

**Suwannee County School District
District Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes, February 22, 2021**

1. The **meeting was called to order** by Ms. Robinson at 6:02 p.m. Mrs. Warren determined that enough members were present for a quorum.
2. Mrs. Boggus made a motion to **adopt the agenda** for tonight's meeting. Ms. Herring seconded. The motion carried.
3. Ms. Robinson and Mr. Feeney **welcomed** everyone to the meeting, and we went around the room re-introducing ourselves. We were pleased to be joined by Elizabeth McLaughlin from the nonprofit organization Hedges & Highways.
4. Ms. McManaway asked for the misspelling of Mrs. Leslie Fry's (~~Frye~~) name to be corrected in the **minutes from last month**. Ms. Herring made a motion to accept the minutes from last month as amended. Mrs. Harrell seconded the motion.
5. There was no **old business**.
6. **New Business.**
 - a. Mrs. Fitzpatrick presented two documents for our review and discussion.
 - i. The first was a chart showing the five main components the state looks at when assessing districts' success at closing achievement gaps between and among the different sub-groups and content areas, as well as graduation rates. She explained that we no longer just look at "proficiency" on standardized tests, but now we are focused more on comparing different sub-groups to each other and closing those achievement gaps (example: comparing students with disabilities to students with no disabilities the two groups).
 - ii. The second document was One of Mr. Roush's initial calendar available for two years for purposes. This draft calendar Tuesday, February 23. The September starting in 20 PD days on the calendar of student instructional days required professional development regular day. She reminded as much as possible to be considered days for

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7. Around the Room from Schools

- a. **Suwannee Pineview Elementary** -- celebrating Dr. Seuss week in March with daily themed activities to include a Family Movie Night; looking forward to Kids Heart Challenge and Community Dodgeball coming up.
- b. **Suwannee Riverside Elementary** -- recent Valentine's Dance was very successful all the way down to the pick-up lines after the dance; they are currently planning for Community Dodgeball and preparing baskets for raffles.
- c. **Branford Elementary** -- they have been working with their district data coach and have benefitted from the eye-opening sessions; they have used some Title I money to beef up their STEAM lab and arts and music programs; they are looking forward to working with SVEC for their egg-drop activity this spring.
- d. **Suwannee Springcrest Elementary** -- because they are the Leadership-themed school, their recent parent-teacher conference night was totally student-led. It was very successful and amazing to watch the leadership skills of even the kindergarten and first grade students shine; also looking forward to activities during Read Across America week, including pairing older students with younger ones for buddy reading; Valentine's Dance was very successful; they are looking forward to sharing this year's Community Dodgeball Tournament with all of the elementary schools.
- e. **Suwannee Virtual School** -- all is well; Innovative-Hybrid students are settling in and teachers are getting used to the new processes involved in the Innovative-Hybrid program
- f. **Suwannee High School** -- recently hosted the Girls' Weightlifting state championship; our SHS girls team won the division state championship (possibly the first time a girls' team from SHS has won any state title); student Timothy Jolicoeur recently received his early appointment to West Point Military Academy, becoming the 2nd SHS student in two years to receive an appointment; mandatory mental health trainings for students is underway.
- g. **Student/Family Support Services** -- ELL/Migrant parent night is scheduled for March 31; training for immigrant parents (re: DACA students) is underway; recently met with the nonprofit organization that provides services for children/families.
- h. **Federal Programs** -- Mrs. Robin Johnson's informational meeting regarding federal programs for schools and the public will be held on March 30 at the SC State Capitol, but is not taken from our SC schools and the public of the federal programs; schools elect to participate or not.
- i. **Parent Involvement** -- Mrs. Wanda Johnson with excellent parent involvement for parent engagement, but over

8. Open Agenda: no one

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