



The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council – Virtual TEAMS Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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Chair – Debbie Espinoza

Vice Chair – Dalia Latife

Recording Secretary – Brie-Anne Pendlebury

Corresponding Secretary – Linda Ferrara

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The vice chair, Dalia Latife, welcomed everyone to our January DAC meeting for the year organized by Mr. Scott Jarvis. *Meeting etiquette was reviewed: (Keep mics and phones on mute; Chat window should only be used for questions, Use the Raise Hand feature to speak) PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTENDANCE FORM IN THE CHAT.*

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM.

Minutes of December 9th, 2020

Minutes cannot be approved as the meeting is for informational purposes due to the virtual format.

Housekeeping

Attendance Requirements: We need to meet quorum every meeting in order to conduct business. If you miss 3 consecutive meetings or 4 in total, you cannot vote and must be reappointed.

Please fill out Attendance form - Has 2 new questions:

- a. What topics would you like to see added to future District Advisory Meetings?
- b. Who would you like to hear from at future District Advisory Meetings?

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 for new members) <http://browardschools.com/Page/41329>

Sign-up to receive emails on the DAC website <http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>

Speakers

Mr. Phil Shaver – Coordinator of District Attendance

The District is reviewing students who have been missing from school enrollment. In quarter 1 steps were taken to address attendance concerns: Staff Training via Canvas: 11, 652 instructional staff, 564 administrators, 1,154 attendance clerks. Schools received guidance via 5 memos to principals (8/19-12/8/2020) as well as to teachers in October and in December to school staff. Moving into second semester the Spring 2021 Education Plan is available on page 12: Enhanced Outreach/Truancy/Attendance of Students (link to be shared by Mr. Shaver). From March 2020 through June 2020 student logins were tracked as a proxy for attendance at the start of COVID-19 pandemic in our community. All schools were physically closed, and learning was virtual only. During this time 99% of students

logged in. Based on trend first day counts, enrollment for the 2020-2021 decreased by 8,650 students from the 2019-2020 school year. Based on a report dated 10/23/2020, 8,208 students are habitually truant (having 15 or more unexcused absences).

Mr. Richie Baum, Student Assessment and Research

State Department for Testing and Evaluation: Meetings with state staff this week indicated there are not any changes or shifts in legislation as far as accountability at this time. The discussion did include concerns by the larger districts including Broward. Assessments will not be administered remotely. This was recognized by a hardship in Broward. The state shared that any changes would have to take place through legislation. The College Board and Cambridge have not made any statements other than sharing the testing calendar at this time. Parents are concerned regarding the safety of testing in large groups. Some ideas include extending the testing plan so that assessments can be administered to smaller groups in shifts over multiple days. More teachers and test proctors would also be needed. More information will be shared with schools and stakeholders after decisions are made at the state level.

Kahoot

<https://create.kahoot.it/share/district-advisory-council-challenge/ec541e64-14bf-4ace-9b63-7f78a87c352c>

New Business

Invite Student Reps to Steering Committee:

The student representatives are asked to join the steering committee meetings. The meetings were clarified with the attending student representative, Mr. Rocco Davis. Student input is highly important to the DAC steering committee.

Teachers / School Staff & Vaccinations:

Discussion included the need for having school staff identified as a priority group. The school board is in agreement; however, the state is not including these people as a priority group despite the CDC identifying this group as a priority group for vaccines. This would not mean the vaccination is compulsory, just to offer the vaccine to school staff as a priority group. All are encouraged to lobby for this change. Please email Governor DeSantis. Sample contact:



Office of School Performance & Accountability Updates

Mr. Scott Jarvis: Office of Service Quality and District Liaison for DAC

Ms. Donna Boruch: School Improvement Plan Coordinator

Concerns from all are valid at this time. It is essential to work together to stay safe and keep our communities safe. Mr. Jarvis shared best wishes and positive thoughts to the MSD community and all those affected as we approach the February 14th anniversary.

At this point, physical quorum is required for committee voting. Even if physical quorum is met, additional members attending remotely may not vote. This is being revisited as the district is looking to make adjustments in bylaws.

Old Business

School Calendar for 2021-22

The calendar has been approved, however there was concern regarding testing on the Muslim Holiday. Mr. Baum will be invited back to discuss this.

Mark Your Calendars:

- DAC Meeting February 10th, 2021 6:30 pm
- South Area Advisory: Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 6:30 pm
- Central Area Advisory: Thursday, January 21st, 2021 9:30 am
- North Area Advisory: Thursday, January 21st, 2021 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

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