The District Advisory Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at Deltona High School, media center.

Ms. Rebecca Taylor, vice chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Introductions of Mr. Stan Schmidt, school board member; Dr. Robert Moll, deputy superintendent of financial services; and Mr. Tom Russell, area superintendent were made. She mentioned Dr. Smith, superintendent, and DAC Chairman Amy Nowell send their regrets for not being able to attend.

April minutes were approved.

Ms. Taylor requested the vice-chairman nominees stand and make a brief statement on anything they would like to share with the group before the election took place. Ms. Taylor began with a brief introduction of herself. With there being no opposition for the chair position, Ms. Taylor was elected as 2013-2014 chairman. The three vice-chairman candidates, Ms. Debbie Beavers, Ms. Leslie LaRue and Ms. Kym Stevens each spoke. Ballots were collected and counted. The announcement of the 2013-2014 District Advisory Committee vice-chairman, Ms. Leslie LaRue, was made at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Moll spoke regarding financial issues. He was disappointed the DCD study was not passed by the legislators. With a prediction of 1,100 decline in the student enrollment next year times will still be difficult. The good news is the district will receive $16.6 million to help with the deficit. He explained some of the predetermined assignment of those funds. The amount of $10.3 million is earmarked for teacher salaries. This includes every teacher, principal and assistant principal. A pension amount of $5.1 million will also be deducted from the $16.6 million. After other deductions, to include materials and supplies, the district will have total discretionary use of approximately $600K.

Ms. Debbie Drawdy, coordinator school services, was the next to speak. She thanked the District Advisory Committee members for their support. She explained the Student Progression Plan is designed to help map how students transfer from grade to grade. A committee meets from January through August to amend the document. Ms. Drawdy introduced Ms. Lyndi Goepfert, elementary school services; Dr. Kati Dyer, middle and high school services; Ms. Susan Reaves, exceptional student education; and Dr. Amy Hall who attended for Dr. Alicia Parker, monitoring and reporting student progress. They individually reviewed their section of proposed revisions and corrections to the Student Progression Plan (will post as soon as it is available). Below are some of the revisions discussed:

- report card grading for K-1 to include 1=satisfactory, 2=needs improvement, 3=unsatisfactory
- Create consistent verbiage in elementary, middle and high schools sections
- number of days allotted for make-up work
- requirements for non-accredited and accredited home school students to receive a Volusia County Schools diploma
Ms. Drawdy also explained SB1076 was passed last week. Florida Governor Scott signed an education bill that rolls back graduation standards adopted three years ago. This will allow students to graduate from high school even if they do not complete tough classes in both math and science. The Student Progression Plan will have to be revised to include the SB1076.

Following the review of the Student Progression Plan, members made suggestions for revisions which were noted. The committee was instructed to contact the presenters if there are further proposed revisions/corrections by Friday, May 24. A flyer was distributed with contact information listed (see attached).

As District Advisory Committee member asks a question about common core. His concern is about having a national standard with seemingly no local control; worrying about indoctrination from the federal level. Ms. Bambi Lockman, deputy superintendent for instructional services, provided the following information.

**The CCSS were developed by educators and education experts from across the nation.**
- Florida educators were involved in the writing of the CCSS.
- The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) reviewed and provided feedback prior to the release of the final set of standards.
- FDOE developed a state committee to review and recommend supplemental standards to meet Florida’s specific math and English/Language Arts requirements. The committee found no benefit to include additional standards and felt the newly adopted CCSS were already robust.
- The CCSS were built on international benchmarks and enable our students to compete with peers on both national and international levels.
- By adopting the CCSS, Florida’s mobile students, such as those in our military families, receive more consistent learning as they move from town to town or state to state.

**Academic standards and curriculum/instruction are not identical.**
- Academic standards are the “what” – the knowledge and skills – students are required to learn at each grade level. Curriculum and instruction are the “how” – the materials and delivery methods – students are taught.
- The CCSS do not require that educators teach with specific materials or methods.
- Some materials, including novels, have been recommended as potential instructional materials. However, required ELA materials almost exclusively pertain to America’s founding documents, foundational American literature, Shakespeare and international literature.
- Math requirements include mastery of foundational skills – such as fractions, decimals, multiplication – but also push for more application of math concepts and procedures for real-world practices.

For more information visit [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org).

Mr. Stan Schmidt, school board member thanked District Advisory Committee members for their service this year.

Ms. Nancy Wait, director of community information services, asked for any school successes. She announced Meryl Liu, a 4th grade Cypress Creek Elementary student in Port Orange, was named the Doodle 4 Google state winner for Florida. The national winner will be selected by the
public voting online for their favorite doodle. To vote for Meryl’s doodle, visit the Google 4 Doodle website at http://www.google.com/doodle4google/vote.html#d=d2-2. Anyone can vote from any device with access to the Internet; however, only one vote per device is permitted. Voting is open until Friday, May 10. The national winner will receive a $30,000 college scholarship and a $50,000 technology grant for their school.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.
PLEASE PROVIDE FEEDBACK OR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN TO THE APPROPRIATE SECTION CONTACT BY FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013.

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