

# DUVAL VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION ACADEMY

SAC Minutes – 10/20/2020

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## Attendance:

Mr. Ertel (Principal), Dr. Zenke (community member/chairperson), Christine Moloney (support staff), Allison Messick (parent), Fearell Blue (teacher), Monica Knighton (teacher), Gary Avery (teacher), Kelly Fanning (teacher/secretary).

## Call to Order:

A meeting of the Duval Virtual Instruction Academy School Advisory Council was held in the GoToMeetings application (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/776721589>) on 10/20/2020. Chairman Dr. Zenke called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Kelly Fanning will record minutes for this meeting.

## New Business:

1. **Welcome.** Mr. Ertel welcomed all to the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves.
2. **Introductions.** Participants introduced themselves and their roles.
3. **Staffing Needs.** Mr. Ertel explained that DVIA is still struggling to be fully staffed, indicating open positions in Spanish, VE, and Science. Mr. Ertel emphasized that teacher loads are still too high.
4. **Enrollments.** Mr. Avery acknowledged that 7,000+ students in our district are returning to a brick & mortar school this week (from Duval Homeroom). Mr. Ertel discussed the possibility of the governor closing down the blended learning option and how that might affect our enrollment, as well as the possibility of Duval Homeroom students moving into the Duval Flex program. He also reviewed the benefits and drawback of synchronous vs asynchronous learning. Ms. Messick iterated her satisfaction in choosing DVIA for her student so as to have avoided the return-to-school frustrations for Duval Homeroom students.
5. **School Operations/Live Campus (LC).** Mr. Ertel discussed his hopes for the live campus to be up and running again soon dependent upon COVID restrictions/advisories. Elementary teachers are seeing students at the LC by appointment only. Mr. Ertel's desire is that secondary teachers will be able to see students by appointment only as well—as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. He especially thinks this will be beneficial for students with academic integrity issues in order to maintain our school's integrity and coursework rigor. Mrs. Messick agrees that DVIA has rigorous coursework and integrity standards.
6. **SAC Member Demographic Compliance.** Mr. Ertel shared the 2019-2020 SAC demographics and reviewed criteria for compliance. Ms. Messick voiced desire to be a member of SAC if the school can do so while remaining in compliance. Mr. Ertel asked Mrs. Ramscar and Mrs. Fanning to review the data sets for this year and work, together with him, on making sure the school is in compliance per the SAC requirements.
7. **Communication.** Mr. Ertel proposed making a quarterly newsletter available to all students/parents but expressed concern about doing it in a way that did not bombard families with a message that may or may not apply to them. Further discussion about how that will be implemented will continue amongst SAC members.
8. **Monies.** Mr. Ertel discussed the nearly non-existent funds to use towards school improvement contrary to previous years.
9. **School Grade.** Mr. Ertel reviewed school grade criteria with a focus on "95% of students tested" requirement. DVIA did not meet this requirement last year. New student population is currently 1,606.

## Open Agenda

There were no comments, questions, or concerns voiced during the open agenda.

## Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup> in the GoToMeetings application.

## Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Dr. Zenke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,  
Kelly Fanning,  
Secretary