

**District Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
October 24, 2019**

The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* (DAC) was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present:

Tristin Ballentine	Cynthia Fields	Shari Mack
Bart Birdsall	Tunisha Herman	Rachel Meek
Adam Boukari	Cindy Holmes	Eliscia Mosley
Stacey Cannon	Robert Hyatt	Melissa Pratto
Cynthia Chestnut	Jackie Johnson	Lynda Reinhart
Karen Clarke	Isaac Jones	Heather Surrency
Jamie Coons	Quinten Eyman	Kimberly Taylor
Janette Cowart	Kathleen Larimer	Keith Watts
Julie Crosby	Sue Legg	Mary Williams

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chairman, Mr. Robert Hyatt, welcomed all and D. A. C. members did introductions. The agenda was discussed and approved.

APPROVAL OF REVISED BYLAWS (with a quorum)

D.A.C. member, Adam Boukari, asked for a smaller quorum to be required to approve meeting minutes.

Revisions to Bylaws were emailed to members before the meeting.

Motion was made to approve the Revised Bylaws. Question was called, and the motion passed unanimously

ATTENDANCE ZONES PRESENTATION

ACPS Staff Attorney Brian Moore briefly discussed the zoning boundaries. He stated the importance of a process being in place. He went over School Board Policies, the Sales Tax Referendum, and a “snapshot” of information about surrounding schools.

Mr. John Gilreath, D.R.M.P. presented a powerpoint on Elementary School “I” rezoning. He went over the goals for rezoning, the planning consideration, and additional information. He stressed the importance of members letting him know the information they would like to have shared in the future.

Public Information Officer Jackie Johnson pointed out to members that the last page of their handouts showed the planned facilities improvements for Archer, Chiles, Hidden Oak, Idylwild, Meadowbrook, Newberry ES, Oak View Middle, Terwilliger, and Wiles, schools which may be affected by rezoning. Years were also indicated when the design work would begin for each project.

Some questions by members and answers by Mr. Gilreath included:

- Is the population going up? Yes.

- How many students coming from outside of the county? He will be collecting information about this from commuting data, roads and subdivisions being built.
- Member suggested data mining from other cities.
- Do we have any hard evidence that parents may bring private/charter students back? They have reasonable expectations.
- Will we get maps like those viewed for Idylwild for other schools? Yes.
- If a zoned student for Wiles does not want to attend that school and decides to go to a private school, does this effect funding? Yes, Superintendent Clarke explained the district would lose funding for any child going to a private school.
- Will School I solve all of our issues or is there a School J in the plan? At this point, we do not know. A School J is not currently being planned.
- What can we do to provide G.I.S. data? Information needed on building development, parcels, 911 emergency addresses, and future land use would be helpful. Mr. Gene Bowles will be getting information from the Planning department.
- Member commented about ways to diversify the student population. Will they have some idea? They will be looking at federal housing and H.U.D. information. This can be difficult because university students count as low and moderate housing.
- Will Martha Dean be involved? Yes, institutional knowledge is very important.

Mr. Moore stated that this meeting was simply introductory. Developing the process should be looked at first. When members meet again in January, whatever items of interest determined by them will be presented at the school meetings. Preparations will be made for what will be asked of the group.

Additional comment by member was not to forget about programs. Another asked about teachers moving to the new school. Superintendent Clarke noted the crucial March timeline for allocation information.

Mrs. Johnson asked about the best day for the council to meet again and it was decided Thursdays at 3:30pm in the District Office Boardroom. Agendas will be sent out in advance. The goal of the D.A.C. is to provide input to the district and we want to get this process right.

NEXT MEETING January 16, 2020 @ 3:30p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.