

after a single lengthy end-of-year assessment. Here are some of the NEW progress monitoring benefits: 1. Hours rather than days. 2. Three opportunities to check-in on growth. 3. 75% less testing time-more time for learning. 4. Informs teachers so they can best help their students. 5. Based on new BEST standards. 6. Customizable, unique to each student 7. Timely data during the school year. 8. Gives schools 2 opportunities to improve.

Key differences between current Florida standards and BEST standards:

- A. Eliminated Common Core
- B. Content-Rich
- C. Back to basics building a foundation at early grades
- D. Understandable for teachers, parents and students
- E. Created by Florida experts including 80+ FL based teacher and stakeholder groups
- F. Flexibility for teachers with a focus on great content
- G. Improves rigor across all grades
- H. Developmentally appropriate course content
- I. Actionable solutions for the reduction of testing
- J. Concise standards to set clear expectations for students, teachers and parents
- K. Clear expectations for progression year to year through great course alignment
- L. First in Nation with civics booklist in ELA standards

Around the room Updates from Schools:

Riverside: Donuts for dad was a success we had over 800 dads, uncles and grandparents. Safety Patrol, student council and our new Book Club members were selected. Krispy Kreme Fundraiser was also a success for us. Getting ready for Homecoming and Fall Festival.

Springcrest: Club Day, fall festival, Stem Club on Friday's, Leadership program with our 7 habits.

Pineview: Safety Patrol induction, donuts for dads, Johnson's Donut Fundraiser, Student Council, Homecoming, APT Friday treats, Arise/cheek-n-Scott paying it forward to teachers, UF 2nd grade gardening club, constitution day, dot day, bulldog readers, purple pinky day, Turkey trot in November.

Branford Middle: Donuts for dads, student council officers, volunteers and substitutes are needed, fall festival with BMS, Scarecrow Row, Homecoming

Suwannee Middle: Dads with Bots, Club Day at middle school, Homecoming game 9/28, Student council, E-Sports team competes nationwide, broadcasting class

Suwannee High: Fall test re-takes, Homecoming Bash, Bulldog Squad to boost school spirit, NCAA night 70mkids attended, Friday 10/1 senior night

Branford High: New clubs, Brainbowl, E-sports, National Honor Society, Algebra EOC, PSAT in a couple of weeks, Big Blue Raid, Homecoming, Financial Aid Night

Suwannee Virtual: FSA re-takes, working together by making students virtual personal.

Riveroak: Finished standards, highlighted 70 year old student, working with community and business partners and certifications.

Parent Engagement Team: meets monthly, bridge between school and family, helps with doctors appts, clothes, resources, liaisons supporting every school.

Open Agenda:

Branford suggests to host district meetings there sometimes to get parents involved.

Motion to close meeting at 6:57pm by Erika Leak, second by Dawn Conley.

Next Meeting October 25th at 6:00pm.

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Suwannee County School District

District Advisory Council Meeting Notes
September 27th, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm, motion approved by Dawn Conley, seconded by Perry Davis. Reviewed last meeting notes, meeting was held on May 24th, 2021 at 6pm. No changes needed to be made.

Kecia Robinson welcomed us back for our 1st DAC meeting of the year. Kecia also explained why the DAC was introduced in January 2019 to be compliant and have a functional advisory council representing our Suwannee County School District. Each school selected official representatives to attend the meetings, which is composed of a mix teachers, community partners and parents as per stated in our Bylaws. Kecia handed out a copy of our bylaws for each member to review.

DAC welcomed back their previous DAC chair Robert Fenney who will continue this year as Chair. Open position is Secretary and the position will hold for two years. Voting for Secretary will take place next meeting.

No old business to discuss.

We welcomed Mrs. Fitzpatrick to discuss our District Advisory Council Operations and functions. She explained schools didn't have 51% of non-school related employees on their SAC committees, so to alleviate school pressure the DAC was created to be compliant. Each school must still have a school based organization that parents can be part of like... "APT"- Association of parents and teachers.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick went through the DAC Bylaws handed out.

FSA's name is changing with a new assessment. There is a website and information coming soon as the details are available.

We discussed BEST- Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking: These standards emphasize: 1. Explicit and systematic phonics instructions 2. Critical thinking skills 3. A deep respect for literature from historic time periods 4. Knowledge building through content-rich texts.

The B.E.S.T standards for English Language Arts(ELA)are the literacy standards for Florida that will shape their education and make Florida the most literate state in the nation. The BEST Standards will pave the way for the Florida students to receive a world-class education and prepare them for a successful future.

Florida's new assessment will be called F.A.S.T-Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking. Florida is the 1st State in the Nation to fully transition to progress monitoring. Progress Monitoring will minimize the stress of testing and change to three much shorter tests in the Fall, Winter and Spring. These tests will provide real-time data that will inform students, teachers and parents about individual student growth, rather than providing feedback at the end of the year

**Suwannee County School District
District Advisory Council Meeting**

September 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting Room, 1740 Ohio Avenue, South, Live Oak, Florida

AGENDA

1. Meeting Call to Order/Determination of a Quorum
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Introduction and Welcome
4. Reading/Adoption of the Minutes
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - District Advisory Council Operations – Function
 - Bylaws
 - Officers 2021-2022
 - B.E.S.T (Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking)
 - F.A.S.T. (Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking)
7. Around the Room from Schools
8. Open Agenda
9. Next Meeting/Adjournment

Chairman Notes: