Daniell Middle School’s Principal Advisory Council

Agenda/Minutes



Mission: To prepare all students for success

Vision: To be a school that develops successful members of society

April 16, 2025

Daniell Middle School’s Principal Advisory Council Members:

* Stacy Meriaux, PTSA Treasurer
* Adrienne Gary, Keller Williams
* Kevin Blond, Top Tier Trees
* Kanika Nolasco, 2025 Teacher of the Year
* Karina Alarcon, Spanish Teacher
* Kirbie Bodiford, PE Teacher
* Nicholas Waltz, Parent
* Amy Stump, Principal
1. Band Successes: At LGPE, the 7th & 8th grade band students had perfect scores, Superiors, in ALL categories! Every single judge gave perfect scores and comments, which is unheard of! Our band directors, Mr. Boyle and Ms. Adams, have really turned our band program around, and our students are thriving! Congratulations to the band!
2. Milestones are coming!

Daniell is doing several things to support our students leading up to the Milestones. Examples of these supports are:

* Deployment: Academic teachers assess their students, then group the students as a whole (not by class) either in group for approaching standards, meeting standards, or exceeding standards groups, or in groups according to standards. Each teacher then takes a group to work on the standards those students need to help them perform at mastery. Not only are our students getting the help they specifically need, but they are also establishing relationships with more teachers in the school. Our kids are responding well to the program, and our teachers are seeing positive results in assessment data.
* Saturday School: We have offered five Saturday sessions for specific students who are approaching standards. Students get help in Math and ELA in 6th & 7th grades, and Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies in 8th grade. It is a small group of students who are taking advantage of this, but the ones who are coming have reported that they are getting the help they need. Advantages of this are small class sizes and more individual attention.
* Monday/Wednesday Tutoring: To reach students who are not able to attend Saturday School, we have pulled specific students from a connection class once a week to offer help. Teachers are helping during their planning periods, and different students are pulled Mondays and Wednesdays.
* Social Studies Department: 8th grade social studies have a Milestones, while 6th & 7th do not. However, 6th & 7th grade teachers have committed to help the 8th grade teachers with deployment during their class times to help with skills that will be tested on the Milestones. This will take place during teacher planning times.

Daniell teachers are so giving of their time to help our students be successful! We are lucky to work as a team!

1. Theater Update: We held the Q3 Honor Roll Ceremony virtually because a structural engineer needs to come verify the rigging on the stage and ensure safety for all. We are in the process now and are hoping to be back in the theater for the 8th grade awards ceremony at the end of the year.
2. End of the Year 8th grade activities:

-Awards ceremony

-Walk/Slide Show

-Picnic Sponsored by Piedmont Church

-Academy Picnic for our three Academy classes. Top Tier Trees offered to help with the cost of this picnic!

-Music trip to Universal: With a stop at Valdosta State University to tour the school, eat lunch on campus, and observe and work with their music department. This is a great exposure to college for our students.

1. Top Tier Trees would like to be participate in next year’s Career Day for 8th graders and /or any end of the year activities for students. They have workers who speak Spanish who can hold sessions in Spanish for our Spanish Speaking population. They can bring trucks, a crane, and other equipment to show to the students. Ms. Stump will connect our contacts to make this happen!
2. Upcoming Meetings:

May 6, 2025