

Suwannee County School District
District Advisory Council Meeting
October 26, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

- I. Meeting Called to Order/Determination of a Quorum** – Mrs. Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. There was a quorum.
- II. Adoption of the Agenda** – Mrs. Harrell called for any late additions to the agenda. There was none. Motion by Bogus, second by Ms. Conley to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- III. Introduction and Welcome** – Mrs. Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- IV. Reading/Adoption of the Minutes** – Motion by Mrs. Tammy Boggus, second by Mrs. Marcia Boatright to adopt the minutes with necessary corrections. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- V. Old Business**
 - **District Advisory Council Operations** – Mrs. Fitzpatrick explained that the District Advisory Council (DAC) serves as a compliance for state requirements. The purpose of DAC is to correct a previous audit finding for compliance for the next audit and ensure we have the correct make up for the committee composition. Fifty-one percent, (51%) of the Council's composition cannot be school district employees.
 - Suwannee County School District submitted a plan as a small district to be able to have a DAC. Individual schools still have regular SAC meetings.
 - Bylaws state there must be two representative from each school and one alternative. Schools designate representatives and are specific about what role they serve for the schools.
 - Three teachers, one from each school: Elementary, Middle and High. Secondary students can also serve and provide students' perspective.
 - Two people to serve as large members on the District Advisory Council, one official should not have any children enrolled in Suwannee county schools.
 - Members serve a one-term year, from September 1 through August 31 and they can be consecutive terms, but membership is not transferrable.

- Mrs. Joyce Warren will work on voting members list as she collects them to determine membership. She will determine which members represent each of the schools and who are parents or community partners.
- **2020 – 2025 District Strategic Plan** – Mrs. Fitzpatrick discussed the mission, vision and belief of the District's current Strategic Plan. Mrs. Fitzpatrick noted that input from stakeholders is desired. The survey deadline was extended. The new due date is November 6, 2020.
- Accreditation for the District is up for renewal in 2021. Accreditation is for a five (5) year period. The Accreditation committee make sure that the District is moving forward, reacting and getting feedback, not standing still.
The District will gather data and evaluate to if we are meeting our vision. Suwannee County School District, who are we? What are we trying to be? Stakeholders will be surveyed to gather information and input to draft a new strategic plan/draft mission statement.
- FDOE has need standards. They are the B.E.S.T. standards – an acronym for Benchmark for Excellence Student Thinking.

VI. New Business

- **November Family Engagement Month** – Mrs. Robinson explained that November is family engagement month- the district is participating in several trunk or treats in both Live Oak and Branford.
- Stakeholder Recognition – Mrs. Robinson also shared that stakeholders, parents and families will be recognized during Family Engagement Month at the School Board Meeting in November.

VII. Around the Room from Schools

- VIII. Next Meeting/Adjournment** – The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.