

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Central Region Advisory Council – General Meeting
Indian Ridge Middle School
March 16, 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 February Minutes: Motion to approve Julie Robbins seconded by Nelson Rose.

School Spotlight by I-Zone:

Dillard Elementary	Nova High School
Endeavor Elementary	Central Park Elementary
VSY Elementary	Indian Ridge Middle

New Business/Guest Speaker(s):

Dr. Sherri Wilson, Director of Innovated Learning, will speak to Library Media-Instructional materials and Conforming to House Bills <http://innovativelearning.browardschools.com>- Did not attend the meeting as scheduled.

Updates:

Nelson Rose, Nominating Committee, nelson.rose@ukg.com

Next year's officers are up for nominations. There have only been two responses so far. Please contact Mr. Rose to nominate someone or themselves.

Reports:

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

Emailed Message:

Wanted to share that FTF has additional reps from Central Area that we look forward to seeing in April. Still need a Piper Zone rep, and the Ft. Lauderdale Zone rep had to resign because he is now a Vice Chancellor with the Florida Department of Education overseeing the Office of Safe Schools.

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Kristine Cartagena, Transportation Sub-committee

Emailed Message:

- Over the last month, there have been severe network/server outages.
- During outages, Central is not able to send information to driver's tablets. [This issue will be brought forth at the next TAC meeting.]
- Staffing: 13 new attendants were hired; filling all vacancy needs. Attendants have completed training.
- Register 2 Ride for the 2023/24 school year will open for registrations on March 13th. Over the past week, school admin should have rolled out robocalls/texts/emails notifying families of all eligible riders. June 30th - Deadline to guarantee a seat on the first day of school. July 14th - Deadline to guarantee a seat within the first two weeks of school.
- The Committee reopened the dialogue from last March regarding visual alerts on buses for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, as well as other ESE students that would benefit from such communication. Department will look into where that conversation stalled. Pursuant to this discussion, last Spring, drivers and attendants were provided with communication flashcards to better communicate with student needs.
- Schools may request a meeting with a driver and attendant to discuss and provide tips as to ways to better communicate with a certain ESE student or in general. This can be requested through the Transportation ESE Supervisor.
- The Committee continues to digest written comments from last year's survey.
- The Committee feels that the District, as a whole, could do better to assist Transportation with advertising Register 2 Ride and Here Comes the Bus

Discipline Committee

Emailed report: The discipline committee is revising the updates to rule 6A-1.0017 which is the School Environment Safety Incident Reporting or SESIR. We have been discussing and working on 16 SESIR definitions which I will discuss more in depth at our next meeting. The 16 SESIR definitions being discussed/revised are: • Aggravated Battery • Alcohol • Bullying • Drug Sale/Distribution • Harassment • Larceny • Physical Attack • Robbery • Sexual Assault • Sexual Harassment • Treat/Intimidation • Tobacco • Trespassing • Vandalism • Weapons We are also working on updating Non-Discipline Related topics due to the new legislation. The topics that require updating are: • Attendance • Technology Usage • Social Media Use Guidelines • Privacy of Student Records • District Forms (i.e., Code of Student Conduct Acknowledgement, Media Release, Health-related, etc.) • Parental Notifications/Permission Forms We have had 6 meetings thus far and 2 more meetings remaining.

Legislative Updates, Carolyn Krohn

There are several pieces of legislation in the works now that greatly impact public schools. The below information was shared.

HB 1: School Choice (& SB 202) UNIVERSAL VOUCHERS

The bill expands eligibility for the **Florida Tax Credit and Family Empowerment Scholarship** to any student who is a resident of Florida and is eligible to enroll in kindergarten through grade 12 in a public school. [Link to Bill.](#)

HB 1223 - Public PreK-12 Educational Institution and Instruction Requirements (AKA Don't Say Gay k-12)

Revises and prohibits specific policies regarding instruction on sexual orientation & gender identity in schools; prohibits use of certain titles and pronouns. [Link to Bill.](#)

SB 1320 - Child Protection in Public Schools

Defining the term "sex"; prohibiting an employee, contractor, or student of a public school from being required to refer to a person using personal titles or pronouns that do not correspond with that person's sex. [Link to Bill.](#)

HB 19 - Individual Education Plans

Individual Education Plans; Requires IEPs for certain students to contain information on legal rights & responsibilities that transfer to students at age 18; requires information to include ways in which student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to continue to participate in educational decisions. [More about HB 19](#)

HB 31 - Partisan Elections for Members of District School Board

Would ask voters if they want to switch from nonpartisan school board races to partisan contests starting in 2026. It's a constitutional amendment that requires 60 percent approval from voters to take effect. [Link to Bill.](#)

SB 202: K-12 Education

Revising student eligibility and ineligibility requirements for the **Family Empowerment Scholarship Program**; revising obligations of eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; revising student eligibility and ineligibility requirements for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; **authorizing public schools, including charter schools, to enroll certain students on a part-time basis**; requiring the State Board of Education to provide recommendations by a specified date to the Governor and the Legislature for repeals and revisions of the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code to be considered in the 2024 legislative session; authorizing vehicles other than buses to transport students; authorizing district school boards to use advanced degrees in setting salary schedules for instructional personnel or school administrators, etc. [Link to bill.](#)

HB 223 - Public School Student Progression for Students With Disabilities

Requires comprehensive plans for student progression to provide for specified students with disabilities to be retained in prekindergarten at discretion of student's parent; authorizes certain prekindergarten students to receive instruction in early literacy skills, rather than intensive reading interventions; requires certain prekindergarten students to receive such instruction; & revises requirements for certain students with disabilities to receive good cause exemption from mandatory retention in grade 3. [Link to bill.](#)

SB 294 - Required Instruction in the History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Required Instruction in the History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; Requiring that the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders be taught in the public schools; requiring that instructional materials used in teaching this subject area include specified information, etc. [Link to bill](#)

HB 477 – Term Limits for District School Board Members by Rizzo

This bill would limit School Board terms to two, four-year terms. [Link to bill.](#)

SB 478 – Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program

Renaming the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program as the Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Program; revising criteria for a school district's eligibility to participate in the program; deleting an obsolete provision requiring the University of Florida's College of Education to conduct a specified evaluation, etc. [Link to Bill](#)

SB 636 – Individual Education Plans

Requiring individual education plans for certain students to contain information and instruction on certain legal rights and responsibilities that transfer to students at the age of 18; requiring such information to include ways in which a student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to continue to participate in his or her educational decisions, etc. [Link to Bill.](#)

SB 766 – Photographic Enforcement of School Bus Safety

Authorizes school districts to install and operate side stop signal arm enforcement systems on school buses. [Link to Bill.](#)

SB 780 – Computer Science Instruction In K-12 Public Schools

Establishes requirements for computer science courses, Florida Virtual School computer science courses, and instruction. [Link to Bill.](#)

HB 817 – Health Education Information

Requires school districts to ensure information on their website relating to reproductive health & disease education is accurate & up-to-date & send certain notifications to parents. [Link to Bill.](#)

SB 826 – Standard High School Diploma Award Requirements

Adding a new requirement for the award of a standard high school diploma to Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning students; requiring students, beginning with those entering grade 9 in a specified school year, to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid in order to be awarded a standard high school diploma, etc. [Link to Bill.](#)

HB 985 - Video Cameras in Certain Public School Classrooms

Would require video cameras to be placed in certain public and charter school classrooms. Teachers in the classrooms with cameras would have to wear microphones during the school day. [Link to Bill.](#)

SB 992 - Compulsory School Attendance

Revising the required age for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age; deleting a requirement that a student's parent sign a declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment; deleting a requirement that the school district notify a student's parent upon receipt of such declaration, etc would raise the state's compulsory age for school attendance - raise the cap by two years from 16 to 18. [Link to Bill.](#)

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No new updates at this time. Ms. Wilson wishes all a safe and peaceful Spring break.

DAC Updates

Review of DAC minutes including sex education proposed policy changes and motions relative to library materials.

Open Discussion:

A parent shared a concern with drills after false alarms at Plantation High School.

There is a concern regarding students carrying backpacks in middle and high school. There is an ask for lockers to be reconsidered as heavy bags are a health concern. It was shared that rolling bags with approval and a home set of texts may be an option available upon consult with the administrator. Rolling bookbags are only an option if approved as they are a trip risk and have multiple safety risks.

At Parkway Middle the parents are requesting assistance with controlling fights on campus. There is an ask for an SRO as the armed guardians do not have the same job description relative to intervening in student

conflicts. Chief Alberti may be able to come speak to the SRO and armed guardian roles as well as campus security concerns.

Dates to Remember:

DAC General Meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm - Plantation HS
Central Advisory April 20, 2023 at 9:45 am - Indian Ridge Middle School
Diversity Meeting at KCW the first Thursday of April at 6:30 pm

Adjourned: 11:07 am

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

Sign-up to receive emails: centralareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com

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Steering Meeting

Called to Order at 11:30 a.m.

Future Topics:

- Vegetarian and Vegan meal options for students
- SROs and armed guardian: Differences and equity of services and SROs, possible Broward Schools police department, Invite Mr. Alberti and Mr. Sullivan.
- Follow up with scheduled speaker: Dr. Sherri Wilson as parents would like the presentation.
- Election positions available with job descriptions. We will share informational flyer to be sent out with April agenda.

Adjourn at: 12:00 pm