

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*District Advisory Council*

*March 13, 2019*



*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.*

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**Call to Order/Minutes**

Mr. Scott Hertz, Chairperson, welcomed the DAC Members and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Cedric Hall made a motion to accept the February 20, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Donate Cioffi. The motion carried unanimously.

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

None

**Board Update**

Board Chair Gwynetta Gittens addressed the current and ongoing teacher salary issue, and stated the Board is working with district staff and TALC on the issue. Mrs. Gittens recently attended an affordable housing committee meeting, and she stated there is still a large need for affordable housing in Lee County. Mrs. Gittens stated that affordable housing is also a main driver in the current teacher shortage, as there are not enough affordable places for teachers to live.

Mrs. Gittens discussed the upcoming March 14, 2019 Board Workshop. The main agenda item is transparency, and what does transparency look like for the Board, district staff, parents, students, and community members.

Mrs. Gittens mentioned that the Board is requesting a Safety and Security Board Workshop for the early part of April, 2019. The Board will be inviting the Cape Coral Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office to join them for this workshop.

**Inclusion Presentation**

Jessica Duncan, Director, Exceptional Student Education introduced Theresa Bowen, Assistant Director, Exceptional Student Education, Amy Burke, Susan Ellinger, Robin Frink, Amy McLean, Deidre Phillips, and Lori Witt, Coordinators, Exceptional Student Education, Lisa Flannery and Rachel Taylor, Learning Resource Specialists, and Tressa Duncan, Florida Inclusion Network Specialist. They presented an update on Inclusion and answered questions from committee members.

The presenters shared a video of a student using Access Points. To view the video, please click on the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19CHtIHmszn03258dhS-80nc-8lyhA854tXmIvUkkOV0/edit?pli=1#slide=id.g51d54e3fae\\_0\\_144](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19CHtIHmszn03258dhS-80nc-8lyhA854tXmIvUkkOV0/edit?pli=1#slide=id.g51d54e3fae_0_144)

During the meeting, the District Advisory Committee requested the current district-level Best Practices for Inclusive Education (BPIE) assessment for Lee County. Attached please find the requested documents. All of the school-level BPIEs will not be fully completed until the end of the FY19 school year. If you would like to see a particular school's BPIE, please contact Tressa Duncan, the Florida Inclusion Network Specialist at [TressaKD@leeschools.net](mailto:TressaKD@leeschools.net) or at 239-337-8306. The specific indicators that are addressed on the School BPIE are attached and may be found here along with other resources related to the assessment: <http://www.floridainclusionnetwork.com/school-bpie/>.

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

None

### **Good of the Order**

None

### **Adjournment**

Andy Erickson made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. and it was seconded by Stephanie Chervoni. The motion was carried unanimously.

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### **Thank you to the following schools for having representation at this DAC meeting:**

**Elementary Schools:** Allen Park Elementary School, Bonita Springs Elementary School, Cape Elementary School, Colonial Elementary School, Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School, Edgewood Elementary School, Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School, Fort Myers Beach Elementary School, Franklin Park Elementary School, G. Weaver Hipps Elementary School, Gateway Elementary School, Hancock Creek Elementary School, Hector A. Cafferata Jr. Elementary School, James Stephens International Academy, J. Colin English Elementary School, Lehigh Acres Elementary School, Manatee Elementary School, Orangewood Elementary School, Patriot Elementary School, Pelican Elementary School, Pine Island Elementary School, Pinewoods Elementary School, Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School, Rayma C. Page Elementary School, San Carlos Park Elementary School, Skyline Elementary School, Spring Creek Elementary School, Sunshine Elementary School, Tanglewood Elementary School, Tice Elementary School, Tortuga Preserve Elementary School, Trafalgar Elementary School, Tropic Isles Elementary School, and Villas Elementary School

**Middle Schools:** Bonita Springs Middle School, Challenger Middle School, Cypress Lake Middle School, Diplomat Middle School, Gulf Middle School, Harns Marsh Middle School, Lehigh Acres Middle School, Lexington Middle School, Mariner Middle School, Oak Hammock Middle School, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School, The Alva School, The Sanibel School, Three Oaks Middle School, Trafalgar Middle School, and Veterans Park Academy for the Arts

**High Schools:** Bonita Springs High School, Cape Coral High School, Cypress Lake High School, Dunbar High School, East Lee County High School, Estero High School, Fort Myers High School, Ida S. Baker High School, Mariner High School, and South Fort Myers High School

**Special Schools:** Buckingham Exceptional Center, Cape Coral Technical College, DJJ Sites, Dunbar Community School, Fort Myers Technical College, and Royal Palm Exceptional Center

**Principal Liaisons:** Christine Siebenaler, Elementary School, Mary Blackmon, Middle School (excused),

and Dr. Ruthie Lohmeyer, High School

**School Board Liaison:** Mrs. Gwynetta Gittens

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

**Presenters:** Jessica Duncan, Director, Exceptional Student Education, Theresa Bowen, Assistant Director, Exceptional Student Education, Amy Burke, Susan Ellinger, Robin Frink, Amy McLean, Deidre Phillips, and Lori Witt, Coordinators, Exceptional Student Education, Lisa Flannery and Rachel Taylor, Learning Resource Specialists, and Tressa Duncan, Florida Inclusion Network Specialist. Specialist

**Guests:** N/A

**Schools not represented at this DAC meeting:**

**Elementary Schools:** Bayshore Elementary School, Caloosa Elementary School, Diplomat Elementary School, Gulf Elementary School, Harns Marsh Elementary School, Heights Elementary School, Mirror Lakes Elementary School, Orange River Elementary School (excused), River Hall Elementary School, Three Oaks Elementary School, and Treeline Elementary School

**Middle Schools:** Caloosa Middle School, Fort Myers Middle Academy, Harns Marsh Middle School (excused) and North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts

**High Schools:** Island Coast High School, Lehigh Senior High School, North Fort Myers High School, and Riverdale High School

**Special Schools:** Lamp, Success Academy, and Lee Virtual School

The next meeting of the **District Advisory Council** is scheduled for April 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida.

**Presentation:** TBA

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Cassandra Bishop, Recording Secretary

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