



Pending Approval 4/29/2019

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

District Advisory Council (DAC) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019

Committee Members Present: Cedric Hall, Andy Erickson, Darina Cammarato, Casey McConnell, Joan Downen, Gena Gossett, and Stephanie Chervoni

Committee Members Absent: Scott Hertz (excused)

Board Member: Mrs. Gwynetta Gittens

Staff Liaison: Dr. Denise Carlin

Recording Secretary: Cassandra Bishop

Guests: N/A

Call to Order/Welcome

Vice Chairman Cedric Hall welcomed committee members and called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Review of DAC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Cedric Hall asked for a review and approval of the February 25, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Andy Erickson made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, which was seconded by Stephanie Chervoni. All in favor, the motion carried.

New Business

Mary Lynn Rodriguez, Coordinator, Student Services shared data regarding Lee County students who vape. The committee discussed the proposal to have the topic of vaping as April's meeting topic, along with a presentation by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Andy Erickson made a motion to accept Vaping and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion as the

presentations for the April 17, 2019 District Advisory Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Joan Downen. All in favor, motion carried.

The committee discussed the Legislative Update presentation for May's meeting. The committee would also like Dr. Adkins to give a brief Year-End Review during the May meeting, with a full presentation during the September, 2019 meeting.

Joan Downen made a motion to accept the topic of Legislative Update and Year-End Review as the presentations for the May 17, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Casey McConnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Confirmation of Agenda for Next DAC Meeting

The Executive District Advisory Committee confirmed the following agenda for the April 17, 2019 District Advisory Council Meeting:

- I. Call to Order/Welcome
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2019
- III. Public Comment (*Non-DAC Members-Agenda Items*)
- IV. Board Update
- V. Office of Diversity and Inclusion Presentation
- VI. Vaping Presentation
- VII. Breakout Groups
- VIII. Breakout Groups Report Out
- IX. Public Comment (*Non-DAC Members-Non-Agenda Items*)
- X. Good of the Order
- XI. Adjournment

Joan Downen made a motion to accept the April 17, 2019 agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chervoni. All in favor, motion carried.

The committee discussed topics for the FY20 school year. The committee agreed to discuss the proposed meeting topics at the April 29, 2019 Executive District Advisory Committee. The topics discussed are below:

- FGCU Innovation School
- Restorative Practices
- Career Academies, including the new school
- Capital Projects' Update, including sales tax proceeds' usage
- Nutrition
- Career Ladder
- Title I Parent Involvement Subcommittee

Good of the Order

Executive District Advisory Committee member Stephanie Chervoni asked why all textbooks haven't been phased out. This question was also posed during the February 20, 2019 District Advisory Committee Meeting. Below is the question and the response provided by Karen Babor, Coordinator, Instructional Technology/Instructional Materials.

Q. Why haven't textbooks been fully replaced by digital textbooks across the district? This is very inconsistent, as some students have 15 lb. backpacks and some only have Chromebooks and a binder.

A. During the adoption process, our Textbook Adoption committee members provided a recommendation on how the course material should be delivered. They had a choice of print and digital, class sets and digital, or digital only. With some adoptions, the committee has recommended digital only, such as for our High School Social Studies courses and our High School Earth Space Science, Marine Science, Physics, and Chemistry courses. Other adoption committees have recommended class sets and digital, such as for our Middle School Science, Biology, and Environmental Science courses. Typically, elementary committees recommended print and digital for every student, since only some of the elementary classes have 1:1 devices.

During the math adoption process in October, our math committees recommended print and digital textbooks for all students. They felt that, with math, it was important that students have the print and consumable materials as well as having access to the digital resources provided on the platforms.

We have always tried to honor our committee's recommendations, but due to cost, sometimes we are unable to do so. For example, for our science implementation, we only purchased print for students and digital for teachers. We try to meet the needs of our teachers and students in the best way possible within the budget we receive from the State. Answer provided by Karen Babor, Coordinator, Instructional Technology/Instructional Materials

Dr. Carlin, Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Community Engagement invited committee members to attend upcoming Independent Sales Surtax Oversight Committee (ISSOC) meetings to hear how the district is utilizing sales tax funds. All ISSOC meetings are held in the Board Room from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the remaining meeting dates are indicated below:

- June 21, 2019
- September 26, 2019
- December 19, 2019

Adjournment

The Executive District Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m., with a motion made by Joan Downen and seconded by Stephanie Chervoni. All in favor, the motion carried.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for April 29, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., in the Academic Services Conference Room (West Wing) of the Lee County Public Education Center (LCPEC), located at 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966.