

DUVAL VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION ACADEMY

SAC Minutes – 1/26/2020

Attendance:

Brick-and-mortar

Mr. Ertel (principal), Kelly Fanning (teacher/SAC secretary), Staci Bogan (teacher), Christine Moloney (school secretary)

Virtual

Fearell Blue (teacher), Natalie Jones (parent), Larry Zenke (chairperson), Monica Knighton (teacher), Don Nelson (community member), Katelyn Green (student) Kunj Patel (student), Gary Avery (teacher)

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Duval Virtual Instruction Academy School Advisory Council was held in the at the Live Campus (Wolfson High School, Rm 56) and in GoToMeetings <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/242793653> on January 26th, 2021. 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 the members and attendees. A vote was held on the adding of new members: Kunj Patel (student) and Don Nelson (community member). The vote for new membership passed unanimously.
2. **Testing.** Mr. Ertel gave an overview and update about state testing mandates. Students will be required to test in person. It is anticipated that there will be parents and guardians who oppose this mandate (ones who have enrolled their students in virtual school due to safety concerns of the current COVID-19 pandemic). Mr. Ertel emphasized that this is not a district mandate and that any complaints from parents should be directed to the appropriate person(s) at the state level i.e. FLDOE and/or state legislators. This topic was covered in the previous SAC meeting as Ms. Bogan expressed concern over the anticipated opposition from parents/guardians in our program. Mr. Ertel asked Ms. Bogan to further elaborate on the details of the mandated testing. Ms. Bogan reviewed the dates of the scheduled testing and some logistical considerations. Parents/guardians in attendance did not have any questions about the information provided by Mr. Ertel or Ms. Bogan.
3. **Introduction of New Assistant Principal.** Mr. Ertel announced the hiring of DVIA's new assistant principal, Ms. Kimberly Poss. She joins Ms. Dawn Elkins who has been an AP for DVIA since our inception.
4. **Enrollment/Home Ed./DuvalFlex.** Mr. Ertel reiterated the decision to not accept any new enrollments at the beginning of the second semester due to challenges that this would present with the student-to-teacher ratio and properly staffing the school to meet student needs. Mr. Ertel reviewed the success of having mid-year enrollments participate in the DuvalFlex program as an alternative to DVIA. There are approximately 4,000 student enrollments in DuvalFlex, which includes all part-time students as well as students who are under the "Home Education" umbrella. Mr. Ertel discussed how this program can be beneficial for our district keeping as many students as possible and not losing them to Florida Virtual. He also discussed the intention to run the Home Education through DuvalFlex program as its own entity with a staff separate from DVIA's in the upcoming school year.
5. **Budget.** Mr. Ertel explained how the current allocation formula is based on grade level, which presents problems for DVIA as a K-12 school. This has been a problem pertaining to budget in previous years and continues to be a problem. Mr. Ertel hopes to work with district-level personnel to develop a fair and fitting allocation formula for K-12 schools.
6. **Student Input.** Katelyn Green (student) expressed her satisfaction with the Edgenuity platform and noted that it has improved since her brother (a former DVIA student) was enrolled in the program years ago. Kunj Patel (student) stated that what he most appreciates about DVIA is the teachers' quick responses to students, especially in the Edgenuity message platform.
7. **Parent/guardian/community member input.** Natalie Jones (parent) voiced her satisfaction with the teachers at DVIA over the years. Don Nelson (community member and parent) voiced a similar appreciation for the teachers, as well as the innate flexibility of the program with 24/7 access to curriculum.
8. **Announce Next Meeting Time.** Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 at 11:30 am.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 at 11:30 am.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Kelly Fanning

Name of Position on Board: Secretary

Approval Date: _____