

District Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
January 15, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jessica Bartnick Carolina Currea Eric Baker Prescott Cowles (<i>sub for Amy Trask</i>) Chad Essary Evelyn Foxx Taylor Gilfillan Kate Lafler	Diyonne McGraw Brandy Oldman Kelly Shiohira Azadeh Vakilzadeh Keith Watts Jeff Wilkinson Asia Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	John Alexander Julie Brown Kate Dumoulin Megan Floyd Karen Grater Jared Howard Meredith Nappy	Stacie Ovenarte Hannah Reynolds Natalie Strappy Alvarez Tarver Amy Trask (<i>Substitute Present</i>) Gail Watson
BOARD MEMBERS:	Dr. Sarah Rockwell, Board Chair Dr. Leanetta McNealy, Board Member Thomas Vu, Board Member	
DISTRICT STAFF:	Dr. Kamela Patton, Superintendent Dr. Anntwanique Edwards, Assistant Superintendent Kathy Black, Executive Director Jackie Johnson, Communications Director Patty Underwood, Communications Office	

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Taylor Gilfillan and self-introductions were made by all present.

APPROVAL OF 11/20/24 MINUTES:

A motion was made by Evelyn Foxx, seconded by Kelly Shiohira to approve previous minutes. Motion Passed

DISCUSSION:

Taylor Gilfillan led the discussion on the responsibilities of the DAC.

- One potential topic is the next Superintendent search.
- Discussed the list of topics that have been presented for possible review by the DAC. It was explained that topics are reviewed at the Co-Chair meeting; some may be passed on to the Superintendent or to the staff person responsible for response/action. Out of the remaining topics, some will be chosen to be presented for the full DAC to discuss.
- Keith Watts gave an example of a bathroom situation at GHS. This topic was very quickly resolved by the Superintendent and did not need to come before the full DAC

- Dr. Patton thanked everyone for their time and addressed the purpose of the DAC. Individual school problems should be addressed first with the principal at the school and then proceed to the relevant staff member, the Deputy Superintendent and ultimately the Superintendent.
- The issue of what constitutes an item of ‘districtwide significance’ for review by the DAC was discussed—for example, an issue affecting a majority of high, middle or elementary schools might qualify for full DAC review.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

- Discussion of DAC members soliciting input and gathering information from PTAs , SACs, etc.
- Potential agenda issues need to be sent to the chairs through Jackie Johnson.
- Chairs will look for patterns in the issues raised and decide whether to place them on the agenda for the full DAC or refer them to the Superintendent.
- There are a lot of groups such as SACs, oversight committees and others that are dealing with school and district topics.
- Break-out meetings/subcommittees were mentioned; which would have to be publicly noticed and operate in the Sunshine

PRESENTATION OF THE DISCIPLINE RESPONSE MATRIX:

Kathy Black and Dr. Anntwanique Edwards presented the group with information about the Discipline Response Matrix; which is part of the Code of Student Conduct.

- Every year students are provided with the Code of Student Conduct, either through an online link or hard copy (if requested.) By state rules, the code is to be written for students’ understanding. Also, each year, students are informed of what the Code contains. This is also discussed with new students and during the school year.
- 20 new deans this year who needed to be brought up to speed on discipline procedures. There should be more consistency between schools.
- The district should move toward restorative justice, proactive measures with an emphasis on community building.
- The purpose of the Code is to communicate what expectations are.
- Statement by a DAC member “If I thought calling a parent was going to make a difference, I probably wouldn’t have to call a parent.”
- Communicate with families, build relationships. Get to know people, face-to-face and on the phone.
- Get progress reports and report cards to families as hard copies. It is difficult for some parents to get access to Skyward and they don’t know how to access the information or they don’t have the technology.
- When you start with students at a younger age, you can do better.
- May need an alternative . . . different school, different way of learning.
- Teachers are burning out as a result of misbehaving students.
- Dress code referrals are very inconsistent across the schools and also within individual schools; demographic differences.
- Kathy Black also wanted to recognize Rod Warner who on a daily basis kept up with the referrals and statistics and noted any abnormalities. He has gone over and above in his job performance.
- We need to include the students’ opinions.
- DAC members may send more ideas, comments and issues to Jackie Johnson which will then be sent to all members.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH:

Dr. Rockwell let the DAC know that Dr. Patton has agreed to extend her contract to give the district more time to search for a permanent superintendent. More information concerning the Superintendent Search will be forthcoming.

NEXT MEETING:

It was suggested that Wednesday, February 26 @ 4 p.m. be the next meeting date/time.

A motion was made by Dyonne McGraw and seconded by Brandy Oldman.

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brandy Oldman and second by Jessica Bartnick to adjourn at 5:42 p.m.

Motion Passed