

Suwannee County School District
District Advisory Council Meeting
November 16, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Meeting Called to Order/Determination of a Quorum** – Mrs. Leak called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mrs. Leak. Criteria for a quorum was met.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Mrs. Leak called for any late additions to the agenda. There were none. MOTION by Mrs. Leak, second by Ms. Wooley, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **Introduction and Welcome** – Mrs. Leak welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. **Reading/Adoption of the minutes** – MOTION by Mrs. Boatright, second by Mrs. Warren, to approve the minutes, with one correction to insert T. Boggus' name. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
5. **Old Business**
 - November is Family Engagement Month. Mrs. Robinson shared that there are activities on the Department of Education (DOE) website. The Suwannee County School Board will also recognize stakeholders at the Board meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Robinson encouraged everyone to attend the School Board meeting.
6. **New Business**
 - **Annual Title I Meetings** – Mrs. Robinson informed the committee that all annual Title I meetings have been completed via the APT/SAC meeting at each school. Mrs. Robinson explained Title I funding. It is for students ages 5 to 17. Funds are determined by the poverty level, which is driven by the census. These funds provide supplemental dollars to aid in a plethora of areas: resource areas for parents at each school, technology upgrades, 1:1 devices for students, parent liaison position, professional staff at schools, Donuts for Dad, software, etc. Suwannee County School District operates under the School Wide Reform model. Thus, all schools benefit from the Title I funds.
 - **Parent and Family Engagement Update** – Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Robinson shared the District's Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Mrs. Warren shared that she has not been able to go to Pilgrim's Pride. However, she and DeeDee Cathcart work together to handle any referrals for home visits and serve as a

means of communication from home to school and school to home. Mrs. Warren also shared that Love, Inc. will be unable to help with adopting families for Christmas in its usual capacity. However, the District will work with the Salvation Army, Melody Christian Church, and other entities to reach as many families as possible. The question was asked about donations made to Love, Inc. from a business. Mrs. Warren said they are accepting donations and encouraged them to reach out to Love, Inc. directly. The District is also accepting donations from businesses and community members. Mrs. Robinson mentioned that there will be the annual Angel Tree at the District Office. You may stop by and take a name off the tree. Our District has 160 homeless students. Angel Hill is working to support those students and their family. It was suggested that all entities work together to ensure that each family receives support from one donor. In this way, we are able to serve as many families as possible.

7. Around the Room from Schools

- Branford Elementary School – They are working to fill the Love, Inc. gap internally. They have identified 27 families in need. They dropped boxes at donation sites and have contacted other organizations to help. Students have taken the APM Reading, APM Math, and Write score. Diagnostics for i-Ready, in Reading and Math, will begin after Thanksgiving Break. Finally, students are collecting paper goods and hygiene items to be distributed to families in need.
- Suwannee Pineview Elementary – Ms. Wooley reported that they have also completed the same round of testing as Branford Elementary. They had a successful canned food drive and preparing for a Turkey Trot on Friday, which is sponsored by Student Council.
- Suwannee Riverside Elementary – Mrs. Patrick reported that they have been busy testing as well. They collected almost 2,000 canned goods to donate to families in need within the community. The administration has planned a “Thankful Luncheon” for faculty and staff on November 19. Students will participate in a “turkey tug” on November 20.
- Suwannee Virtual School – Students have been testing! They have been able to complete their APM testing from home or sign up for lab slots on site.
- Suwannee High School – Football team won their game and will be advancing in the playoffs. The girls’ basketball team will have senior night on Thursday, November 19. The weightlifting team also had a successful meet. Everyone was encouraged to come out and show their support.

8. Next Meeting/Adjournment – The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.