

District Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

Wakulla County Schools

March 25, 2014



Task	Notes
Attendance, Review Agenda, Approve/Disapprove Minutes	Attendees: Tonya Hobby, Vicki Tillman, Diane Perez, Cori Revell (for Tanya English), Vicki Benton, Tiffany Sandberg, Melisa Taylor, Missy Rudd, Billy Jones, Beth Mims, Jared Miller, Mindy Silcox, Sharon Kemp, Beth O'Donnell, Superintendent Pearce, Melisa Taylor
Comments from the Superintendent	<p>Welding Class – The district is building a building at WHS to house this program. Lively Vo-Tech has been extremely supportive, and will be giving \$250,000 toward this project. The entire project will cost around \$400,000. Lively will also pay for the instructor. The district hopes to have everything ready for the 2014-15 school year. The goal is to set the program up so that students will have a minimal amount of time to complete the certification after graduation.</p> <p>The district is looking at moving toward an avionics program with Lively for the 2015-16 school year. This program could lead into several careers for students.</p> <p>Question from Council Member: Will there be any programs that are more geared toward females? Cosmetology is a fairly daunting project that the district does not presently have the capacity to move forward with. The programs that exist and the new programs are all open to females, but the district does understand the concern.</p> <p>Changes at WHS and in the District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Barwick will be the new principal at the WHS. A transition team is moving with Mr. Barwick to the high school with an emphasis on strengthening the math department. • Mike Crouch will be the principal at Second Chance. Dod Walker is moving to Adult Education. Efforts are being made to bring more students into the Adult Education program; this includes possible busing from areas such as Panacea. • Sharon Kemp will be moving to PreK as principal, and Kim Dutton will be the new principal at Medart Elementary. • Interviews for the WMS principal will be on Thursday. <p>Jim Griner has obtained additional Homeland Security dollars. Because of this, RES will be the first school in the district to have a buzz-in system. This will be worked on this summer.</p> <p>We want to be on top of College Readiness; We want to be on top with Career and Technical; We want to be on top with whatever will help Wakulla students succeed. In response to a question from the council, some discussion was held on the statutory mandate for district-created EOCs.</p>

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<p>Update on Homeless Education Input for IDEA Grant Input/Update for English Language Learners (ELL)</p>	<p>Cory Revell spoke due to Mrs. English's absence.</p> <p>Homeless Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cory Revell serves as a liaison for Homeless Education. • During the last month, she has visited school and presented on what homelessness looks like in the educational setting, how to identify homeless students, and the services that are available for homeless students. The district presently has 33 students identified as homeless or unaccompanied homeless youth. They are found at every school in the district. • The opening of the community center will provide some services that we are unable to provide, so the school district is cooperating with the One-Stop Center at the community center. • Homeless students are eligible to receive free school meals; school supplies (through Title I Grant); transportation to school of origin; help with obtaining records and physicals <p>English Language Learners (ELL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School Board adopted a new plan for the 2013-14 school year relating to identifying and provision of services for ELL students. • There are presently three students identified as ELL in the district. • A copy of the plan is attached with the minutes. • Part of the plan calls for input from the parent leadership team. If you have any input or questions, please email them to Tanya English by April 18th. Tanya.english@wcsb.us <p>IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an entitlement grant written annually to provide supplementary materials and services for students with disabilities. Most of the dollars go for salaries of paraprofessionals to provide extra support for students with disabilities. All services for individual students are guided by their individual education plans, which are also updated yearly. • The grant asks for feedback from stakeholders. If you have any input or questions, please email them to Tanya English by April 18th. Tanya.english@wcsb.us
<p>CyberSafety/Bullying Presentation Q and A</p>	<p>Sergeant Billy Jones gave information on what the Sheriff's office has done regarding handling complaints of bullying. He also shared how coordination with the school district has occurred. Presentations have occurred throughout the district during the school day for students and in the evenings for parents.</p> <p>The flowchart for reporting is located on the district website – http://wakulla.schooldesk.net - Click on Resources; Click on Employee Resources; Click on Forms; Click on Bullying and Harassment</p> <p>Sergeant Jones shared the statutory definition and description of bullying/harassment.</p> <p>Of note from Sergeant Jones' presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school district is exceeding requirements for addressing the needs of students in this area; • The school district has the authority to begin an investigation and provide disciplinary

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	<p>action, regardless of where the bullying/harassment occurred, anytime the issues are distracting or impacting the student or students at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents need to be the best parent rather than the best friend. (Paraphrase from quote of Polk County Sheriff) • Changes have been made to enforcement of the statutes, which have had the impact of shortening the time from identification of a problem to possible charges and/or arrest. This has also impacted the emphasis placed on investigation at the high school. • Some of the most severe bullying cases are not reported.
<p>Gifted and Talented STEM Update</p> <p>Climate Survey Update (Mims)</p>	<p>The Parent and Community Climate Survey was shared with the Council. It will open online within the next week. ConnectEd announcements will go out.</p> <p>The 2014 Summer School and the 2014-15 School Calendar were approved by the School Board. Thank you to those who served on this committee</p> <p>The Gifted and Talented Update was postponed until the May meeting.</p>
<p>Future Meeting Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 13, 2014 <p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The next meeting will be on May 13th at 8:00 in the Board Room.</p> <p>If you have a topic or a question that you would like addressed, please call or email Beth Mims. Phone – 926-0065 ext. 250 email – mary.mims@wcsb.us</p>