



The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council – Virtual TEAMS Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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Chair – Debbie Espinoza

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Corresponding Secretary – Linda Ferrara

Communications Chair – Dee Defoe

The chair welcomed everyone to our September 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)*

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM. The meeting began with role call of members by Ms. Ferrara. The attending members met quorum requirements.

Minutes of September 9th, 2020

Minutes approved by Linda Ferrara, seconded by Veronica Newmeyer after two corrections.

Meeting Quorum

Attendance of members and reappointment procedures were reviewed. The goal of having a consistent board is key to completing committee business. If you miss 3 consecutive or 4 total meetings, you are no longer a voting member and must be reappointed.

Sunshine Law Ethics Training

This course must be completed. The link to the online training has been sent via email. Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (15 minutes for returning members; 45-minute-on-line for new members) - <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329>

Communication

Sign-up for emails on DAC website and fill out your info
<http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>

Speakers

Dr. Valerie Wanza: *Chief School Performance and Accountability Office*

Dr. Antoine Hickman: *Chief Student Support & Initiatives & Recovery Officer*

Phase 2 return to school is underway. The final grades of students will be coming to campuses tomorrow. Approximately 31,000 students have returned to date, about 25% of the total student body. The phased grade level approach has received much positive feedback for students new to the campus. Dr. Wanza anticipates that there will be some discussion about the feasibility of doing this in coming years.

Employee accommodations are being reviewed and continue to be processed. There is not a set timeline, however, the requests are being reviewed expeditiously.

Student groups have expressed concerns about senior activities and graduation. High school athletics have begun and are being monitored. There will be a tri-county championship due to the delayed start of the fall sports.

Schools are accommodating families on a case by case basis who need to change their survey option to face to face. There are not any schools at capacity, however, there is the use of overflow rooms at schools.

Attendance parameters will be reviewed with administrators. A new code indicated whether students are participating on campus or at home. Teachers capture when students are in class, arrive late, or leave early. Families can also submit this information online, via phone call to the school, or through an email to the teacher. Mr. Gohl and Mr. Shaver will collaborate to make the online option available for reporting available for specific periods of the day.

There are 6 schools that have not yet opened:

- Eagle Point Elementary
- Gulfstream K-8
- Oakridge Elementary
- Rickards Middle
- Royal Palm
- Walker Elementary

Confirmed cases are being handled using the protocol following CDC guidelines and Department of Health direction that was designed and shared by the District. There have been students and classes that have been moved to virtual learning, however, there are no school closures at this time. Suspected cases must provide a negative COVID test prior to returning to school. Staff and students are asked to stay home if they have specific symptoms. There is a nurse or health service personnel in all schools, many have two. The Department of Health performs the contact tracing with support from the District.

Data regarding the number of teachers on campus and those working virtually will be shared by Dr. Wanza as she did not have the exact numbers in front of her.

Approximately 4,100 employees have applied for accommodations and approximately 3,500 of those are teachers.

After tomorrow's return of the last phase of students returning to campus, the numbers of students on campus and at home will be shared by grade level.

Mr. Dan Gohl: Chief Academic Officer

Band and performance arts are procuring specific PPE for the performance-based instruction and activities. The goal is to provide the most authentic opportunity to perform while following CDC and Health Department guidelines. Feedback and suggestions from teachers in these departments is welcomed to help build solutions as the year moves forward.

Mr. Gohl will confirm if fall sports will count as credit for one of the two seasons of sports that is allowed to replace the HOPE credit requirement.

The current platform is eLearning Phase 2 as it is maintained through the online platforms Teams and Canvas. This is followed by students on campus and at home. The instruction and submission are to occur through these systems. It is recognized that students cannot be tied to a computer all day and teachers have been able to adapt to meet these needs.

Ms. Kathy Koch: Chief Communications Officer

The goal has been to maintain communication with families via Parent Link, mobile app, social app and the media. A list of Frequently Asked Questions has been compiled and modified as the district moved through the process. Additionally, 250 more questions have been submitted and answered via the FAQ list. Several videos have also been produced including how we are cleaning schools and transportation expectations/protocols for students. Emails have been sent to families that have included alerts and Mr. Runcie's press conference links and recordings.

New Business

Carolyn Krohn: How to Write a Motion

Mrs. Krohn reviewed the process for any member of DAC to make a motion through the chair. It is recommended to put the motion in writing beginning with "I move." Motions can have a preamble and background. There can be no discussion unless there is a second. If there is no second, the motion is not put before the membership for discussion. If there is a second, the motion is "on the floor" for discussion. Finally, a vote is taken and the aye's and no's are noted. Point of Order motions are able to be made at any time to maintain proper meeting protocol.

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

Area, SAC & SAF Meetings for November

Information from Ms. Boruch will be sent out this week to recommend that these meetings be held remotely. Until we have schools open have public meetings on campus, these meetings are recommended to be virtual to share information. There is no voting needed at this time. The meetings will review the School Improvement Plans. Quarterly zone meetings are on hold until the second semester.

New Motion:

“I move that the SBBC and its general counsel make representation to the state of Florida concerning the significant difficulties posed by the state’s requirement on volunteer Advisory bodies to meet in person beyond the expiration of the governor’s executive order and to seek dispensation from the state to lower physical quorum for each of its Advisories. Quorum as stated in each Advisory’s bylaws currently would still need to be met; lowering the quorum that needs to be physically present in a brick and mortar location could be reduced.”

This motion was proposed by Jacqui Luscombe and passed unanimously.

Old Business

DAC Motion on Dual Enrollment: (9/11/19)

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.

The purpose of the motion was to form the committee to evaluate data from prior years to date both academically and fiscally. The concerns were that the limitations were implemented in haste and an analysis was not done to create a data driven decision. Since there has been no movement, Debbie will be bring this before the board again.

Mark Your Calendars:

- *DAC Meeting November 12, 2020 6:30pm*
- *South Area Advisory: October 21, 2020 Virtual 6:30pm*
- *Central Area Advisory: October 22, 2020 9:30am Virtual*

- *North Area Advisory: October 22, 2020 6:30pm Virtual*
- *ESE Advisory: October 22, 2020 Virtual*
- *Gifted Advisory: November 7, 2020 7:00pm*

Motion to extend the meeting:

Proposed by Linda Ferrara and seconded by Nathalie Lynch-Walsh

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM

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