

The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Central Region Advisory Council – General Meeting
Indian Ridge Middle School
November 17, 2022 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.
Minutes

Chair - Dee Defoe
Recording Secretary - Brie-Anne Pendlebury

Vice Chair - Pamela Taylor
Corresponding Secretary - Dania Previl

Call to order: 9:45 a.m.

- 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 October Minutes: Motion to approve Mr. Rose seconded by Mr. Granoff.

New Business/Guest Speakers

Jaime Alberti, Chief Safety & Security Officer jaime.alberti@browardschools.com (and Chief Kowalkski)

Wanding Screening: These have begun in schools and are completely random. The wands are used to detect metal on a person or his/her belongings. There have been about 90 school screenings to date. These screenings include a debriefing with school administration to address any concerns. There have been modifications made based on this feedback.

In order for the screening to be facilitated appropriately, the principal ONLY is alerted the day before, however, specific rooms to be screened are not shared. The screening takes place quickly to minimize instructional impact. Law enforcement is also in attendance in the case that their support is needed to maintain safety if items are found. There are also 2-3 additional security personnel from district SIU that assist. A script is read to students that reviews what to expect through the screening process. It takes approximately 12 minutes per classroom for screening. Students are able to ask any questions and staff has been trained to engage with students to alleviate any stress. Currently, the screening program is taking place only for grades 6-12.

There are concerns from parents regarding the 4th amendment rights being violated. Mr. Granoff shared a document and law written by the Florida Attorney General. There are additional parent concerns regarding epi pens and the process for validation to be carried by the student. Chief Kolwalski will take that concern back to the SIU unit to improve upon.

There was a request for a full definition of contraband: Mr. Alberti clarified: This is anything that is in violation of student code of conduct, school rules, or law. There was confirmation that signage has been delivered to all schools and was to be posted by facilities staff on campus according to school board policy.

The chair, Ms. Defoe has requested that the Central Region be advised of which schools have not properly posted signage as required by this policy. The ask is that SIU confirm for each school location.

It was suggested that the nurse be in attendance to verify any medications held by students via the school's medication log. There is always an administrator present to facilitate so that person could also bring the medication log for verification. It is recommended that the school nurse staff have some kind of confirmation of receipt for medicine verifications. In the absence of a current procedure, it is recommended that the parent contact the school nurse to confirm receipt of the doctor's medical form.

During construction, there are cameras that are down. Mr. Alberti will follow up with the school bringing forth this concern. (Parkway Middle School)

A parent inquired about the wandering for ESE students, especially students who may have sensory challenges. Chief Kowalski shared that teachers and classroom assistants remain present with the students. Additionally, the law enforcement staff have all been trained to be able to properly handle multiple mental health and disability concerns.

A memo has been shared with principals that if there is a secure or lockdown at the school, that incident can be entered to meet the mandatory monthly drill requirements. Additionally, up to 4 fire alarm alerts can be used for the purpose of the required drills.

Updates

2023-24 Calendar Options

Calendar committee met yesterday. Option 3 is the recommendation being brought forward to the board. There is a concern that the calendars proposed were not accurate and, therefore, stakeholder input should be reassessed. The survey received 52,287 responses with 46.7% selecting option 3. The option 3 of the calendar is set to be proposed for board approval on December 13.

Kristine Cartagena, Transportation Sub-committee

The transportation survey is complete and is now being reviewed by the committee. There was much feedback, including written comments that are being addressed. The committee and the transportation department have a great collaboration and will continue to work together to address the comments and concerns of parents.

Here Comes the Bus: Students are not tracked individually. The app only follows the bus route.

Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh, Boundary Sub-committee and Facilities, nlynch-walsh@att.net
Emailed Message:

We are scheduled to have a subcommittee meeting on 11/17/22 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. We will have an informational only meeting that night related to the 11/10/22 agenda items.

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No new updates at this time. Ms. Wilson wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kelli S. Blackburn, Research, Evaluation and Accountability kelli.blackburn@browardschools.com (754) 321 -2500

School Recognition fund information has been released and will be taking place in SAC meetings. The process must be completed by February 1, 2023. Clarification will be provided regarding the term "classroom teachers."

Open Discussion:

Ms. Wilson will get clarification regarding where the funding recently voted to be sent to charter schools is coming from within the budget.

Parent question: Why are students only able to apply to one magnet program? School choice will be asked to follow up. Ms. Wilson will facilitate the communication. Is it possible to remove a magnet application if you change your mind to release that seat prior to the close of the application window?

There is a question regarding the next steps for schools that were already dealing with Herff Jones caps and gowns.

Dates to Remember:

Virtual DAC General Meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:30 pm (Policy Revision Discussion)
Website: Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com

Central Advisory January 19, 2023 at 9:45 am
Location: Indian Ridge Middle School

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 minutes for new members):

Sign-up to receive emails: centralareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com
General email: CentralAreaAdvisoryCouncil@ch2v.com
Chair email: CAAC.Chair@gmail.com

Adjourn: 11:44 a.m.

Steering Meeting

Called to Order at 12:00 p.m.

The previously generated guest ideas are continued to be contacted.

The SAF training is projected to be in December (virtually). This meeting will potentially be on the third week of the month. The SAF contact list was confirmed by the members in attendance at today's meeting. There is a need to train SAF chairs in creating agendas, publicizing the meetings, collecting sign in sheets, and composing minutes.

In January, the SAF training will be reviewed. This will include a step-by-step guide of SAF chair expectations.

- Reminder of housekeeping/bathrooms
- Starting with school "spotlights"

Adjourn at 12:25pm