

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

District Advisory Council

January 16, 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.

Call to Order/Minutes

Mr. Scott Hertz, Chairperson, welcomed the audience and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Joan Downen made a motion to accept the November 14, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Dante Cioffi. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment (Non-DAC Members – Agenda Items)

None

Board Update

Gwynetta Gittens thanked all of the committee members for their time. She shared her past history with the District Advisory Council and the roles she has had on the committee. She discussed the January 17, 2019 Board Workshop and that Board Advisory Committees will be on the agenda for discussion. She recommends that committee members visit the BoardDoc webpage at <https://www.boarddocs.com/fl/lee/Board.nsf/Public> for Board agenda topics.

Site Selection Committee

Dawn Huff, Long Range Planner, Planning, Growth and School Capacity shared that The School District will again be purchasing property and currently has a contract signed for one property. Another contract will be forthcoming. The district will need to create a Site Selection Committee, per Board Policy 9.01. Per the policy, the district will need a total of nine (9) members: six (6) members from the District Advisory Council and three (3) members from the Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee.

The first Site Selection Committee meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at The Lee County Public Education Center in Training Rooms A & B. Committee members selected will only attend one meeting per property.

Mr. Hertz asked for two volunteers from each zone, West, South, and East, to join the Site Selection Committee. Below, are the committee members who volunteered from each zone.

South Zone (Adam Dalton (Pinewoods Elementary), Jeannette Scullion (Orangewood Elementary)
West Zone: Jessica Doan (Diplomat Elementary), Barbara Schoonmaker (Cape Coral High School)
East Zone: Andy Erikson (The Alva School), Charlie Morris (Orange River)

Differentiation

Dr. Wanda Creel, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Dr. Bethany Quisenberry, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, Lori Houchin, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, Candace Allevato, Assistant Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, Jessica Duncan, Director, Exceptional Student Education, Theresa Bowen, Assistant Director, Exceptional Student Education, and Evelyn Rivera, Director ELL Multicultural Language Program Support. The team presented information

about Differentiation in the classroom. Differentiation means tailoring instruction to meet the individual needs of students. Teachers differentiate content, process, products, or the learning environment. They use ongoing assessment and flexible grouping. The team also discussed the Florida Standards and mastery of the standards at all grade levels. Differentiation for gifted students, ELL students, and students with special needs was also discussed.

Candace Allevato walked the committee through an activity in which they read through a lesson plan with their assigned lens (Exceeding Grade Level, Approaching Grade Level, ESE (Exceptional Student Education), and ELL. DAC members were asked to answer the following questions:

1. After reviewing the level needed to teach this standard, what does a teacher need to consider when planning a lesson?
2. How should district/schools/parents support teachers to meet the needs of students?

Presenters answered questions posed by committee members after the presentation and during breakout sessions.

Questions Submitted on Cards After the Presentations/Answers from Administration

None

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None

Adjournment

Mr. Hertz called for a motion to adjourn. Andy Erikson made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. and it was seconded by Tonia Petro. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Elementary Schools: Bayshore Elementary School, Caloosa Elementary School, Cape Elementary School, Colonial Elementary School, Diplomat Elementary School, Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School, Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School, Fort Myers Beach Elementary School, G. Weaver Hipps Elementary School, Gateway Elementary School, Gulf Elementary School, Hector A. Cafferata Jr. Elementary School, James Stephens International Academy, J. Colin English Elementary School, Manatee Elementary School, Mirror Lakes Elementary School, Orange River Elementary School, Orangewood Elementary School, Patriot Elementary School, Pine Island Elementary School, Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School, Rayma C. Page Elementary School, Spring Creek Elementary School, Sunshine Elementary School, Tanglewood Elementary School, Tortuga Preserve Elementary School, Trafalgar Elementary School, and Villas Elementary School

Middle Schools: Bonita Springs Middle School, Caloosa Middle School, Challenger Middle School, Gulf Middle School, Mariner Middle School, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School, The Alva School, Three Oaks Middle School, and Varsity Lakes Middle School

High Schools: Cape Coral High School, Cypress Lake High School, Estero High School, Fort Myers High School, Ida S. Baker High School, Island Coast High School, Lehigh Acres Senior High School, Mariner High School, North Fort Myers High School, and South Fort Myers High School

Special Schools: Buckingham Exceptional Center, Cape Coral Technical College, Fort Myers Technical College, LAMP, Lee Virtual School

Principal Liaisons: Christine Siebenaler, Elementary School (excused), Mary Blackmon, Middle School, and Dr. Ruthie Lohmeyer, High School

School Board Liaison: Mrs. Mary Fischer

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

Presenters: Dawn Huff, Long Range Planner, Planning, Growth and School Capacity, Dr. Wanda Creel, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Bethany Quisenberry, Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, Lori Houchin, Director, Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, Candace Allevato, Assistant Director, Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, Jessica Duncan, Director, Exception Student Education, Theresa Bowen, Assistant Director, Exceptional Student Education and Evelyn Rivera, Coordinator ELL Multicultural Language Program Support.

Guests: N/A

Schools not represented at this DAC meeting:

Elementary Schools: Allen Park Elementary School, Bonita Springs Elementary School, Edgewood Academy, Franklin Park Elementary, Hancock Creek Elementary School, Harns Marsh Elementary School, Heights Elementary School, Lehigh Acres Elementary School, Pelican Elementary School, River Hall Elementary School, San Carlos Park Elementary School, Three Oaks Elementary School, Tice Elementary School, Treeline Elementary School, Tropic Isles Elementary School

Middle Schools: Cypress Lake Middle School, Diplomat Middle School, Fort Myers Middle Academy, Harns Marsh Middle School, Lehigh Acres Middle School (excused), Lexington Middle School, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, Oak Hammock Middle School, The Sanibel School, Trafalgar Middle School, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts

High Schools: Bonita Springs High School, Dunbar High School, East Lee County High School, Riverdale High School (excused)

Special Schools: DJJ Sites, Dunbar Community School, Royal Palm Exceptional Center, Success Academy

The next meeting of the District Advisory Council is scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida.

Presentation: Transportation

Cassandra Bishop, Recording Secretary

An audio-visual recording of this meeting has been produced to provide a verbatim record of the proceeding and may be viewed on the School District's Website at www.leeschools.net/district-advisory-committee. Members of the public wishing to obtain a copy of the recording of this or any meeting of the District Advisory Council must make a request through the District's Communication Department at (239) 337-8327.

Related Entries: (Not identified at this time)

Site Selection, Acquisition and Planning

The School Board of Lee County shall consider existing and anticipated site needs as well as economical and practicable locations for new school locations.

- (1) A Site Selection Committee comprised of nine (9) members total - two representatives from each School Choice Zone, elected by the District Advisory Council (DAC), and three representatives, elected by the Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC), shall review all proposed sites being considered for new school locations and provide comment on each individual site in an advisory capacity prior to a purchase of real property by the District.
- (2) Consideration shall be given to sites located in areas with racially and ethnically diverse school-age populations and in areas that shall allow for equitable transportation for minority and majority students.
- (3) The Superintendent, Executive Director of School Support, or Long Range Planner is authorized to hold discussions with landowners, their agents and/or brokers, and developers in the interest of site acquisition.
- (4) The Superintendent, Executive Director of School Support, or Long Range Planner and the School Board Attorney may negotiate with the owner(s), their agents and/or brokers and determine the purchase price of the land if it is determined to be in the best interest of the School Board.
- (5) Prior to recommending the acquisition of a site to the Board, the Superintendent shall ensure that at least two appraisal reports by State Certified General Appraisers have been obtained if the purchase price is in excess of \$500,000. If the purchase price exceeds the average appraised value, an extraordinary vote of the Board is required to move forward with the purchase. If the purchase price is between \$100,000 and \$500,000, one appraisal report is required.
- (6) Prior to recommending the acquisition of a site to the Board, the Superintendent shall ensure that the following information has been obtained or will be obtained prior to closing on the property:
 - (a) Site Development Feasibility Study including:
 1. Executive summary

- 45 2. Site location information (aerial map, location map, present use, legal
46 description, history)
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- 48 3. Site evaluation (environmental characteristics, structures, water
49 bodies, utilities, topographic features, geotechnical information)
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- 51 4. Offsite characteristics (adjacent zoning and land use, roads, water
52 bodies, utilities, fire protection, construction/survey activity)
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- 54 5. Land restrictions, on site (easements, road access)
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- 56 6. Drainage (on-site and off-site, flood plain)
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- 58 7. Zoning and concurrency (current zoning, required zoning, zoning
59 authority, development schedule, probability of successful zoning,
60 problems/issues)
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- 62 8. Environmental (fauna, flora, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
63 requirement, well fields, hazardous materials)
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- 65 9. An estimate of probable cost for the quantity and cost of fill needed on
66 the site.
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- 68 10. Miscellaneous (traffic, offsite improvements, community services,
69 noise/odor)
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- 71 11. Any other factors affecting the ability to develop the site for its
72 intended use by the School Board.
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- 74 (b) Boundary and topographical surveys conforming to American Land Title
75 Association (ALTA) Standards, for ALTA certification by a Registered Land
76 Surveyor.
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- 78 (c) Environmental assessment, including:
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- 80 1. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (performed in accordance
81 with current American Standards of Testing Materials (ASTM)
82 standards)
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- 84 2. Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (if required, performed in
85 accordance with current ASTM standards)
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- 87 3. Wetlands analysis
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- 89 4. Protected species survey
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- 91 5. Geotechnical report (soil Borings)
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93 (7) Upon the decision of the School Board to acquire real property, the School Board
94 Attorney shall be responsible for the preparation or the acquisition of services to
95 prepare all legal documents to properly and lawfully consummate site acquisition.
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1013.14, 1013.33, 1013.36,
99 1013.365, F.S.

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Adopted: 2/5/13