



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

Wednesday, March 10, 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

Communications Chair – Dee Defoe

The chair, Debbie Espinoza, welcomed everyone to our February DAC meeting 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. One question per attendee per speaker, if there are still questions they will be sent to the vice chair or recording secretary, forwarded to the appropriate presenter and replies will be presented at the March DAC meeting.*

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM.

Minutes of February 10th, 2021

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 1 new question: Would you be willing to meet face to face?

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

Debbie Espinoza, DAC Chair

The DAC group discussed and recommended that SAC budgets/finances should be available. It also recommended that this funding be included in auditing. This was previously requested via a motion. Mrs. Espinoza brought this to the board again for discussion and is expecting a response within the next 21 days.

Mr. Richie Baum – Director of Student Assessment and Research

There are a few updates. Parents will be given specific testing dates communicated directly from schools. The first set of dates for assessments will be provided to parents on March 15th. Additionally, there will be a parent university to discuss testing.

Paper based, Braille version, etc. are available for students with those accommodations. Schools request via a database and the appropriate test version is sent to the school. Classes that are quarantined that will have an additional testing window so that they have the opportunity to be assessed. There will be a second May window for the writing portion as well.

More information is available here:

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5663/urlt/swapig.pdf>

A link will be added to elementary school websites for ease of access to Policy 6000.1 including promotion criteria.

Mr. Angel Gomez, Governmental Affairs

Congress passed the Biden American Rescue Plan today and it expected to be signed by President Biden and includes dollars for elementary and secondary education. Governor DeSantis spoke this week and shared that he is rejecting any cuts to education in the upcoming year's budget.

Senate Bill 48 introduced by Senator Diaz and restructures many scholarship and grant programs to be financed through one funding source. The District is not in support of this as it expands the voucher program and will have a negative financial impact on public schools. More information is available on the website.

The federal government is allowing states to apply for a waiver for testing percentages so that school districts can be held harmless due to low testing attendance (Senate Bill 886). The state of Florida has yet to apply for this waiver.

House Bill 149 to allow video cameras in certain classrooms (ESE). More information is available on the website

Senate Bill 86: The education sub committee has postponed this for now. Historically, this could mean that the bill will not pass.

<https://www.browardschools.com/School-Board/Legislative-Information>

This page hosts all previous reports and is updated weekly. The site also provides the Twitter account information and contact information for Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Gomez.

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mr.gomez@browardschools.com

Let your voice be heard shares updates in legislative affairs and requests via the “Take Action” tool. The tool provides a template that stakeholders can utilize to directly send the requested email communication.

Test BCPS legislative to 22828 to receive legislative updates directly to your phone. This will also connect to sending email communication to the state via the “Take Action” tool.

Ms Amie Wood - School Climate & Discipline Department (Anti-Bullying Policy)

The summary of changes include state statute mandates, the Hope scholarship program mandates, and grammatical/clarification/Board and/or DOE Model policy recommendations. Hope changes do not have to be substantiated, alleged claims are scholarship eligible.

DAC provided recommendations were supplied but never acted upon, despite their being a 21 day response time. At some time in the future, a “work group” will meet and vet the recommendations. There are no dates and no information provided at this time. There is a concern regarding this.

<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13726/AntiBullying%20Policy%205-9%20Review%202019-20%20Looping2.pdf>

Contact Ms. Wood at aimee.c.wood@browardschools.com

New Business

OSPA memo – Professional Study Days (PSD) & Transition Workshops

PSD days had to be changed to full school days so that this year’s seniors could graduate (had the correct amount of hours in instruction). Transition workshops and a modified graduation that is submitted by schools individually. They can hold on campus graduations (ie football fields) following CDC guidelines. Senior activities may be held including graduation parades. Grad Bash was cancelled by Universal Studios. Senior activity plans and graduations must be submitted to the district and approved.

Waiver Process

Waivers are submitted by schools for approval. Waiver items include final exam exemptions and Professional Service Days. There is a request that the waiver process and current waivers be reviewed including data related to the waivers (what waivers are working, which are having negative impact, etc.)

Policy 1403

The DAC is requesting that this policy be looked at and addressed. The DAC will share a consensus that a sub-committee be created to do this then forward results to the District. Ms. Ferrara and Ms. Krohn will co-chair.

Parent University 3/31/2021 Testing – Laurel Garfinkel

The meeting will be held virtually via Teams on March 31, 2021 6PM-8PM. There will be sections for elementary testing and secondary testing. Protocols and scenarios will be discussed. ESE student concerns and Question and Answer session will be included. The meeting link will be posted on all school website under “Additional Links” and sent out via a BCPS alert.

Number of assignments for students

There is a concern about a large increase in assignments. There is an inordinate amount of work. This has increased as the year has progressed. Please be sure that you are speaking to the classroom teacher regarding concerns and then to administration. If you are unable to get a solution, Mr. Jarvis would like for you to contact the Office of Service Quality. 754-321-3636

In person meetings, yay or nay?

We are looking to have in person meetings, following CDC guidelines. Please let Ms. Ferrara know if you are willing to meet face to face. This is a question for DAC members to potentially meet in May.

April Speakers

Superintendent Runcie
Ms. Donna Boruch

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

Old Business

Assignments over breaks

Students are not to receive any assignments over spring break, nor are assignments to be due immediately after over spring break per Dr. Wanza

Public Input

The Broward League of Cities is offering two \$2500 scholarships. Deadline is March 19, 2021.

<https://browardleague.org/students/scholarship-program/>

Mark Your Calendars

- DAC Meeting April 14, 2021
- South Area Advisory: April 17, 2021 6:30 pm
- Central Area Advisory: April 18, 2021 9:30 am
- North Area Advisory April 18, 2021 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 PM

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