

# District Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

## Wakulla County Schools

September 30, 2014



### Expected Outcomes:

- Update on Strategic Plan – Approve/Disapprove
- District Parental Involvement Plan – Approve/Disapprove
- Update on *Choosing the Best*
- Update on AVID
- Review of new assessment requirements

Task	Notes
Attendance, Review Agenda, Approve/Disapprove Minutes	<p>Attendees: Jessica Brattain, Andrea Carter, Donna Branch, Amy Geiger, Belinda Heys, Sonya Hicks, Tonya Hobby, Alicia Le, Judy Myhre, Tiffany Sandberg, Shelly Swenson, Beth Brown, John Kane, Missy Rudd, Eric Westbrook, Tolar Griffin, Robert Pearce, Sue Anderson, Vicki Benton, Beth Mims</p> <p>The minutes were approved as presented with one typographical error being corrected.</p>
Comments from the Superintendent	<p>Superintendent Pearce spoke about the influx of students (~150) at Wakulla High School and the steps the district has taken to meet this demand. Congratulations were given to Beth Brown, with Cenergistic, for reaching the one million dollar mark in energy cost avoidance. He also reviewed the implementations and plans regarding Career and Technical (CTE) programs at Wakulla High School. Some mention was made of the new state assessment program and the demands being placed on students and teachers. He emphasized that the district is working with superintendents across the state of Florida to minimize negative impact from this implementation and to lobby for reasonable solutions with the legislature.</p>
Approve/Disapprove Update of Strategic Plan	<p>The Council reviewed the proposed update to the District Strategic Plan. Comments from the council were incorporated into the update. These included, but were not limited to,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including <i>Early Admit</i> in with the increase in enrollment for AP and Dual Enrollment classes;</li> <li>• Updating the software programs listed in I.I.4;</li> <li>• Putting <i>avionics</i> in the planning for new CTE programs;</li> <li>• Including the availability of 4-H Programs in the STEM offerings for elementary students;</li> <li>• Adding the addition of the school-level <i>Wellness Coach</i> under Focus Area 4, Objective F.</li> </ul> <p>Questions from the Council were entertained as the review was completed.</p> <p>A motion was made by Judy Myhre and seconded by Missy Rudd to approve the proposed update to the District Strategic Plan. Motion carried with no one opposing.</p> <p>The revised plan will go to the October School Board meeting for approval/disapproval.</p> <p>Mrs. Mims told Council members that she would send out a 'District Report Card' based on the district's Purpose, Direction, and Core Values. The purpose of the Report Card will be to gather perception data on how well the district is adhering to the above.</p>
Approve/Disapprove District Parental Involvement Plan	<p>Mrs. Anderson reviewed the draft <i>District Parental Involvement Plan</i> with the Council. Questions and comments were solicited. Note was made that all acronyms were spelled out as previously requested by the Council.</p>

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	No changes were made to the draft. A motion was made by Jessica Brattain and seconded by Tiffany Sandberg to approve the plan as presented. The motion carried with no one opposing.
Update on <i>Choosing the Best</i>	This segment of the agenda was postponed until the next meeting.
AVID Update	The AVID statistics were given to the Council members, but due to time constraints no discussion was held.
New Assessment Requirements	<p>A flyer reviewing the new assessment requirements was shared with the Council. Questions from the Council were addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has provision been made for students to have additional practice on the computer-based testing format since all but 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will be computer based this year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Yes. The district has implemented Write Score to provide students and teachers access to similar test situations. A keyboarding Scope and Sequence has been developed for elementary schools. In addition, existing instructional programs are formatting questions as the Florida Standards Assessment will be formatted.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will students still be retained based on performance on the state assessment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>At present, the law still designates third grade as a mandatory retention year based upon the student's performance on the state assessment. In addition, a 'proficient' score on the 10<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts (ELA) assessment is noted as a graduation requirement. These are two areas that are being raised as areas of concern with the Department of Education and the legislature. We do not yet know what the outcome will be or what the required level of performance will look like.</i></li> <li>○ <i>The district student progression plan does not require retention at any grade other than 3<sup>rd</sup> be based on the student's achievement on the state assessment. It is only one piece of data in the decision.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Council members stated that they would like to have additional assessment information at the next meeting.</p>
Approve/Disapprove 2014-15 Meeting Proposed Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 20, 2015</li> <li>• March 10, 2015</li> <li>• May - TBD</li> </ul>	<p>The January and March dates were agreed upon, with the May date to be determined at the March meeting.</p> <p>Flyers regarding <i>Operation Santa</i> were distributed, and Council members were encouraged to let others know of the October deadline for registering for participation. Registration is being conducted through the Community One-Stop Center.</p> <p>Council members were also encouraged to submit questions and concerns to be addressed at future meetings.</p>
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.