

District Advisory Parent Leadership Council Meeting - MINUTES

Wakulla County Schools

August 20, 2013



Expected Outcomes:

- Understanding of Purpose
- Agreement on Update of Strategic Plan
- List of Meeting Dates

Task	Notes
Attendance, Review Agenda, Approve/Disapprove Minutes	Attendees: Evelyn Brown, Sonya Hicks, Deonne Hill, Leslie Kelly, Sherri Kraeft, Alicia Le, Tiffany Sandberg, Mindy Silcox, Jennifer Taylor, Sharon Kemp, Susan Tillman, Missy Rudd, Jodie Martin, Robert Pearce, Beth O'Donnell, Beth Brown, Karen Wells, Vicki Benton, Louis Garcia
Welcome/Purpose of the Council	<p>Superintendent Pearce welcomed Council members, and introductions followed. Mrs. Mims reviewed the purpose of the Council as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve in an advisory capacity to review district plans and programs; • Provide input from and communication with the all stakeholders in the community.
Review of the Purpose, Direction, and Core Values	Council members reviewed the district's Purpose Statement, Direction Statement, and Core Values. All were approved without revision.
Review of the Strategic Plan Update	<p>Mrs. Mims reviewed the timeline for the creation of the current Strategic Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder meeting in April, 2012 to update the Purpose, Direction, and Core Values. Goals and some objectives were established at this meeting. • Follow-up Administrative Workshop in June, 2012, where objectives were completed and action steps initiated. • Implementation during the 2012-13 school year. • Mid-Year Report on progress in March, 2013. • Annual Administrative Workshop in June, 2013 to review data and update objectives and action steps. <p>The result of the June, 2013 update was reviewed by the Council during the meeting. Council members asked questions and added to the action steps as necessary. Questions that were asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When does science come in to 1.A.2 and 1.A.3 or any of the objectives concerning science? <i>-The priorities for the year are set based on when changes occur to standards or what the state textbook adoption cycle calls for. All subjects receive ongoing attention each year, but we specifically address changes in a cyclical manner. This allows us to keep all subjects current.</i> 2. When can the use of the Seven Habits <i>Leader in Me</i> program expand to all schools like it is at Medart? <i>-Schools have some choice in how they organize their school-wide expectations. The Leader in Me program is the way that Medart Elementary has chosen to do this. Medart received a matching amount of dollars from the company to assist with this implementation. At least one other school is presently investigating the program.</i> 3. Can Focus send an email message to the parent when there is a letter in Focus for parents to view?

	<p>-We are researching this question.</p> <p>The 2013 update will go to the School Board for review at the September, 2013 board meeting. This meeting will be held on September 9, 2013.</p>
General Discussion from the Council	<p>Superintendent Pearce noted the renovations at WHS, which are designed to provide a Guidance Suite where parents and students will have ready access to information. Comments from parents led to the discussion of a possible Freshman night for incoming freshman students to assure that parents have needed information as students begin high school.</p> <p>Mrs. Mims noted that the elementary report card will look different due to changes in the Department of Education Course Codes. Parents commented that it would be helpful to have a more complete explanation of the changes, since these did not occur during Open House. A flyer explaining the changes will go out with mid-term Progress Reports.</p> <p>Superintendent Pearce spoke about the <i>Schools for Seniors</i> fundraising event that will occur during September. This is being done to help offset the drop in revenue that the Senior Citizens have incurred as a result of decreased donations to United Way. He encouraged council members to support the fund raising event.</p> <p>Mr. Dodson spoke about the work of the Academic Boosters Association and encouraged those present to become a part of this organization. More members are needed to help maintain the ongoing work of the organization.</p> <p>At Mrs. Mims' request several members submitted questions/concerns at the end of the meeting. The ones that related specifically to the Strategic Plan are addressed in that section of the minutes. Others are being followed up with the individuals who submitted them.</p>
Set Meeting Dates For Consideration:	<p>The dates were approved as listed. Each meeting will take place from 8:00 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. in the School Board Room.</p> <p>The next meeting will occur on October 29th at 8:00 A.M.</p>
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.