

District Advisory Council

Approved Minutes

February 10, 2016

The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* (DAC) was called to order at 3:37 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Kirby-Smith Center, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present: Adam Boukari Pamela Gonzales Donna Sheffield
Bob Carroll Sue Legg Sharon Surrency
Cynthia Chestnut Rick Nesbit Joe Swails
Tom Cowart Janine Plavac Elizabeth Washington

Members Absent: Mike Barton Staci Graff Rachel Meek
Elisa Beachy Melissa Heitzler Aimee Oelrich
Sarsh Beck Josh Jett Elizabeth Rowe
Jennifer Davis Joe Keys Sandy Springer
Jill Dumas Lisa Lauger Scott Zofnas
Erica Gindle

Also present were Eileen Roy, School Board Chairman; Dr. Owen Roberts, Superintendent of Schools; Jackie Johnson, Communications and Community Initiatives Director; Principal Bill McElroy, Professional Academies Magnet at Loften; and Career and Technical Education staff, Nancy Iafrate and Shannon Ritter.

Dr. Gunnar Paulson, School Board member, was in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER Board Chairman Eileen Roy welcomed the members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES There was no quorum present to approve minutes, but they were approved.

INFORMATION PRESENTATION – Information was presented on the curriculum framework for the Magnet programs. There are twelve separate Advisory Boards, and goals are set each year for each individual program. The extensive community involvement was noted, with a list of Advisory Committees provided.

CAREER TECH EDUCATION Ms. Susan Perkins, Hampton Inn general manager, spoke as a representative on the Culinary Institute Advisory Board at Eastside High School, spoke about what it’s like to work with the students, particularly in preparation for competitions. Ms. Billie DeNunzio, director, Institute of Culinary Arts, was highly commended on both the accomplishments of the students individually and the program.

Discussion was held on a six period day schedule vs. a seven period schedule.

Discussion was held on marketing and expansion. A suggestion was made that the present CTE video be turned into multiple two-minute videos for YouTube.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Roy requested that some specifics be presented on Loften becoming a satellite of Eastside High School.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.