

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

District Advisory Council

October 17, 2018



Mission Statement: The District Advisory Council, in cooperation with the Lee County School Board, will gather information and seek input from the schools and the community at large in an effort to advise the Board and develop recommendations for constant improvement of our educational system.

Call to Order/Minutes

Mrs. Cyndee Crosby, Chairperson, welcomed the audience and called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Mr. Andy Erickson, Vice Chairperson, made a motion to accept the September 12, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cedric Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment (Non-DAC Members – Agenda Items)

None

Board Update

Ms. Mary Fischer welcomed the council members and expressed her appreciation for giving their time and dedication to represent their schools. Ms. Fischer reminded the audience of the upcoming election and encouraged them to exercise their right to vote. She shared information about the School Board Student Advisory Committee, as well as the Board Workshop and Action Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2018. Ms. Fischer invited the District Advisory Council to attend the meetings or to view them on YouTube. Ms. Fischer stated that the Board will be having a discussion regarding their Legislative Priorities and how legislation and lack of funding impact our schools.

DAC Organizational Structure and Elections

Mrs. Cyndee Crosby explained the responsibilities of the District Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair. Mrs. Crosby called for nominations for each position. Mr. Scott Hertz was nominated for Chair, there was no opposition. Mr. Andy Erickson and Mr. Cedric Hall were nominated for Vice Chair. Each nominee was given the opportunity to address the District Advisory Council. Voting commenced and results were announced after the presentations.

Student Enrollment/Assignment Plan Presentation

Mrs. Soretta Ralph, Executive Director, Student Enrollment, discussed the recommendations for the Student Enrollment Plan for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Department Name Change – from Student Assignment to Student Enrollment.
- Reorder of the Plan - made the plan easier to read and understand.
- Sub-Zone Attractors – allow students who are in the E-1 Sub-Zone to attend Island Coast High School and students in S-1 Sub-Zone to attend James Stephens International Academy.

- Pilot Kindergarten Pre-Registration - enrollment will begin October 22, 2018 and end November 30, 2018. After students are enrolled, families will be allowed to make their school choice on-line.
- Eligibility Pool (wait list) – will be dropped back from 15 days to 10 days. Elementary students who receive their 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice will not go on the Eligibility Pool, but parent(s) will have the opportunity to submit a waiver if they wish to make a change.
- Employee Waivers – make them the same for all employees.

Mrs. Ralph mentioned that Dr. Carlin and Dr. Creel are working on supports for our before and after care school programs.

The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Academic Update Presentation

Dr. Wanda Creel, Chief Academic Officer, shared achievement gains that have been made in our schools and discussed some of the tiered supports the District is providing. Dr. Creel stated that our student population is continuing to increase with English language learners and it takes a longer amount of time to impact reading and language skills. Dr. Creel discussed school grades for 2018 and stated that 27 schools received a grade of an “A;” 26 received a “B;” 41 received a “C;” and one school received a grade of “D,” which places it in differentiated accountability (DA) status.

Dr. Creel discussed instructional planning and the rigor of the instruction that is being provided. Dr. Creel stated that the instructional planning aligns with the Standards for which our students are being held accountable.

A brief question and answer session followed the presentation.

Public Comment* (Non-DAC Members *Non-Agenda Items)

None

Election Announcement

Mrs. Cyndee Crosby announced Mr. Scott Hertz as the new District Advisory Council Chairperson and Mr. Cedric Hall as the new District Advisory Council Vice Chairperson.

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Dr. Denise Carlin thanked Mrs. Cyndee Crosby for the phenomenal job she has done as DAC Chairperson.

Adjournment

Mrs. Crosby called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Scott Hertz made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and it was seconded by Ms. Joan Downen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Thank You to the following schools for having representation at this DAC meeting:

Elementary Schools: Allen Park Elementary School, Bayshore Elementary School, Caloosa Elementary School, Cape Elementary School, Colonial Elementary School, Diplomat Elementary School, Edgewood Academy, Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School, Fort Myers Beach Elementary School, Franklin Park Elementary School, G. Weaver Hipps Elementary School, Gateway Elementary School, Gulf Elementary School, Hancock Creek Elementary School, Hector A. Cafferata Jr. Elementary School, Heights Elementary School, James Stephens International Academy, J. Colin English Elementary School, Lehigh Acres Elementary School, Manatee Elementary School, Mirror Lakes Elementary School, Orange River Elementary School, Orangewood Elementary School, Patriot Elementary School, Pelican Elementary School, Pine Island Elementary School, Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School, Rayma C. Page Elementary School, River Hall Elementary School, San Carlos Park Elementary School, Skyline Elementary School, Spring Creek Elementary School, Sunshine Elementary School, Tice Elementary School, Tortuga Preserve Elementary School, Tropic Isles Elementary School, and Villas Elementary School

Middle Schools: Caloosa Middle School, Challenger Middle School, Cypress Lake Middle School, Diplomat Middle School, Gulf Middle School, Lehigh Acres Middle School, Lexington Middle School, The Alva School, The Sanibel School, Three Oaks Middle School, Trafalgar Middle School, Varsity Lakes Middle School, and Veterans Park Academy for the Arts

High Schools: Cypress Lake High School, Dunbar High School, East Lee County High School, Estero High School, Fort Myers High School, Ida S. Baker High School, Island Coast High School, Mariner High School, North Fort Myers High School, and South Fort Myers High School

Special Schools: Buckingham Exceptional Center, Cape Coral Technical College, DJJ Sites, Fort Myers Technical College, LAMP, Royal Palm Exceptional Center, Success Academy, and Lee Virtual School

Principal Liaison: Chris Siebenaler, Elementary School; Mary Blackmon, Middle School; and Dr. Ruthie Lohmeyer, High School

School Board Liaison: Mrs. Mary Fischer

Staff Liaison: Dr. Denise Carlin, Director, Strategic Planning and Community Engagement

Presenters: Mrs. Soretta Ralph, Executive Director, Student Enrollment; Dr. Wanda Creel, Chief Academic Officer

Guests: Kelli Stumpf, Mirror Lakes Elementary School; Lori Ramey, Littleton Elementary School; Jim Perry, Trafalgar Elementary School; and Laurie Smiley, Virtual School

Schools not represented at this DAC meeting:

Elementary Schools: Bonita Springs Elementary School, Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School, Harns Marsh Elementary School, Pinewoods Elementary School, Tanglewood Elementary School, Three Oaks Elementary School, Trafalgar Elementary School, and Treeline Elementary School

Middle Schools: Bonita Springs Middle School, Fort Myers Middle Academy, Harns Marsh Middle School, Mariner Middle School, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, Oak Hammock Middle School, and Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School (excused)

High Schools: Bonita Springs High School, Cape Coral High School, Lehigh Acres Senior High School and Riverdale High School (excused)

Special Schools: Dunbar Community School

The next meeting of the District Advisory Council is scheduled for November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida.

Presentation: Student Services – Focus on Mental Health

Mary Reider, Recording Secretary

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