

# DeBary Elementary School

## School Advisory Council Meeting

March 11, 2021

3:00 PM  
Art Room 1g-131

### AGENDA

- 1. Welcome.....Nicole Strocchia**  
Motion to approve by Delaney Lehman, motion second by Alfredo Ruiz, minutes approved.
- 2. Review/Approve SAC minutes.....Nicole Strocchia**  
None
- 3. Public Comments on Items on Agenda.....PUBLIC**  
None
- 4. SAC Membership.....Nicole Strocchia**  
**\*Additions/Deletions**  
**Additions:** Leni Kahle  
**Deletions:** Linda Prettyman  
Motion to approve Pam Howard, motion second Chad Miller, changes approved.
- 5. SAC Budget Review.....Nicole Strocchia**  
No changes to the budget.
- 6. SAC Funds Request.....Nicole Strocchia**  
No new requests, no new allegations.
- 7. Principal's Report.....Mrs. Frazee**  
**Mr. Miller:**  
We have had two meetings regarding the reconstruction of the parent pick up loop and we are targeting for construction to begin this summer; however, there is no guarantee the project will be completed before the start of the 2021-2022 school year. There is discussion about creating a golf cart path with the city and county; however, an appropriate location has not been determined at this time.  
  
Jamie Haynes, our school board representative, passed out class sets of iPads for k-2. iPads will remain on campus and will not go home with students.  
  
FSA Testing Dates:  
Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>                      3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing  
Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup>                 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing  
Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>                        4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading  
Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>                    4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading  
Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup>                      3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>                         3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup>                      4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science  
Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>                 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science  
  
**Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up and with Covid-19 this year and the ICP last year we are looking to go all out this year**
- 8. SAC Training.....Nicole Strocchia**  
None  
No Code of Conduct concerns  
Mrs. Strocchia is receiving training for the climate survey. The survey will be available at a later date.
- 9. District Advisory Council Update.....Ken Dietzel**

**Superintendent comments**

### **Cleaning during Spring Break**

- Our custodial contractor, ABM, will be conducting deep cleaning of the schools during Spring Break the week of March 22-26.
- Our principals are guiding those efforts to target high-traffic and specific areas where they would like to have additional cleaning.

### **Spring Break Meals for Students**

- School Way Café will provide a free meal bundle to feed children during Spring Break
- This is for all Volusia County children, including students enrolled in brick and mortar AND those attending remotely.
- Families must register by Friday, March 12 – the link is at [vcseu.org](http://vcseu.org) and was sent to all families via School Messenger

### **Spring Break Academic Challenge**

- All schools are offering a Spring Break Challenge to keep students engaged during the spring holiday.
- Variety of challenges (different for each school) – examples: reading and math contests/challenges, essay contests, virtual field trips, iready lessons, etc.

### **Preview of Summer School**

- March 9 school board will discuss summer school programs
- Virtual and brick and mortar options
- Enrichment and remediation options

### **Strategic Plan 2020-2023**

- School Board adopted new Strategic Plan on February 23
- New Vision Statement: Create life-long learners prepared for an ever-changing global society
- New Mission Statement: Volusia County Schools will ignite a passion for learning in all students to be productive citizens.
- Full plan online at [www.vcseu.org/strategic-plan](http://www.vcseu.org/strategic-plan)

### **New HVAC program**

- VCS has been awarded a \$530,000 Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant to launch a vocational program in heating/air conditioning at Pine Ridge High
- New Heating/Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics/Installers and Heating/Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Mechanics program will start in 2021-2022 school year.

### **Job Fair for teacher recruitment**

- VCS will host an invitation-only Spring 2021 Instructional Job Fair for teacher candidates on Friday, April 16.
- **More info on our website homepage – VCSEU.org**

**Nick Prince, Minority Achievement and Restorative Practices Specialist, gave a [PowerPoint presentation on Eye for an Eye: What are Restorative Practices?](#)**

### **School Success**

VCCPTA wrote Governor DeSantis asking him to direct Florida Department of Education to apply for the federal waiver to remove district accountability of the summative state assessments this year. More information can be found on VCCPTA Facebook page.

Mrs. Strocchia highlighted some of the positives our mentoring program provide for our students. Our goal is to start the mentoring program earlier next year (this year was shortened due to COVID-19). Mr. Miller explained the benefit of relationship building vs suspension.

**10. Announcements:**

**\*PTO – Teacher Appreciation Week** is the week of FSA; however, we are trying to make it fun every day. Donuts with Mom will end next week with the picture contest.

**\*DeBary Parks and Recreation:** Flag Football will start this weekend. Summer Camp Registration starts April 12th. This year we are allowed to host fieldtrips and the busses have been approved. Camp will run from June 7 – August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Armored Academy:** Tablets for homework were donated by Mr. Ian Holms to assist with students who have digital homework.

**\*DeBary Elementary:** Upcoming events: The Book Fair will be held April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in the media center from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. We will host the book fair the same way we did in the Fall. Students will be able to shop during their Media Special Area time. Parents may shop online. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/debaryelementaryschool1>  
St. Patrick’s Day will be an out of uniform day.

**11. Council Member Discussion.....Nicole Strocchia**  
None

**12. Adjournment.....Nicole Strocchia**  
Motion to adjourn Ken Dietzel, motion second Leni Kahle, motion approved.

**Mission Statement:**

Our school community will provide a solid foundation for academic and social growth, promoting diversity and inclusion while establishing life-long learners and positive contributors to society.

ATTENDANCE: Nicole Strocchia, Chad Miller, Ken Dietzel, Alfredo Ruiz, Pam Howard, Delaney Lehman, Bethany Watson, Gernelle Bokuniewicz, Leni Kahle

**Parents and Community Members:**

- Stephanie Philyaw
- Stephanie Fasking
- Alfredo Ruiz
- Ken Dietzel
- Gernelle Bokuniewicz
- Delaney Lehman
- Chrysti Ayers
- Ian Holm
- Bethany Watson

**Staff Members**

- Nicole Strocchia
- Pam Howard
- Nancy Hatch
- Chad Miller
- Leslie Frazee
- Leni Kahle