

MINUTES

The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council Meeting
K.C. Wright, 600 SE 3rd Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
September 11, 2019; 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Boardroom
<http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>

Meeting called to order 6:30 PM.

Motion to approve 8/21/19 Minutes. Approved.

Sunshine Law & Ethics Training 14-min refresher link working.

Special Guest Speakers:

Dr. Antoine Hickman, Chief Officer, Student Support Initiatives-

1. **Donation Drives after Hurricane Dorian** – Food, clothing, items, monetary. Broward Education Fund. Donate to Dorian Bahamas Relief Initiative. United Way covering transportations coordination and costs to the Bahamas.
2. **EASEconference.com** Sponsorship Conference \$75
3. **Guidance Counselors adding 42 to District** - Psychologists, social workers, therapists = mental health team for mental health and social emotional needs. Its approved, but not hired yet. Revising jobs description to School Counselors versus Guidance Counselors.
4. **Websites recommendations** - Include wording ‘Suicide Prevention’ with ‘Need Help’ and ‘See Something Say Something’ and to place these icons in a prominent location at the top of the page (currently at bottom) for ease of use for students.
5. **Talk initiative** for teachers to be aware for mental health issues.
6. **Westglades Middle initiative** presented to remove suicide prevention out of guidance.
7. **Goal to have full mental health at all schools.**
8. His dept. in charge of **Antibullying Policy. When going before the Board?** Looping not done.

Moment of Silence for Tuesday, 9/11/2001

Mr. Brian Katz, Chief, Safety & Security – Began in February 2019 security from District to school level.

1. **ESE Crisis Management Plan rolling out to schools?** Yes, active assailant plan in process.
2. **Threat Assessments, students with disabilities**
3. **Communication to the community regarding incidents?** SRO training on special needs. Send out attachment PowerPoint. Recommendation made to have an antibullying link.
4. **What is District doing about weapons in school?** Recommendation for randomized screening, for example dogs sniffing. **Response to DAC** - It is expensive at the District level. Dogs & Metal detectors there are false positives. A layered approach starting with community, then parents at home.
5. **ID badges**– DAC Motion – Student ID Badges Handout dated 3/1/2019 distributed.
6. **Cell phones recommendation** - Students report that their cell phones are taken by teachers and put in bins in some classes. If stolen, who is responsible for cost? **Notation made that MSD call to 911 on 2/14/2018 to emergency groups came from students.** Recommendation made for a new policy.
7. **Staffing** – 150 vacancies, cleared 140 last week. In fingerprinting phase. School based security staff SRO’s, guardians, and campus security manager is a new role for middle and high schools for a supervisor. November updates to come.
8. **School bus transportation services - What do you do when a code red is issued? Is training done at district level?** Focus on terminals where buses sit overnight. Role specific protocols for bus driver, custodial, etc.

9. **Who does campus security report to? How do local schools manage parents and volunteers' activities on campuses? Can they arrive at anytime without notice, more so the volunteers?** Principals and Assistant Principals manage going through single point of entry. All school-based employees report to Area Security Manager.
10. **Are schools searching students?** No, we are NOT currently doing this.
11. **Active Assailant Protocol** in a few weeks how we handle code reds. Drills will be a rotation of different scenarios every time dependent on the area on campuses. Lockdown or evacuate. Code Red practice transition getting back into classroom, evacuating, lockdown, etc. where each scenario will be different so everyone must listen and participate. Participation for students and teachers included. Need effective drills with responsibilities known.
12. **Technology**
 - **Notation for low cost idea**- some schools bought whistles to use where there were no intercoms outside.
 - **Discussion on panic buttons** - About location, what is the threat, where are you?
 - **Who has the radios at schools?** Those who are outside and not in classrooms.
 - Best line of communication for alert notifications. **Recommendation made for robocall code red notifications that last four digits for just emergencies versus information calls.**
 - **Intercom projects.**
13. **Recommendation made to avoid victimization of students** -Documentation of labeling students and families.

John Sullivan & Angel Gomez, Office of Legislative Affairs Gomez not in attendance.

- Funding discussion on how we can help & BCPS 2020 State Legislative Priorities handout distributed.
- Teacher pay \$10k less than national average. Request to increase funding for teacher pay.
- School Safety Funding request for Tally to fully fund.
- 2020 earlier session due to election year.
- Tally Rally 50 students
- Policies that effect students request to be left to elected school board members and NOT politicians.
- Email updates on bill through portal website communication to directly contact the legislators Browardschools.com/gr (government relations).
- Rollout - Ms. Rich Levinson to speak at Central Advisory 9/20 South Plantation HS 9:30-11:00 AM
- Business sales taxes donations
- Dual Enrollment costs allocated to Tally, then to Broward College, now BCPS the past two years.

Mr. Shafer - How to call in an absence (created by Ed Hinline) - Report an absence online sends directly to school and parent receives an email verification sent. A copy goes to parent even if a student puts in a fake email address. Office of Communications with memo being rolled out in a few weeks. All principals will tell parents in weekly addresses. Select one of eight reasons from drop down menu within 48 hours. Not used for tardy (parent needs to come in to school). High schools protocol only use for full day absence reporting. Recommendation to Katz to consult OSPA to use to also report a tardy.

Old Business

DAC Membership/Bylaws – Voting began but halted for further DAC Membership determination.

Motion to table. Janet Bravo. Veronica Newmeyer 2nd. One Opposed - Leslie Caracuel.

Motion to extend meeting additional 10 minutes at 8:30 PM.

Dual Enrollment CAPS Limitations - Debbie Espinoza has clarification handout from Superintendent Runcie. **YES, Dual Enrollment courses have CAPS and are LIMITED.** Dual Enrollment change in information, clarification per the guidelines, up to 20 throughout their academic career in BCPS. Tiered set by grade level. Students can appeal.

DAC Motion: We move that the District form a committee to do an in-depth analysis of prior-year participation in the dual enrollment program for purposes of determining if the reduction or elimination of non-primary participation would make room in the budget for more primary participation and therefore eliminate or loosen the need for indiscriminate limits on the number of courses which students may take. "Non-primary" here means dual enrollment classes which are not meaningfully related to a student's field of study and/or dual enrollment classes for subjects which are offered as an A.P., AICE or IB class at the student's high school. The committee shall include a representative from the District Advisory Council and the Gifted Advisory Council.

Motion from Veronica. Janet 2nd at 8:38 PM. Unanimously passed.

ID Badges Procedures - Handout distributed for policy governing the administration of student ID badges. Practice went in effect on March 19, 2019.

Drivers Education free classes 14 locations 9/25 or 1/15 on websites to register on Browardschools.com under Academics, Applied Learning, Driver's Education. Not on local websites.
<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/40687>

Parent Engagement 9/21 at Plantation high 8:30-12:30 PM several languages in different rooms.

Meeting Adjournment 8:45 PM