

District Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
April 1, 2014

The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* was called to order at 5 p.m. in Conference Room E of the Kirby-Smith Center, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

DAC Members Present:

Melanie Aultman, Waldo Comm.	Meredith Henry, Shell Elem.	Aimee Oelrich, Board App't.
Adam Boukari, Mebane MS	Joshua Jett; SFHS	Janine Plavac, GHS
Cynthia Chestnut, Board App't.	Sue Legg, Board App't.	Clay Reddick, Kanapaha MS
Robert Clark, NHS	Kathryn Lehtola, Irby Elem.	Sherry Sakai, Terwilliger Elem.
Tom Cowart, BHS	Andrea Mousa, Archer Comm.	Donna Sheffield, PAM at Lofton
Sarah Freedman, Ft. Clarke MS Parent	Rick Nesbit, Board App't.	Sharon Surrency, Hawthorne HS
Elizabeth Washington, EHS	Patricia Yancey, Bishop MS	Shannon Zvoch, Talbot Elementary

DAC Members Absent: Scott Costello, Board App't.; Henry Kinsey, Horizon Ctr.; Sandra Sullivan, Finley Elem.; Sandy Springer, OVMS; and Joseph Swails, Westwood MS.

Staff Members Present: Jackie Johnson, PIO; Everett Caudle, Director of Project Development; Karen Clarke, Assistant Superintendent; and Interim Superintendent Lyons.

WELCOME

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, School Board Chairman, and Interim Superintendent Hershel Lyons called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

NEW MEMBERS

Introductions of the new members: Sharon Surrency, representing Hawthorne Middle High School, and Sandy Springer, representing Oak View Middle School were introduced. They will be replacing former DAC members Xiomara Mosely (HHS) and Laurel Severino-Woolsey (OVMS) due to more than two consecutive absences, as indicated in the DAC Bylaws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Lehtola Seconded by Mr. Boukari

Moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014, DAC meeting.

Corrections to the minutes: Mrs. Lehtola was counted as present; Mrs. Freedman was listed as a Middle School Parent, and the spelling of Mr. Nesbit's name was corrected.

The question was called on the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously

REVIEW OF
SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH
SUBCOMMITTEE
QUESTIONS AND
INTERVIEW FORMAT

Ms. Janine Plavac, Chair, Superintendent Search Subcommittee, distributed copies of the top picks of questions which were developed by Subcommittee members. She also provided a brief overview of the progress the Subcommittee has made preparing for the upcoming interview process with the Superintendent finalists. She stated that the Subcommittee's objective is to present the School Board with the strengths/weaknesses of each candidate. She informed members that the DAC Subcommittee has been assigned the 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. time slot to interview the finalists during their visits.

Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer, informed DAC Members that eleven (11) members completed templates on the Semi-finalists. These templates will be shared with Board members to assist them in making their decision on the finalists.

Members expressed their frustration with the template and the difficulties they encountered. They also suggested that the FSBA should have provided additional information related to the candidates available ahead of time, before they are vetted.

Members indicated that they had learned more information regarding the candidates by doing internet searches.

Ms. Plavac encouraged DAC members to email her with any feedback. She also thanked the Board for investigating the candidates further.

Members suggested that demographics data would be useful in evaluating the candidates.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

Mr. Lyons thanked members for the hard work during this process.

NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.