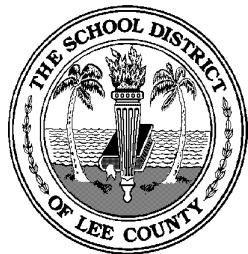


THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*District Advisory Council
January 15, 2020*



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 to advise the Board and develop recommendations for constant improvement of our educational system.

Call to Order/Minutes

Mr. Scott Hertz, Chairperson, welcomed the DAC Members and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Lexa Donnelly motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 20, 2019. Motion was seconded by Dante Ciolfi. The motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment (Non-DAC Members–Agenda Items)

None

Board Update

Ms. Mary Fischer spoke about her recent experience substituting a 7th grade Civics class. She expressed her respect and appreciation for all the hard work our teachers do. She also updated DAC members on the two new schools in progress, Gateway Highschool and Middle school and the Educational facilities plan that was approved for 2020-2039.

Capital Projects Update Presentation

Dr. Ami Desamours, Kathie Ebaugh and Dominic Gemelli shared a presentation updating DAC members on Capital Projects.

Questions submitted on cards/Answers from Administration

1. With all the construction activity, is there an opportunity for some of that work to be done by our High School students as part of their vocational technology programs? **We are certainly willing to ask our construction partners what type of safety/liability exposure would need to be addressed with this type of idea (IE: OSHA, etc.). Additionally, policies would need to be in place in the event of accidental injury, etc. If there are maintenance projects that are only addressed with internal staff (non-General Contracting) then students potentially could job-shadow (or apprenticeship-style engagement) but all of this would have to be researched from an insurance/risk-management standpoint first.** Answer provide by: Ken Savage; Chief Operations Officer
2. Will the District eve build tennis courts for the teams (Varsity Boys and Girls? To host events/matches and be able to practice? Could IBHS and Oasis High share a facility of tennis courts Currently IBHS has to use Gulf Middle’s 3 courts to practice and those courts are not maintained well. **Schools are strongly encouraged to submit facility improvement requests (such as adding additional athletic courts/fields, among many other types or requests) and the requisite justification as part of our Annual Capital Improvement Process (CIP). These requests are then evaluated against other competing facility improvement requests for the available funds to be planned out over a 5 year build plan. This would be an example of a reasonable request that could be initiated from IBHS or others.** Answer provide by: Ken Savage; Chief Operations Officer

3. Do they have plans to update the District Web page? I think it was last updated 2 years ago. **We are not looking at redesigning the website at this time. We did just do it two years ago, and I believe it has been done several times over the last few years. We are working to maintain consistency and would like to use our current site as best as we can to communicate with our stakeholders.** Answer provide by: Irma Lancaster; Director Communications

Questions Submitted From Breakout Sessions

None- all questions were answered at time of breakout.

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

None

Good of the Order

Chairperson Scott Hertz mentioned attending the Board Advisory Chair Quarterly meeting with Superintendent Dr. Adkins. One of the topics for concern was the quality and quantity of communication provided from schools. It was suggested the Lead Principal program to assist schools.

Adjournment

Scott Hertz called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 7:25p was made by Amy McWilliam and seconded by Lexa Donnelly. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Elementary Schools: Bayshore Elementary, Cape Coral Elementary, Colonial Elementary, Diplomat Elementary, Edgewood Academy, Gateway Elementary, Gulf Elementary, James Stephens International Academy, Lehigh Acres Elementary, Littleton Elementary, Manatee Elementary, Mirror Lakes Elementary, Orange River Elementary, Orangewood Elementary, Pine Island Elementary, Ray V. Pottorf Elementary, Rayma C. Page Elementary, San Carlos Sunshine Elementary, Tanglewood Elementary, Pinewoods Elementary, Trafalgar Elementary, Villas Elementary and Tice Elementary

Middle Schools: Bonita Springs Middle, Caloosa Middle, Challenger Middle, Diplomat Middle, Gulf Middle, Harns Marsh Middle, Leigh Acres Middle, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, Oak Hammock Middle School, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle and Veteran's Park Academy for the Arts

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

Principal Liaisons: Dana Berry, Ruthie Lohmeyer and Chris Siebenaler

Special Schools: Buckingham Exceptional Center, DJJ, Fort Myers Technical College, LAMP and Virtual Schools

School Board Liaison: Ms. Mary Fischer and Ms. Chris Patricca

Staff Liaison: Dr. Jeff Spiro, Chief Academic Officer

Presenters: Dr. Ami Desamours, Kathie Ebaugh and Dominic Gemelli

Guests: Scott Reichenbacher

Schools not represented at this DAC meeting:

Elementary Schools: Caloosa Elementary, Edgewood Academy, G. Weaver Hipps Elementary, Harns Marsh Elementary, Hector A Cafferata Jr Elementary, Patriot Elementary, Pelican Elementary, River Hall Elementary, Skyline Elementary, Spring Creek Elementary, Tortuga Preserve Elementary, Treeline Elementary and Tropic Isles Elementary

Middle Schools: Cypress Lake Middle, Fort Myers Middle Academy, Lexington Middle, Mariner Middle, The Alva School, The Sanibel School, Three Oaks Middle, Trafalgar Middle and Varsity Lakes Middle

High Schools: Cape Coral High, Lehigh Acres Senior High, North Fort Myers High School, Riverdale High School

Special Schools: Cape Coral Institute of Technology, Dunbar Community School, Royal Palm Exceptional Center and Success Academy

The next meeting of the **District Advisory Council** is scheduled for February 19 ,2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida.

Presentation: Academic Services/District and School Grades

Erica Grimm, Recording Secretary

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