

The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council Meeting
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Wednesday, November 13, 2019 ~ 6:30-8:30 P.M.
K.C. Wright, 600 SE Third Ave., Boardroom, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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**Meeting called to order 6:30 PM**

**Guest Speaker**

- **Mr. Frederick Stolper, Director of Safety and Security**
  - a. **How do we identify Guardians and SRO's?** Monitors and Specialists new uniforms are blue and yellow. They will wear hats and khaki pants with shirts saying SECURITY on the back. SRO's are in their own municipality (police or sheriff) uniforms.
  - b. **How are Guardians and SRO's interacting with special needs students and are they trained to interact with these students?** There are some students with different behaviors and disabilities who may be interpreted differently. There's a meeting next week. Crisis Intervention Training follow-up.
  - c. **Does every school receive a SRO, Guardian, and Specialist?** An SRO or Guardian and a Monitor will be at every school. A firearm will be at every school. Goal is one SRO per every one thousand students or two SRO's per every two thousand students. There is a person, an SRO with a firearm at every school and with that comes the Monitors and Specialists in layers. Security also comes in forms of gates, cameras, and lights as additional layered approaches.
  - d. **What are the Guardians qualifications?** They are civilians who are trained and are not law enforcement such as police officers. They do not have arrest authority. Only the State of Florida can issue that capacity to officers. Guardians are not in that capacity.
  - e. **Have you seen different software that goes on cameras that identifies guns then sends an alert?** The cameras software places a yellow box around a small handgun and a red box around a long gun. Mr. Stolper will research it.
  - f. **Overview of security information in the schools:** To provide great security to every school equally. All schools have equal standards based on student populations 1,000:1 ratio, single point of entry and fencing for each school, identification badging for staff, students, visitors and guests, cameras at every school where humans can't see, monitors that patrol grounds, specialists that walk the hallways, and upgraded security system with self-locking doors.
  - g. **ID badges:** Concerns regarding better training for SRO's in interactions with parents. Another security concern is buzzers at the doors when a person is cleared to enter. An individual must get up from their desk seat to walk across the room to open the door after being buzzed in to allow a person inside, which is a waste of time and needs to be addressed. Mr. Stolper's response is that buildings and campuses are being and have been addressed and documented for deficiencies. Elementary, middle, and high schools all have different policies by principals for replacement badges and the process for that. Side gates first for single point of entry, then without ID front office instead. Two badges are enough. DAC brought up if District is mandating that students wear badges, then funds should be allocated within the budget. DAC never intended paper sticker badges that some schools are using. DAC requested a uniform policy and a set number such as two. Reminder memo went out to all principals on 8/2/19 for all students, staff, volunteers, and visitors to always badges, as well as an additional reminder for after five replacement badges not to charge more than \$5. One reason for badges is that MSD students in Parkland did not all have identification badges which caused an extended period in identifying them after the tragedy. Another reason for badges of course, is always to identify all

individuals on campuses to ensure they have approved security access. DAC March 12<sup>th</sup> motion for uniform policy. DAC will continue to work on this.

- h. **Is there a timeline for 'Center' schools to meet the security deficiencies?** Need to review. Request from his department to streamline a timeline for needs and deficiencies of schools.
- i. **How are security needs formulated?** Formulas based on size acreage and student populations. Is there a rubric for fair advocacy? Need to clarify from Mr. Katz.
- j. **How do students feel about safety and security?** Beau Simon, DAC Student Advisory Representative reported that District 6 students met with Ms. Levinson and discussed their schools and the topic of ID badges. For example, Cypress Bay offers replacement badges to its students five times versus other schools after one replacement the school requires that students must pay \$5. Need a standardized policy for how many replacement badges are allowed free of charge. Another topic discussed by students was that they must pay for black & white \$.015 and color \$.30 printing fees per page at school when they don't have printers at home. Prices vary among schools; therefore, students are requesting that a standardized policy be implemented for printing fees as well.
- k. **Who oversees carpool lines and crossing guards?** Crossing guards are under city ordinance on the street. If it's in the carpool line on the school property, then principal is in charge. All depends on location on campus in car loop versus on street.
- l. **Point of Information:** Single point of entry started after Sandy Hook. Buzzers and locks on the doors were addressed at the Facilities Task Force last year. Their position was if District wants to mandate changes at the schools that District must find the funding and not take it out of the school's budgets.
- m. **How is security for school buses being addressed?** Initiating pilots for cameras on buses. Upgrading security on buses and in terminals in 'bus barns' where they remain parked overnight. School based first then expanding to other areas.
- n. **How can principals share low cost low technology ideas?** They can share ideas at their Principal Meetings. One great example to share is what they're doing at Hallandale, where they are posting instructions for code reds or code yellows using posters on bathroom doors with instructions on what to do.
- o. **Customer service with monitors, guardians, and SRO's?** Bad experiences and interactions towards students, volunteers, and parents by monitors, guardians, and SRO's were discussed. Report any concerns or incidents immediately to principals first to address and correct.
- p. **Request made to share the workshop training and agendas that SRO's, Guardians, Monitors completed at the beginning of the year.** Mr. Stolper will forward information to DAC and it will be distributed.

**Formatting correction. Motion to Approve October 16, 2019 Minutes. Unanimous Consent. Approved.**

#### **Office of Service Quality Update**

- **Ms. Donna Boruch, SIP (School Improvement Plan) Coordinator**

Not in attendance. Update provided by **Mr. Scott Jarvis, Director, Service Quality.**

Ms. Boruch is facilitating SIP Training on Tuesday (11/19), Wednesday (11/20), and Thursday (11/21) two sessions per day 8:30-11:30 AM or 12:30 – 3:30 PM one story Admin Bldg. next to Pompano Beach HS. **\*Only necessary to attend one of the six sessions\***

#### **Old Business**

- **DAC Membership/Bylaws – Linda Ferrara**

Sign-in on your log sheets. After three consecutive or four total absences, you must be reappointed or re-elected, otherwise you don't have voting rights. Current DAC Membership is 75 and quorum is 21. School Board wants to change it to 50%. Discussion on all positions completed and adjustments made. Concern discussed over School Board DAC Appointees who don't have a Representative. Question

asked whether Appointees report back to their School Board Members information from DAC Meetings. Response given that yes, Appointees do report back to their School Board Members.

**Motion to extend meeting additional 10 minutes at 8:35 PM by Carolyn Krohn. Unanimous consent. Approved.**

Discussion continued and further adjustments made. **Introduction of all four DAC Student Advisory Representative Members.** New DAC Membership is now reduced to 67. Request made to add a Representative from the group South Florida Wellness Network to DAC for Mental and Behavioral Health. Tabled.

- **Policy 5.9 – Anti-Bullying:** Did not discuss. Linda Ferrara will email it out again for review.
- **Booster Club Sub-Committee Update:** Leslie Caracuel. Update next meeting.
- **Dual Enrollment Motion – Update:** Veronica & Tammy (Course Selections). Update next meeting.
- **Website Governance Committee – DAC Recommendations:** Carolyn Krohn. Update next meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Attendance – Linda Ferrara:** Did not discuss. She will email it out again for review for next meeting.
- **DAC Chair: Please complete DAC online required Training from the DAC website.** If any questions regarding anything discussed at a meeting, email DAC and we will respond within 24 hours.
- **Customer Service Survey of Questions – Linda and Carolyn:** Standards of Service for employees to follow feedback input requested by Donna to submit to School Board. Send to DAC within the next two weeks. **\*Everyone must subscribe to receive our emails from the DAC website\***
- **Code of Conduct – Debbie Espinoza:** DAC March 12<sup>th</sup> motion for uniform policy. Wear the hard-plastic badge on clip OR lanyard worn on front of body from the elbow or torso up. Code of Conduct to outline how it must be worn. DAC will continue to work on this. Student ID Badges Policy Motion follow-up next meeting.
- **Calendar Committee – Muslim Holiday & Online Survey (synopsis).** DAC prefers which option? On-line survey created 11,700 responses from North, Central, and South Area Advisories. On 10/16 Calendar Committee, ESE, BTU, and DAC reported data for the three calendars. Went to School Board Workshop on 10/22. The Calendar Committee gave a PowerPoint Presentation to the School Board for option #2A (the week off Thanksgiving and Wednesday start date.) School Board Member said that the DAC data was not accurate, and it was in the newspaper the next day. School Board Member's concern was that testing wasn't considered or shared that midterms would be taken before winter break. Option #2A looks like the choice. **\*The Muslim holiday falls on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 which is a testing window. No state rules but there is at the federal level.** Main issue with students and parents is if a student decides to observe their religious holiday, they will be granted an excused absence, but they must still take a makeup exam that is more difficult which is not fair. Staffing and teacher attendance on school days in session must also be a consideration. DAC voted to obtain an idea on whether to make a recommendation to the School Board to close all district schools or remain open for the Muslim holiday on May 13, 2021. All were in favor of remaining open. DAC will make this recommendation to the School Board.

### **New Business**

- **\*Holiday Party\* dinner at 6:30 PM on December 11<sup>th</sup> at KCW.** Business sponsor providing the entrée.  
*\*It would be appreciated if everyone could please bring a drink, salad, cheese platter, or fruit\**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker - Nordia Stapleton, PROMISE Program and Code of Conduct.**

**Meeting Adjournment at 8:50 PM.**