

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*District Advisory Council*

*May 15, 2019*



*Mission Statement: The District Advisory Council, in cooperation with the Lee County School Board, will gather information and seek input from the schools and the community at large to advise the Board and develop recommendations for constant improvement of our educational system.*

Pending Approval on 9/11/19

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**Call to Order/Minutes**

Mr. Scott Hertz, Chairperson, welcomed the DAC Members and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Cedric Hall made a motion to accept the April 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Dr. Dante Ciofli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment (Non-DAC Members – Agenda Items)**

None

**Board Update**

Board Member Mary Fisher thanked the committee for their support of DAC. Ms. Fisher also discussed the ongoing efforts regarding bus stop safety and the importance of setting legislative priorities. Ms. Fisher asked the committee to reflect three questions:

- What did I do this year for my school?
- What can I do next year?
- Why are SAC and DAC meetings important?

**Year End Review**

Dr. Gregory Adkins, Superintendent, gave a presentation on the progress the District has made during this school year. He committed to return in the fall to share the results of the standardized testing and school grades that will come in during the summer break.

**Legislative Update**

Ms. Carole Green, the District's Legislative Consultant, gave a presentation on the bills, which did and did not pass during the 2019 legislative session and which issues she believes will be a priority for the legislature next year.

**Recommendation: FY20 Legislative Priorities**

Dr. Denise Carlin and Mrs. Cindy McClung presented the committee with three topics for discussion.

- Mental health funding
- Traditional vs Charter school funding
- Teacher compensation

The committee took a survey to select a topic of discussion. Teacher compensation received the most votes. The committee divided into two groups to discuss a possible recommendation to the School Board regarding their FY20 Legislative Priorities.

Through that process, DAC members came to consensus and recommended that the Board make it a priority to lobby our legislators that since Florida is so low in the rankings for teacher pay, the State

should provide additional funding for teacher salaries, while also providing flexibility in how the various School Boards may allocate those funds between base pay and bonuses for teachers.

### Questions Submitted on Cards after the Presentations

Q. With the need and planning of the building new schools, is solar energy being considered in the planning of these new schools? Besides using cutting-edge technology, and using renewable energy, the schools can store and sell back the electricity during times of low usage of buildings.

Answer: At this moment in time, solar energy is not being considered due to lack of available acreage to provide for solar arrays on our existing campuses. New construction would be predicated on a site-by-site assessment and the availability of grants to support the installation of solar arrays.

In addition, the FDOE does not provide funding within the allowable cost per student station allowance to support this work.

Answers given by

Scott Reichenbacker, Senior Program Manager-Construction

### Public Comment (Non-DAC Members – Non-Agenda Items)

None

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None

### Adjournment

Dr. Dante Ciofli made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. and Raymond Schneider seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

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### Thank you to the following schools for having representation at this DAC Meeting:

**Elementary Schools:** Allen Park Elementary School, Bonita Springs Elementary School, Cape Elementary School, Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School, , Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School, School, Franklin Park Elementary School, School, Gateway Elementary School, Gulf Elementary School, Hancock Creek Elementary School, Harns Marsh Elementary, Hector A. Cafferata Jr. Elementary School, James Stephens International Academy, J. Colin English Elementary School, Lehigh Acres Elementary School, Manatee Elementary School, Orange River Elementary School, Orangewood Elementary School, Patriot Elementary School, Pelican Elementary School, Pine Island Elementary School, Rayma C. Page Elementary School, Spring Creek Elementary School, Sunshine Elementary School, Three Oaks Elementary School, Tice Elementary School, Trafalgar Elementary School, and Villas Elementary School

**Middle Schools:** Bonita Springs Middle School, Caloosa Middle School, Challenger Middle School, Cypress Lake Middle School, Gulf Middle School, Harns Marsh Middle School, Lehigh Acres Middle School, Lexington Middle School, Oak Hammock Middle School, Trafalgar Middle School, The Sanibel School

**High Schools:** Bonita Springs High School, Cape Coral High School, Cypress Lake High School, Fort Myers High School, Mariner High School, and North Fort Myers High

**Special Schools:** Cape Coral Institute of Technology, Fort Myers Technical College, Royal Palm Exceptional Center, Virtual Schools

**Principal Liaisons:** Christine Siebenaler, Elementary School

**School Board Liaison:** Ms. Mary Fisher

**Staff Liaison:** Dr. Denise Carlin, Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Community Engagement

**Presenters:** Dr. Gregory Adkins, Superintendent, Ms. Carole Green, Legislative Consultant

**Guests:** N/A

**Schools not represented at this DAC meeting:**

**Elementary Schools:** Bayshore Elementary School, Caloosa Elementary School, Colonial Elementary School, Diplomat Elementary School, Edgewood Elementary School, Fort Myers Beach Elementary, G. Weaver Higgs Elementary, Heights Elementary School, Mirror Lakes Elementary School, Littleton Elementary, Mirror Lakes Elementary, Ray V. Pottorf Elementary School, River Hall Elementary School, San Carlos Park Elementary, Skyline Elementary, Tanglewood Elementary, Tortuga Preserve Elementary, Treeline Elementary School, Tropic Isles Elementary

**Middle Schools:** Diplomat Middle School, Fort Myers Middle Academy, Harns Marsh Middle School (excused) and Mariner Middle School, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle, The Alva School, Three Oaks Middle School, Varsity Lakes Middle School, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts

**High Schools:** Dunbar High School, East Lee County High School, Estero High School, Ida S. Baker High School, Island Coast High School, Lehigh Senior High School, Riverdale High School, South Fort Myers High School,

**Special Schools:** Buckingham Exceptional Center, DJJ, Dunbar Community School, Lamp, Success Academy, and Lee Virtual School

**The next meeting of the District Advisory Council scheduled for September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd. Ft. Myers, Florida.**

**Presentation:**

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Latanua Thomas, Recording Secretary

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