

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
Central Region Advisory Council – General Meeting  
Indian Ridge Middle School  
September 15, 2022 9:45 to 11:45 am  
Minutes**

*Chair - Dee Defoe*

*Vice Chair - Pamela Taylor*

*Recording Secretary - Brie-Anne Pendlebury*

*Corresponding Secretary - Dania Previl*

**Call to order: 9:45 AM**

- Welcome and Meeting Etiquette (raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged) Please be sure to sign in for your school or as a guest.
- Approve May 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes: Motion to approve Ms. Granoff seconded by Ms. Greco.

***New Business/Guest Speaker(s):***

Open Positions for District Advisory: High School Rep: Barry Granoff, nominated by Michelle Granoff, seconded by Carolyn Krohn, passed unanimously. (1) and Parent at Large, Self-Nomination of Kim Schneider seconded by Michelle Granoff, passed unanimously.

***Dr. Wanza***

There are currently several policies under review. The first semester will target 4 policies. They have been shared with the DAC and will be discussed in upcoming region meetings and other committee meetings. These first policies are:

School Day Hours

School Advisory Forums

Innovation Zones

Unified School Dress

***Introductions of Central Regional Office 754.321.3000***

Darius Adamson, Central Regional Superintendent; Haleh Darbar, Director (Secondary Schools); Sandra Shipman, Director (Elementary Schools); Dr. Angela Fulton, Director (Elementary Schools); Joseph Balchunas, Director (Elementary Schools); ***Ms. Farrah Wilson, Assistant Director (speaker)***

The office is now located at the Lauderdale Manors location. There are a total of 67 schools in the Central Region.

***Richard Baum, Director of Research, Evaluation & Accountability [Richard.Baum@browardschools.com](mailto:Richard.Baum@browardschools.com)***

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is the new assessment that has been developed in alignment with the new B.E.S.T standards. There are two assessment groups: VPK-10 for English Language Arts and VPK-8 for Math.

They are administered three times per year; the first two as progress monitoring and the final as a cumulative evaluation. The first administration is within the first 30 days of the school year. Within the district, there are specified 2-to-3-week windows.

VPK-2 is managed by Renaissance as the vendor. There are two Star assessments: Star Early Literacy for grades VPK-1, and Star Literacy for 1<sup>st</sup> grade assessment period 3 and all second graders.

Grades 3-10: Cambium is the vendor for these assessments. It is the same vendor as was used for the FSA. Times for the assessment are up to 90 minutes for the first two periods and up to 120 minutes for the third period.

The state will be advising in October which schools will be part of the pilot year writing assessments. All writing assessments will be computer based. This assessment is for grades 4-10.

There is a parent concern regarding scheduling for the second period with mid-terms as well as with the third period with AP and Cambridge exams.

Link to FAST Fact Sheet <https://www.fl DOE.org/core/fileparse.php/20102/urlt/2223FASTGrd310FS.pdf>

***Kristine Cartagena, Transportation Sub-committee***

Here Comes the Bus app is rolling out tomorrow, 9/15/22. Parents of bus riders received an email with this information and how to access the system. The customer satisfaction survey period is complete. There were about 9,000 responses that will be analyzed for future improvements. The Register to Ride option for bus route sign up was also a success as shared by a parent. The transportation FTE will be in October. Students should ride at least one day during this period to ensure proper funding allocations.

A question was asked if the transportation information that appears in the BCPS app is accurate and live.

***Carolyn Krohn, Looping Policy 1164, [carolynkrohn07@gmail.com](mailto:carolynkrohn07@gmail.com)***

This policy is under current review for revision/updates. It is Public and Community Engagement policy. This policy and its proposed revisions went before the board recently, specifically the looping component. This is the process by which a policy moves through stakeholder meetings (SAC, Regions, DAC, etc). Unfortunately, the board was looking to repeal this portion of the policy. Several advisory members attended the board meeting and spoke to the board about this concern. All but one member of the board agreed, therefore, the repeal of the looping process has not occurred. Moving forward, the board agrees that the expectation of stakeholder input on policies, especially those who make changes to advisories, continue to be moved through the advisories.

***Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh, Boundary Sub-committee and Facilities, [nlynch-walsh@att.net](mailto:nlynch-walsh@att.net)***

Boundaries are being reviewed due to the overcrowding at some locations and under enrollment at others. The specific schools being looked at are: Broward Estates Elementary, Central Park Elementary, Dillard Elementary, Dr. Martin Luther King Montessori Academy, Mirror Lake Elementary, North Fork Elementary, Peters Elementary, Royal Palm Elementary, Walker Elementary, Parkway Middle, Plantation Middle, Plantation High, Stranahan High, Dillard 6-12. The deadline for all new proposals is October 31, 2022. The municipalities also have Educational Advisory Boards that should be part of the conversations for any re-boundary decisions.

The next committee meetings will be on September 22, 2022.

## **Facilities**

Site Visits Needed:

Walker Building 5 - roofing issues

Larkdale - Needs vs. budget. School was reroofed during recession

MSD Boundary Change

- Will change be phased in to allow students to finish at MSD, or will they be reassigned from MSD
- Will policy 5000 be adhered to regarding keeping neighborhoods together and reducing feeder pattern splits?

Nursing Mothers Workshop item

Required Facilities: Employers are also required to provide eligible employees with a private place to pump—space that is shielded from view, free from intrusion, and NOT in a bathroom.

- Should have been brought as a new Board policy to prescribe the process by which the district will comply with Federal and State laws · Union contracts (see Article 5(F))?
- Need to determine the size of the problem: Number of women of childbearing age working for the District? Number who intend to breastfeed.

Coral Glades Auditorium - not brought to FTF for discussion. Cannot be another Zyscovich reuse that needs to be brought up to code and site adapted.

Stranahan HS Cafeteria

- 9/7/22 emails from Jeff Moquin to Cartwright and Marte--Trying to characterize cost increase as inflation instead of lack of transparency and planning before selling certain Board members, people with relationships with those Board members, Ft. Lauderdale EAB, school employees, and other people who lack knowledge of SREF, site work, and overall preconstruction expertise. Trying to blame Atkins for bad estimating
- Insubordination
- Misrepresentations by certain OCP staff
- Lack of action from Marte, Cartwright, Board as the months dragged on
- Surface Water license issues - general vs SWML license. Omitted old cafeteria from area calculations to avoid the type of license than requires maintenance. Poses potential drainage issue in a district about to spend close to \$1 million to bring its drainage issues into compliance

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**Kelli S. Blackburn, Research, Evaluation and Accountability**  
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Please reach out if you have any questions.

**District Advisory Council:**

Mr. Harper encourages all to remain in contact with DAC and continue to push concerns through the advisories. A parent requested that the acronyms in the training manual be updated after the adjustments to the organizational chart.

**Sunshine Law and Ethics Training** (10 minutes for returning members; 45 minutes for new members):  
<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329>

**BCPS Organizational Structure:** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/49058>

**Regional Superintendents:**

<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/24869/Updated%20BCPS%20Regional%20Superintendent%20OfficesV2.pdf>

**Here Comes The Bus:** <https://www.browardschools.com/herecomesthebus>

**Dates to Remember:**

DAC General Meeting on Wednesday, October, 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
Website: [Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com](http://Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com)

Central Advisory October 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm (evening meeting)  
Location: Indian Ridge Middle School

**Sign-up to receive emails:** [centralareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com](http://centralareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com)  
**General email:** [CentralAreaAdvisoryCouncil@ch2v.com](mailto:CentralAreaAdvisoryCouncil@ch2v.com)  
**Chair email:** [CAAC.Chair@gmail.com](mailto:CAAC.Chair@gmail.com)

**Adjourn: 11:55 AM**

## Extended Steering Meeting: 12:10 AM

October and November Speaker Proposals: October 19<sup>th</sup> will be an evening meeting.

- Transportation: Feedback on Here Comes the Bus and other updates
- Kelli Blackburn: SAC and SAF-what are they and a detailed checklist of the requirements and protocols
- Website: Current content and who is checking school compliance
- Committee for additional needs for test experiences ie: typing, drag and drop, etc.
- Safety and Security: wandng v. search and feedback: specific data by weapon, confiscation of medications, mace policy information
- Coordinated Student Health Services: medication carrying and confiscation
- FAST PM 1 data review, and subgroup breakdowns (ESE, region, race, gender, etc.)
- BTU: Negotiations updates
- BRACE advisor: Parent information session-February, school contact at middle and high schools
- Attendance: Protocol for excused tardies and how to have them updated from unexcused tardies which accumulate and result in consequences
- Social Media
- School choice-December
- Dr. Lori Canning (Lance and Nadia)-Literacy programs available-November
- Title I: Updates, loss due to free lunches, Tools for Schools status
- Kelly Services: Concerns

Adjourn: 1:05 PM