

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida
 Central Region Advisory Council – General Meeting
 Indian Ridge Middle School
 May 18, 2023 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 April Minutes: Motion to approve Lydie. Medley seconded by Brian Jones.

New Business/Guest Speaker(s):

Guy Barmoha, Director Secondary Learning Department: Looping of Policy # 4000 Student Progression Plan (previously Policy 6000.1), guy.barmoha@browardschools.com Melissa Holts, Elementary Learning

| Description of change | Page # | Workgroup Discussion |
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| <p><i>Midterm exemptions:</i> The proposal is to eliminate the option to exempt midterms for courses that are associated with an End-of-Course (EOC) Exam. This would include Civics, Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and US History.</p> | <p>Middle School section Pg. 33, section 4, c, v</p> <p>High School section Pg. 62, section 6, c, v.</p> | <p>The option to exempt midterms in courses associated with Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, or IB courses are is not allowed. This proposal attempts to align the EOC courses to the advanced academic courses mentioned above.</p> |
| <p><i>Elementary Promotion Criteria:</i> Proposal to remove mathematics requirements from promotion criteria in 4th and 5th grade.</p> <p>Make it clear in the policy that the ‘good cause’ promotion options are not in any specific order. The good cause options should be used in the best interest of the student.</p> <p>Add a principal discretion section to be able to promote students who are making progress towards grade level expectations.</p> | <p>Appendix A Pg. 110 - 116</p> | <p>A review of Dade and Palm Beach elementary promotion criteria revealed that we are similar in nature and allow for teacher recommendation based on MTSS intervention data to support promotion of students, except for Grade 3. Work group members agreed to ensure communication is clearer about the use of all good cause options.</p> |
| <p>PMPs</p> | <p>Pg. 12, section 2 Pg. 14 Pg.40, 41 Pg. 86, 87</p> | |
| <p>ACCEL changes in handbook and not policy</p> | <p>Appendix D. p. 132</p> | |

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| Eliminating the special diploma W07 & W27 since it will not be available anymore. | p. 71 | These are changes based on State requirements changing and must be done. |
| Certificate of completion, W09 code will no longer exist after this school year. The other certificates will be okay for the 24- and 18-credit options. | p. 80 | |

This policy is reviewed and revised annually. Mr. Barmoha is here to loop the current recommended changes through the Central Region. Parents shared that they would like to students who have an A and B should be able to exempt exams. There was also a recommendation to standardize the midterms for accurate data. There was also a recommendation to utilize Mastery Connect. It was commented that there is too much autonomy for teachers at the secondary level as compared to the K-5 teachers who have pacing guides for ELA and Math with test dates every unit/topic.

If Math is removed from promotion criteria, there is a concern that students will not receive the help they need. The thought behind the change is that students would be repeating ELA, Science and Social Studies when they were only deficient in one subject area.

Jaime Alberti, Chief Safety & Security Officer, jaime.alberti@browardschools.com

Updates to policies, procedures, and uniforms. There are key director positions that have been hired. Hiring campus monitors has been a challenge. There has been a lot of turnover with this position. Now there is a specific job description and expectation for this role. Principals are not meeting monthly with Mr. Alberti for safety updates and input.

Door locks and cameras were updated and will continue to be updated. This and other upgrades are related to the school security risk assessment. This is a 600-question survey completed annually by principals. The department is also applying for grants to complete additional safety and security projects. 14,000 Student searches have rendered: 1 gun, 8 tasers, 57 pepper sprays, 18 knives, 72 THC pens, 136 nicotine pens.

Awards Presentation 10 minutes

New Business:

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

Chair: Dee Defoe, confirmed unanimously

Vice Chair: Nelson Rose, confirmed unanimously

Recording Secretary: Brie-Anne Pendlebury, confirmed unanimously

Corresponding Secretary: Midge Royer and Christia Pope, Election Winner Midge Royer

Elementary School: Bouchera Larbi, Midge Royer, Lydie Medley,

Election Winners: Midge Royer, Lydie Medley

Middle School: Rosa Page and Pamela Taylor, confirmed unanimously

High School: Kathy Diaz and Barry Granoff, confirmed unanimously

Parent at Large: Michelle Granoff, confirmed unanimously

Business Rep: Nelson Rose, confirmed unanimously

Legislative Rep: Kristine Cartegena, confirmed unanimously

Facilities Rep: Dr. Nathalie Lynch Welch, confirmed unanimously

Citizen at Large: Maxine Brivette, confirmed unanimously

Review of Policy 1.21 Area Advisory Council and 1.3 School Advisory Forum

Please send recommendations for changes to Dee Defoe.

Motion

Proposed by Barry Granoff: seconded by Carolyn Krohn, passed unanimously

It is the position of this Council that the school board members of Broward County willfully violated Florida statute 286.011 sec (1) (2) & (3) when they convened behind closed doors to develop and enact its' clear backpack policy which has subsequently been posted as an official policy on both the canvas portal as well as its' public website.

Therefore, it is the contention of this Council, in accordance with Florida Statute 286.011 (1), that this policy is invalid and should be redacted on all public forums as well as being deleted from the school board website.

Furthermore, it is the advisement of this counsel, subsequent to Statute 286.011 (3) subsections (a) (b) & (c), that this matter be brought to the department oversight committee for Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine law within the Attorney General's office for further investigation.

Henceforth, if this policy is to move forward in the future, it should be given the opportunity for stakeholder input before it is officially decided on, in a school board meeting, open to the public, and held in accordance with Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine law.

Reports:

Transportation

Kristine Cartagena reported that the committee is in the process of reviewing feedback. There will be another transportation in June. register 2 Ride for the 2023/24 school year will open for registrations on March 13th. 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.

Legislative Updates, Carolyn Krohn

There are two articles in the Sun Sentinel (Travis Scott) that provide information regarding the absence of sex education this year (FLASH) and the anti LGBTQ legislation. There will be an increase of \$205 per student. The current allocation is \$8453; the national average is \$15,000. Now students will also be able to take a test called the CLT (Classic Learning Test) for Bright Futures qualifications as an alternate for SAT and ACT. Newly elected school board members will only be allowed 8 year terms. There will also be changes to school start times beginning July 2026.

Clear backpacks: Please get feedback from your SAC and SAF. Encourage parents to attend the Town Hall meeting on June 12th and Plantation High School.

Motion to extend until 12:00: By Dee Defoe, seconded by Kristine Cartegena.

Motion to extend additional 5 minutes: By Barry Granoff, seconded by Pamela Taylor.

Dates to Remember:

DAC General Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm - KCW Boardroom

Adjourned: 12:05 pm

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

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