

District Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2020
Howell Center 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- I. **Schools/Members Attending:** Adult & Community Education: Regina Browning, Edna Walker and Noal Weiland; Apalachee: Roshanna Beard; Astoria Park: Katrina Bradwell; Buck Lake: Lindsey Prato and Linda Edson; Canopy Oaks: Kandra Bryant; Chiles: Joe Burgess and Chris Chaback; Cobb: Darlene Fowinkle; Conley: Lauren Johnson; Darryl Jones/LCSB Rep: Christic Henry; Dee Dee Rasmussen/LCSB: Ruth Feiock; Deerlake: Chris Chaback; DeSoto Trail: Damaris Barrios and Michele Keltner; ESE: Amanda Moore; Fairview: Cheryl Collier-Brown; FSU: Maria McIntyre; Gilchrist: Katherine Bowman; Godby: Desmond Cole; Gretchen-Everhart: Judy Jecko; Hartsfield: Bomani Mustapha; Hawks Rise: Koulla Butler; Heritage Trails: Josette Capuano; Joy Bowen: Louis Dilbert; Kate Sullivan: Lisa Neihaus; Killlearn Lakes: Kristal Gregory; LCVS/Success: Jessica Lowe; Leon: Madeline Feiock and Kirsten Olsen-Doolan; Montford: Keith Berry; Oak Ridge: Dwanna Moore; Pineview: Danielle Hess and Jennifer Hirst; Raa: Valerie Scoon and Shayla Cole; Rickards: Johnitta Wells; Riley: April Knight; Sabal Palm: Regina Randolph-Hollis; Sail: Elizabeth Rogers and Jude Countryman; Sealey: Shayla Cole and Nena Parnell; Springwood: Verne McLeod; Swift Creek: Michele Meyer;
- I. **Excused:** Rickards: E. Melissa Cooper; Roberts: Angela Tewfik; W.T. Moore: Melanie Phillips;
- II. **Guests:** Jessica Janasiewicz;
- III. **Welcome and Introductions:** Dr. Michelle Gayle opened the meeting at 6 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the group that Superintendent Hanna is in Tampa where he received the “Superintendent of the Year” award for his support of the arts and music program. Dr. Gayle had everyone stand and introduce themselves. She said Dee Dee Rasmussen the new School Board chair will attend the February 6 meeting.
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Kristal Gregory and seconded by Roshanna Beard. Motion passed.

- V. **Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes with a correction to add Lauren Johnson representing Conley as present by Cheryl Collier-Brown and seconded by Keith Berry. Motion passed.
- VI. **2020 Legislative Update:** Jessica Janasiewicz presented an overview of the education bills that will be presented during the session. She stated that the Governor included in his budget recommendations funding to increase teacher base pay to \$47,500 and funding for bonuses for teachers and administration which will replace the “Best and Bright” program. She also said a review of the Florida Curriculum Standards was ordered to be conducted by the State Department of Education (DOE) with the report due to the Governor by January 1, 2020. She invited as many as could to attend the rally to be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 to support teachers and public schools.

Brief summary of the bills:

- SB 0376 – English Language Learners (ELL) (sponsor Lee)
ELL students enrolled in a public school in grade 9 or later beginning in the 2020/21 school year will be exempt from passing the 10th grade English Language Arts (ELA) assessment as a graduation requirement; however the students must demonstrate sufficient learning gains in ELA on the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Consortium at thresholds set by the State Board of Education (SBE). Modifies the college and career acceleration component for school grading by adding percentages of students enrolled in public school in 9th grade or later as an ELL who passed the 10th grade ELA assessment. If passed would become effective July 1, 2020.
- SB 0434 – Designation of School Grade (Montford)
Modifies the high school acceleration component of the school grading model to include students who complete career certificate dual enrollment courses (300 or more clock hours) as identified by the SBE.
- SB 0486 – Florida Best and Brightest Programs (Bradley)
Eliminates this program.
- SB 1088 – Teacher Salary Enhancement (no sponsor)
Contains language needed for teacher salary increases. Reporting must be made to the DOE by January 1 of any fiscal year in which the teacher salary enhancement is appropriated.

- SB – 0534 Education (Diaz)
DOE must maintain a list of persons permanently disqualified from employment in a public or private school that participates in a state educational scholarship program. This list must include the identities of persons whose misconduct affects the health, safety or welfare of a student and proscribes public and private schools participating in state scholarship programs and those approved virtual instruction providers from employing a person who will have direct contact with students. Educational support employees be included to the same requirements for instructional and school administrators in policing establishing standards of ethical conduct and procedures for investigating, reporting and terminating personnel. DOE is required to complete an investigation of complaints of misconduct by public school personnel for a person to be placed on the disqualification list. A person who employs a person identified on the disqualification list will have committed a third degree felony. DOE may remove a person from the disqualification list. Prohibits district school boards from rescreening an employee of an approved virtual instruction provider who has been screened in accordance with the rules governing instructional and non-instructional personnel with direct contact with students.
- HB 7011 – K-12 Student Athletes (Committee Bill)
This bill requires the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to: use environmental monitoring and modify athletic activities based on Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) and heat index levels; make training and materials available on environmental monitoring and establish WBGT and heat index levels by implementing a cooling zone at an athletic activity; school emergency action plan to include a procedure for onsite cooling using cold water immersion or its equivalent prior to being transported to the hospital; establish hydration guidelines; student athletes must pass an annual medical evaluation prior to participating in any athletic activity that occur outside of the school year and notify member schools if it does not adopt a policy change as recommended by the FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
- SB 1400 – Education (Diaz)
Changes initial requirement for tax scholarship eligibility to allow students from families 300% below the poverty level or less to be eligible; the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program is not subject to the maximum value for funding a student (making it the same as the McKay Scholarship Program); creates a minimum

base annual salary allocation to assist school districts in meeting the teacher salary increase program; subject to an annual appropriation each school district shall receive an allocation based on the district's proportionate share of FEFP base funding; DOE must have an estimate the funding required to increase the minimum base annual salary as required by statute for each school district by July 1, 2020 – DOE may require salary information from each school district to implement this requirement; DOE may prorate awards equally among tiers if the amount appropriated is insufficient to fund the program; creates the minimum annual base salary for full time public school classroom teachers of \$47,500 for grades K-12 to take effect July 1, 2020.

- SB 62 – K-12 Education (Stargel)
School districts must share discretionary sales tax with charter schools; surtax revenue shared with charter schools shall be expended by the charter school in a manner consistent with the plan; defines the term “early college program”; changes the calculation of full-time equivalent student membership for dual enrollment purposes; weighted FTE for students who earn a Capstone Diploma to match IB; establish a bonus FTE for dual enrollment so it aligns with the AP and IB programs; provides extra FTE for credits earned inside the program than credits earned outside the program- districts will receive .16 credit for every course passed with a “C” or better and .08 FTE for a “C” or better outside the program; provides .3 FTE for an “AA” degree earned with a 3.0 GPA or better.

Other items of interest: creates the “Rewarding Great Classroom Teachers for Extending Student Success Program” to provide financial awards to teachers in public schools who improve student success as demonstrated by an increase in school percentage points; financial awards be doubled when a Title I eligible; award amounts will be established annually in the General Appropriations Act (GAA); teachers who retire, change schools or positions within the same school district or become a teacher in another district may receive an award if the requirements were met in the prior academic year; school districts will certify annually to DOE the number of teachers who qualify for the award; creates the “Rewarding Great Principals for Extending Student Success Program” within DOE to provide financial awards to principals in public schools who improve student success as demonstrated by an increase in school percentage points; for each school whose teachers qualify for an award, the principal must receive a award; principals who retire, change schools or positions within the same school district or

move to another district may receive an award if the requirements were met in the prior academic year; school districts will certify annually to DOE the number of principals who qualify for the award;

- VII. **U.S. Census:** Dr. Gayle gave an overview of the 2020 census. She said Evelyn Ramirez will be in attendance at the February meeting to provide more detail. The important date to remember is by April 1, 2020 every home will receive an invitation to participate in the census.

- VIII. **Frank Hartsfield Elementary School:** Dr. Rhonda Flanagan, Principal of Hartsfield Elementary shared information upcoming “Parent and Family Engagement Conference” to be held on Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25. This will be their third conference. Friday night (5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) will be for adults only activities include the screening of the film “Love Them First: Lessons from Lucy Lane Elementary”; followed by a discussion moderated by Dr. Gayle. A light dinner will be provided. Saturday (begins at 8:00 a.m.) activities includes workshop sessions on “Fatherhood, Mental Health Awareness, Bully-Proofing Conscious Discipline and the Primary Years program. Farm Share distribution and vendors will be available and lunch will be provided.

- IX. **School Choice:** Jamie Holleman, Coordinator for School Choice provided an informational sheet to assist with apply for school choice. The school choice is only available through the FOCUS Parent Portal (it is suggested that you use Google Chrome or Firefox to access the FOCUS portal.). Deadline for applying is March 1, 2020.

- X. **SAC Questions:** None

- XI. **Wrap Up on Issues:** Madeline Feiock gave an update on the high school voter pre-registration. She said at the last SDAC meeting members were trained by a representative from the Supervisor of Election Office. Volunteers are needed and training will be provided. They are in the process of creating an announcement for Principals to send out; a flyer which includes all the pertinent documents the student will need has been prepared and they are brainstorming how to make this a competition between the schools to increase participation.

Information was provided on the Youth Champion Breakfast to be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 and the upcoming Southside Dream

Run. These are fundraisers to assist with mentoring students at Rickards, Nims and Fairview. Further information will be provided at a future meeting.

Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting – February 6, 2020.