

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

- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Adult & Community Education: Edna Walker and Noal Weiland; Buck Lake: Lindsey Prato and Selika Sampson; Chiles: Chris Chaback; Cobb: Darlene Fowinkle; Darryl Jones/LCSB Rep: Christic Henry and Marcus Nicolas; Deerlake: Chris Chaback; DeSoto Trail: Damaris Barrios; ESE: Amanda Moore; Fairview: Cheryl Collier-Brown; FSU: Joi Phillips; Gilchrist: Katherine Bowman; Godby: Desmond Cole; Kate Sullivan: Lisa Neihaus; Killearn Lakes: Kristal Gregory; LCVS/Success: Jessica Lowe; Leon: Kirsten Olsen-Doolan; Lincoln: Jamie Remes; Montford: Keith Berry; Pineview: Ida Walker; Raa: Shayla Cole; Rickards: E. Melissa Cooper and Johnitta Wells; Roberts: Adam Roberts; Sabal Palm: Regina Randolph-Hollis; Sail: Elizabeth Rogers and Jude Countryman; Sealey: Shayla Cole and Nena Parnell; Springwood: Verne McLeod; Swift Creek: Selika Sampson; W.T. Moore: Melanie Phillips;

- II. **Excused:** Apalachee: Roshanna Beard; Chiles: Joe Burgess; Dee Dee Rasmussen/LCSB: Ruth Feiock; DeSoto Trail: Michele Keltner; ESE: Judith Husband; Gretchen-Everhart: Judy Jecko; Hawks Rise: Koulla Butler; Pineview: Jennifer Hirst; Roberts: Angela Tewfik; Swift Creek: Michele Meyer;

- III. **Guests:** LCS: Tonja Fitzgerald and Monique Duncan-Moore; LCTA: Joy Lewis and Jamarr Atkins; Leon County Outreach Specialist: Susie Caplowe;

- IV. **Welcome and Introductions:** Dr. Michelle Gayle opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the group that Superintendent Hanna had another event and would not be attending this meeting. Dr. Gayle had everyone stand and introduce themselves. She said Dee Dee Rasmussen is the new School Board chair.

- V. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Selika Sampson. Motion passed.

- VI. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Adam Roberts. Motion passed.
- VII. **Sharing Tree:** Carly Sinnadurai gave an overview of the Sharing Tree. She said school supplies that were donated were made available to teachers. The goal is to create a children's museum with a creative play lab. Currently the sharing tree has pre-school and after school classes. The facility may be rented for parties. The store has a gift shop with a focus on art supplies. There will be a New Year's Eve party for children from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The store is located at 218 Third Avenue.
- VIII. **Voter Pre-Registration:** Susie Caplowe and Monique Duncan-Jones from the Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office stated there is a coordinated effort between the Supervisor of Elections Office and the District to go into the schools to register students ages 16, 17 and 18 the day after Martin Luther King Day (January 21). Students will need to have a valid ID either a Driver's License or the last four of their social security number. Volunteers will be needed to assist and training will be provided. She asked the DAC members to get the word out to their schools that volunteers are needed.
- IX. **Day of Action – January 13, 2020:** Joycelyn Lewis VP for Leon Classroom Teachers Association and Jamarr Atkins said January 13, 2020 will be a day to make your voices heard. She said a community conservation was held on October regarding what they would like to see/have in the public schools and that they would like all students to have equal education. This event will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the state capitol.
- X. **New Policy 5330.03 and Policy 7230:** Dr. Gayle presented the new Use of Medical Marijuana by Qualified Students – Policy # 5330.03 (mandated by FL Department of Education) which states that schools must provide space for qualified students to receive this medication. The motion to accept the policy was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Verne McLeod. Motion passed. The policy will be advertised on December 10 and become effective on January 15, 2020.

Policy 7230 – Gifts to the School District which allows the school site administrator to accept donations up to \$5,000. The motion to accept the policy was made by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Verne McLeod. Motion passed.

- XI. **Recent Required Instruction from FL DOE:** Tonja Fitzgerald presented three implementation plans for the required mandated mental education. Grades 6-12 are required to have 5 hours of mental and emotional education and it must be tied to a subject area. All grade levels must have substance use and abuse education which again must be tied to a subject area. All grade levels must have child trafficking education and awareness.

Elementary schools typically hold events such as Red Ribbon week or Too Good for Drugs. Options such as Everfi is available for secondary schools. Information is available on the FL DOE website (<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/healthy-schools/human-trafficking.shtml>) for human trafficking.

- XII. **Advancing Racial Equity in Education Community Conversation:** Dr. Gayle said a community conversation will be held on December 11 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Walker-Ford Community Center. Dr. Henry Lewis will be the facilitator. Superintendent Hanna as well as several Principals from Sabal Palm, Oakridge and Pineview will be in attendance. Sponsors include LCS, City of Tallahassee, TPD, Leon County Sheriff Office and Whole Child Leon.

- XIII. **SAC Questions:** None

- XIV. **Wrap Up on Issues:** Dr. Gayle reminded the DAC members to share the information received at the meetings with their schools.

Adjournment: 7:47 p.m.

Next meeting – January 9, 2020.

