

District Advisory Committee
March 4, 2020
Minutes

Opening

Chairman Angela Kopnicky called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Dr. Scott Fritz, superintendent; Ms. Rachel Hazel, chief academic officer; Ms. Kelly Amy, manager, strategic partnership; Ms. Anna Donaldson, director, sports marketing & partnerships; Ms. Dianne Martin-Morgan, coordinator, school social services; Ms. Debbie Fisher, coordinator, health services; and Ms. Kelly Schulz, director, community information were all in attendance.

February minutes were unanimously approved. Nominating committee was selected and will be reaching out to DAC members this month. Two items on the bylaws were voted on to make small revisions. Both votes passed and the revisions have been made on the bylaws that can be viewed on the web.

The two revisions were:

1. The first item presented was Article III: Membership item B. It reads:
Membership appointments shall be made prior to the first DAC meeting of the school year, *with attempts to make appointments prior to July 15*. A vote passed removing the: with attempts to make appointments prior to July 15. It is difficult to obtain the DAC member before July 15 because schools generally wait until after their first SAC meeting to choose their DAC member.
2. The second item approved was Article V: Officers; and it reads: The chairman shall preside at all District Advisory Committee meetings. The chairman will present an annual report to the school *board in early spring*. A vote passed to remove: in early spring. An annual report will still be presented to school board members after all meetings are completed.

eCare

Ms. Kelly Amy, manager, strategic partnership, Ms. Anna Donaldson, director, sports marketing & partnerships, Ms. Dianne Martin-Morgan, coordinator, school social services, and Ms. Debbie Fisher, coordinator, health services, gave a [PowerPoint presentation](#) on eCare. eCare is a convenient option for a face-to-face video appointment with a board-certified physician or nurse practitioner through a smartphone or tablet. There was discussion on how it works and how to get the word out on how beneficial it is to students and families. Contact information to all of the speakers are listed in the PowerPoint.

Kindergarten Roundup

Ms. Rachel Hazel, chief academic officer, shared information regarding an upcoming event called Kindergarten Roundup. Kindergarten Roundup will information such as registration process, kindergarten curriculum and expectations. The first 50 students at

each location will receive a free backpack. West Side Location will be at Heritage Middle, Media Center, April 9 at 5:30 – 7. East Side Location will be at Mainland High, media center, April 14 at 5:30 – 7 p.m. For more information call Sheila Rees at 386-255-6475, ext. 44740.

Superintendent's comments

Dr. Fritz, superintendent, spoke about the strategic plan and corona virus.

- Strategic plan- a strategic plan with accountability is in the process of being created. This plan will be measured by the superintendent twice a semester and presented to the board twice a year. A company called Deliver-Ed who specializes in strategic plans or school districts have been hired to help VCS with a strategic plan.
- Dr. Fritz has met with 27 focus groups and will be meeting with more in the future. The focus groups are being asked the same questions that were presented at a previous DAC meeting. Data collected will be shared with school board members.
- Corona virus - Dr. Fritz shared information he received from Florida Health Department and FDOE. Anyone traveling to areas identified as high-risk for coronavirus are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days after returning from these locations. If our families, students or staff members return from one of these locations and experience flu-like symptoms, it's recommended that they see a doctor and contact the health department.

School Successes

The information below was provided by Linda Witherwax regarding VCCPTA awards and scholarship opportunities:

FL PTA State Reflections:

The winners of the Volusia County Council of PTAs Reflections program were sent on to Florida PTA for participation in the State level of the Reflections program. We are very excited to report that Volusia County had 3 students win at the State level:

- Audrey Brown – Tomoka Elementary PTA rec'd the Merit award in Dance Choreography - Intermediate (gr 3-5) level
- Kaitlyn Epp – Ormond Beach Middle PTSA rec'd the Merit award in Literature - Middle (gr 6-8) level
- Juliana Perrino – Citrus Grove Elem PTA rec'd the Merit award in Photography - Intermediate (gr 3-5) level

Congratulations and a huge thank you to all who participated!

Reminder about Awards:

There are several awards for PTAs/PTSAs and a scholarship for HS students available through County Council – such as Outstanding PTA/PTSA Program, PTA/PTSA President of the Year, Principal of the Year, and a few others. Please check us out on the district website under “Community > Information Services > Volusia County Council PTA.” Applications are due by April 3rd.

In addition, there is a plethora of awards available through Florida PTA – such as numerous Membership Awards, an Advocacy Award, Literacy Award, All Children Are Our Children Award, Outstanding Administrator Award, several PTSA and student awards, Presidents and Honorary awards. Information and online applications are on the Florida PTA website (floridapta.org) under ‘PTA Leader > Awards.’ Applications are due by May 1st.

For PTAs/PTSAs to qualify for an award, remember that all compliance requirements must be fulfilled prior to submitting your application. Please reach out to your County Council PTA Area Coordinator if you have any questions.

Kim Short shared with DAC members information regarding an upcoming event. The viewing of a documentary call *Backpack Full of Cash*, narrated by Matt Damon is taking place on April 20 at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at 6:30 p.m. *Backpack Full of Cash* is a film exploring the real cost of privatizing America’s public schools. This event is free.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, April 1**, 5:15 p.m. at Mainland High.