

**District Advisory Council**  
**Approved Minutes**  
April 23, 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	Jacquie Gallman	Rachel Meek	Sharon Surrency
Adam Boukari	John Hill	Rick Nesbit	Joe Swails
Cynthia Chestnut	Kathy Kaminsky	Janine Plavac	Carolyn Wade
Tom Cowart	Sue Legg	Lacy Redd	Aisha Yarn

Also present were Dr. Leannetta McNealy, School Board Chairman, and Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer. Ms. Johnson explained that Dr. Owen Roberts, Superintendent of Schools, could not attend because of a UF Research meeting.

Members Absent: Cynthia Chestnut, Robert Clark, Jennifer Denault, John Dougherty, Jill Geis, Katie Malo, Aimee Oelrich, Jeffrey Rizzo, Donna Sheffield, Sandy Springer, Elizabeth Washington.

WELCOME AND  
INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. McNealy welcomed the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 26, 2015, DAC meeting were unanimously approved, as presented.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION  
OF MEMBER-SUGGESTED  
ISSUES

At the last meeting, Ms. Plavac offered to collect and prioritize topics that Committee members think might be appropriate for the Council to consider. The information was distributed and Ms. Johnson stated that she will provide information on items where an update is available.

Ms. Johnson also reported that there are a couple of issues that the DAC is going to be asked to consider in the very near future.

With testing being an item that some members expressed concern about, the fact that it is tied to teacher evaluations by negotiation was noted. Further information related to timing of contract negotiations will be provided at the next meeting.

Ms. Johnson offered to have appropriate persons speak to the group on any subjects they would like to know more about.

Mr. Boukari stated that DAC's role is advisory, and he doesn't feel comfortable recommending topics to consider. He believes topics should come from the Board.

Further discussion included

- budget questions/comments
- would it be useful for the Board to know more about DAC members?

- Decisions should be made as to *what* students should have access to--and then, all students should have equal access.
- members who represent a larger group (SAC, etc.) should speak on behalf of that group, rather than personally.

In an attempt to build a consensus of 'group priorities,' it was decided that Ms. Plavic will contact members with updated information from today's meeting and request their feedback by May 7. It was suggested that rationale of issues should be included.

A subcommittee was appointed and will meet on May 12. Ms. Johnson suggested that members absent from today's meeting also may want to volunteer to serve on the subcommittee.

**[Subcommittee Volunteers: Adam Boukari, Jacquie Gallman, Sue Legg, Rick Nesbitt, Janine Plavac, Lacy Redd, Sharon Surrency, Aisha Yarn]**

Dr. McNealy proposed that the outcome document be submitted to Mike Lannon, School Board Retreat Facilitator, to present at the School Board's August Retreat.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business to be conducted.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the **DAC will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 4 p.m.**

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.