

**District Advisory Council**  
**Approved Minutes**  
May 27, 2015

The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* (DAC) was called to order at 4 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Kirby-Smith Center, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present:

Mike Barton	Mike Griffis	Aimee Oelrich
Adam Boukari	John Hill	Janine Plavac
Cynthia Chestnut	Sue Legg	Donna Sheffield
Tom Cowart	Rachel Meek	Sharon Surrency
Jacque Gallman		

Also present was Karen Clarke, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum; Karen McCann, ACEA; Dr. Own Roberts, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Leanetta McNealy, School Board Chairman, and Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer.

Robert Clark	Katie Malo	Joe Swails
Jenn Denault	Rick Nesbit	Carolyn Wade
John Dougherty	Lacy Redd	Aisha Yarn
Jill Geis	Jeffrey Rizzo	Dr. Elizabeth Washinton
Kathy Kaminsky	Sandy Springer	

WELCOME AND  
INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. McNealy welcomed the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 23, 2015, DAC meeting were unanimously approved, as presented.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/  
APPROVAL OF MEMBER-  
SUGGESTED ISSUES

Copies of the prioritized topics that Ms. Plavac had put together were distributed and discussed, each individually. Discussions were centered on rural vs. city schools and the densities of the various types of schools and the financial support of city and rural schools. Title 1 funding was discussed and explained in reference to how schools received the funding with Dr. Roberts explaining specific guidelines for Title 1 criteria.

It was suggested that as this process unfolds that we need to add a model for rural schools.

Teacher and administrator opportunities were discussed along with budgets and the appearances of schools due to school culture and getting parents involved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this document and upon vote – passed.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Karen Clarke, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, gave a presentation on the school calendar and how it is put together. The starting dates of school openings were moved up by the state which prompted a discussion on when do we start school in 2016/17. Holidays (i.e., Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Spring Break) were discussed, along with semester beginning and endings. Testing dates were discussed, with the note that we don't get these dates till the fall or later. A meeting was set for June 10 at \_\_\_\_\_ for further discussion and input to come up with suggestions for Curriculum/ACEA to begin the next school calendar.

## NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the **DAC will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at \_\_\_\_ p.m.** with the main topic to be the school calendar.

## ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.