

- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Jacquelyn Steele (Chair/ Conley), Kristen Hunter (Secretary/Sullivan), Scott Whittle (Parliamentary/District Staff/SAIL), Joanne Clark (ACE), Dr. Pam Hightower (Apalachee), Latasha Jones(Astoria Park), Linda Edson (Buck Lake/ Swift Creek), Daniel Zeruto (Buck Lake), Britannia Davidson (Canopy Oaks), Taita Scott (Deer Lake), Nathaniel Wiernert (DeSoto Trail), Brooke Brunner (Early Childhood), Dr. Karen Minert (ESE), Jane Floyd-Bullen (ACE-Transitions/Everhart), Cheryl Collier-Brown (Fairview), Mani Mayer (Fairview), Sophia Perkins (Hartsfield), Dr. Louis Dilbert (LCSB: Dr. Marcus Nicolas), Amanda Beavis (LCSB: Laurie Cox), Lucy White (LCSB: Laurie Cox), Marian Deadwiley (Leon), Sarah Latimer (Leon), Katie Crawley (LCVS), Shelly Green (Lincoln), Dr. Cassandra Poole (Nims), Sandra Alber (Oak Ridge), Ranae A. Vos (PACE), Gia Gallon (Pineview), Melissa E. Cooper (Rickards), Leah Hutchins (Riley), Joyous Booker (Riley), Brandi Andrews (Roberts), Laci Moore (Ruediger), Heather Daugherty (Ruediger), Victoria Burke (Sabal Palm), Glondetra Arnold (Sealey), Susan Jones (Springwood), Amy Alvis (Superintendent appointee: Special/GLC), Kerri Anderson (Superintendent appointee-Elementary), Dwan Knight (Woodville), Heather Pearce (Gilchrist).
- II. **District Members/Visitors:** Superintendent Rocky Hanna, Laurie Cox (Chair, LCSB), Dr. Michelle Gayle (Deputy Superintendent), Stacey Turknett (PICSS), Jamie Holleman (School Choice), April Knight (Title 1), Kathleen Malloy (Academic Services),
- III. **Excused Members:** Demaris Barrios (Vice-Chair/DeSoto Trail/Montford), Kristy Ward (ACE-Transitions), Jame Michael Sutherland (Canopy Oaks), Erica Stetler (Ft. Braden), Kelly Willis (Gilchrist), Katie Lyons (Hawks Rise), Lauren Brewer (Killearn Lakes), Scott Mazur (LCTA), Dr. Marcus Scott (RAA), Desmond Cole (Superintendent appointee- high schools/Godby)
- IV. **Special Guest:** Jessica Janasiewicz (Government Consultant), Sharon Ofani (Big Bend Crime Solvers), Brittany Knox (21st Century), Robin Thompson (Survive and Thrive),
- V. **Superintendent's Welcome:** Superintendent Hanna is very appreciative of all of the time and dedication that DAC members provide. He is looking forward to 2025 and all of the things it brings with it. Superintendent Hanna discussed bargaining with LESPA and LCTA. He stated that some of the items being discussed is parental leave, before and/or after school care for employees' children, and a sick leave buyback program before retirement.
- VI. **Approval of Agenda:** The motion to approve the January 2025 agenda was made my Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Scott Whittle. The motion was unanimously approved.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes:** The motion to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Scott Whittle. The motion was unanimously approved.
- VIII. **Policy updates:** None

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- IX. Legislative Overview:** Jessica Janasiewicz, Government Consultant, discussed potential legislative discussions and topics. Some important dates to remember- interim committee meetings held December-February, the Governor's budget recommendation will be released February 2nd, first day of session is March 4th, and the session will end on May 2nd. The Department of Education's legislative budget request is to increase the base student allocation by 50 per weighted FTE student. There is a forecasted increase in student enrollment of 51,423.38. Of that number, 9,350.38 are expected to enroll in district operated or district charter schools. The other 42,073 students are forecasted to enroll in scholarship or voucher programs. The Florida education finance program was restructured in order to create a scholarship student funding category. The 2025 Senate's priorities include economy, education, storm recovery, and insurance. The 2025's House's priorities include creating a state budget that should value "value" and the DBPR reshuffle. The Governor's priorities will not formally be announced for policy or budget until closer to the session. The 2025 potential education policy issues include deregulation, school safety, "rural renaissance" (money and resources directed towards rural counties), career and technical education growth, student absenteeism, and retirement issues.
- X. Big Bend Crime Solvers Program:** Sharon Ofani presented- The Big Bend Crime Solvers is the same organization as Big Bend Crime Stoppers, they just renamed. They are not a part of law enforcement; they partner with law enforcement to solve crimes. Big Bend Crime Solvers are trying to partner with students in the school system, as well as, the parents, guardians, and family members of the students. With this program, you are anonymous and can potentially earn a reward. Big Bend Crime Solvers receive over 100 tips a month. Once the tip is processed through the system, law enforcement goes back into the system and marks if the tip led to an arrest or not. The tipper can receive an award between \$500 and \$5,000 depending on the crime. Big Bend Crime Solvers has given out awards in the \$2,500 and \$5,000 range on multiple occasions. To help, please remind others that it is okay to report crime, even anonymously. If you do not want to be anonymous, please call law enforcement agencies. Make the commitment to spread the word! 850-574-TIPS
- XI. Human Trafficking:** Robin Hassler Thompson from the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC) presented. You can reach the center at 850-597-2080 or stac@surviveandthriveadvocacy.org. January is Human Trafficking Prevention month. STAC has assisted over 250 survivors in Leon County. Very often the victim is targeted by someone they are familiar with. One of the top places our youth is targeted, is online. The STAC website has a lot of learning opportunities for those trying to further their knowledge of this topic. Dr. Gayle is leading an educational training on January 22nd at STAC, where lunch will be provided, the training is 11:30-1:30. Their website includes information on how human trafficking can affect anyone, signs of human trafficking, how to talk to youth about human trafficking, and having continued conversations with youth about human trafficking.

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- XII. 21st Century Programs:** Brooke Brunner presented. These programs are funded through Title Four-Part B of a federal grant, which is a competitive grant. Fourteen of our district schools use this money. The purpose is to prove a well-rounded after school and summer program that focuses on enrichment and providing opportunities that students may not otherwise have. Enrichment such as music, drama, visual arts, team sports, and financial literacy through local organizations. This program is open to students grades K-12 at participating schools within the district. 21st Century Programs prioritizes students who need academic support or have limited access to extracurricular activities. This is a free program, supervised by a qualified staff. Supper is included through our Nutrition Services Department free of charge to participating students. The program's goals are to increase academic achievement, provide engaging and hands-on learning experiences, encourage active participation by families in their children's education, and foster life skills and social-emotional development. The program requires one hour of tutoring each day which is provided by a certified teacher. The program runs Monday through Friday from the time school ends until 6 PM and follows the school year calendar. The summer program runs between 400-800 hours, which varies by school, Monday through Thursday. The Leon County Schools included in this program are: Elementary Schools- Apalachee, Astoria Park, Bond, Hartsfield, Oak Ridge, Riley, Ruediger, Sabal Palm, and Springwood. Middle Schools- Fairview, Griffin, and Nims. High School- Godby and Rickards.
- XIII. DAC Legislative Platform:** A Zoom link will be sent to committee members. A teacher and administration feedback form will be created and dispersed as well.
- XIV. S.A.C. Questions:** If your school is struggling to have parent involvement at SAC and/or PTO meetings, include a zoom link for those who are not able to leave work or may not have someone to watch their children. Schools that have implemented this option have reported an increase in parent participation.
- XV. Wrap-Up:**
- The Tallahassee Irish Step Dancers are performing The Snow Queen on Thursday, January 23rd and Friday, January 24th at 7:30 pm. For tickets and more information visit tallahasseeirishstepdancers.com/snowqueen
 - The DJ Demp Foundation presented Demp Week 2025, an Anti-Bully Rally, on Saturday, January 11th from 12pm-3pm at The Moon located at 1105 E. Lafayette St. This is a free community event!
 - Leon County Schools, School Choice program runs January 8th-March 1st on Focus. If you have questions after visiting the Leon County Schools website, please email schoolchoice@leonschools.net
 - A Period Product Supply Drive will occur in Tallahassee-Leon County from January 13-January 31st at various locations and will wrap up with a Community Wide "Stuff the Truck" event on January 31st from 7:30 am-5:30pm. Collection sites include the Children's

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Home Society, FAMU Campus (College of Pharmacy, Housing Offices, Free the Period at FAMU, & School of Allied Health Sciences), FSU Campus (Alliance for Black Women, College of Communication & Information, Sorority Houses, College of Social Work, & Women's Student Union), Junior League of Tallahassee, Oasis Center for Women & Girls, United Faculty of Florida, and Willing Hearts Creative Counseling. The Stuff the Truck event will be held on Friday, January 31st from 7:30pm-5:30pm in the St. Johns Episcopal Church parking lot at the corner of Call and Gadsden – look for the Second Harvest Truck)

XVI. Adjourn: 7:45 pm

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