

November DAC Notes

Pamela La Riviere was appointed to the DAC board.

At the prior DAC meeting it was suggested that the planned topic for the meetings be announced in advance as well as the dates of the meetings;

December	- No meeting
January	- Finance
February	- Curriculum, Parents Portal,
March	- Technology with the new Chief of Tech Trey Davis
April	- Update on Lee County Standards of Excellence
May	- Superintendent Review

It was announced that there will be a separate educational meeting from DAC February 1st with the location still not known.

Main Speaker

November DAC speaker was Robert Cody Director of Transportation introduced by William Long the Chief Operations Officer. There was good information about the future of transportation, emphasis on proximity schools and 57 newly purchased school buses with another 190 being financed. All have seatbelts. The 20/20 vision is to completely update whole fleet by 20/20. State policy on bus stop routes is up to 1.5 miles from a home, Lee County does better with $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile for elementary school stops, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile for middle schools, and 1 mile for high schools. Also they are working on lighting in areas of Lehigh and Cape Coral with the main streets being the first priority. Also, students should stay 12 feet back from the roadway when waiting for the bus. It is recommended that students wear light clothing and be early.

They are working on an app that would report the travel time of the buses so that schools and eventually parents would be able to track the arrival time of their child's bus and schools can tell what stop the student got off at. Schools should have this tracking ability by 2017.

Breakout Session

We discussed getting increased attendance at the SAC meetings. There should be more information to parents about what SAC really is. Also the Principal reminder calls should mention the topic of the meeting; i.e. Focus, Parentlink, what you need to know for student testing, ect.. This may get parents more interested in attending. On the outside board, instead of just saying SAC meeting list a topic as well. Those were some of the ideas discussed. We also talked about using Facebook live for SAC.