



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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

DAC Website: browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/

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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 6:32 PM.

Minutes of March 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 in the chat.

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. Richie Baum – Director of Student Assessment and Research

Schools with 90% or greater of your students must test before a school can apply to receive a school grade. This 90% must include an accurate representation of all population groups (demographics, ESE, lowest quartile, English Language Learners, etc.) If a school elects to receive a grade, they are held to any benefits or consequences associated at that grade.

Alternative promotion criteria will guide promotion and retention as addressed in Policy 6000.1. There will be a memo provided that will address additional promotion criteria specific to grade 3.

Looking forward to school grade calculation for next school year, the state will still support test results for schools and those scores will be used for learning gains for 2021-2022. The state will report results in the “Know your schools” website <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>

Mr. Robert Runcie – Superintendent

Questions were submitted in advance and addressed in this conversation.

The opening of the 2021-2022 school year will be 100% face to face at all schools. There is no blended or virtual option. Families desiring virtual platform should take advantage of the Broward Virtual School. Student academic performance, social emotional concerns, and vaccine availability were among factors considered in this decision. Teachers will not be asked to teach simultaneously face to face and virtually.

Summer school will provide academic growth through intervention and enrichment. Certified teachers will provide core academic instruction targeting underperforming students. Approximately 4 hours each day will be academic and community partnerships will provide enrichment after the academic day.

Students will not have to complete EOCs to receive course credit. In addition, the FSA will not be used to penalize students. These assessments will not be used to define students. In addition, decisions regarding retentions should be held in a collaborative way with families.

In the past, town hall style meetings have been very successful in communicating with parents. There was a request to continue this either face to face or in a virtual manner. Parent Universities have taken place this year with good attendance. Mr. Runcie is open to instituting town hall meetings with suggested topics.

Teachers will also be afforded leniency with using student assessment scores to create VAM scores.

A request to have Lenovo contracts associated with bids be provided to the audit committee as well as several other documents. This request will be met.

A parent concern was discussed regarding medically fragile who may not be able to send students to school and the ineffectiveness of a virtual platform for these students. Mr. Runcie agreed that a plan and accommodations would need to be developed. He will collaborate with Ms. Hollingsworth and the ESE Advisory

Committee to plan for this effectively. Current CDC guidelines recommend 3 feet of distance which the district feels that it can maintain. Decisions regarding capacity and social distancing will continue to be driven by the health department and CDC. It can be expected that masks will continue to be worn. Any vaccine mandates will be driven by state mandates and CDC directives.

Mr. John Sullivan – Director of Legislative Affairs

Legislation regarding vouchers and relative funding are now expected to pass.

A party line vote in the State senate passed the bill related to Bright Futures funding. The bill has yet to be picked up by the house and is not expected to pass there should it come before the House. Any changes would impact new student applications. (Senate Bill 86) The House has spoken out about this bill multiple times.

Detailed information is available via the report posted at the below website:

<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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To date there has been no movement on approval for virtual meeting formats for committee meetings for the upcoming school year.

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.

New Business

Ms. Donna Boruch – Accreditation and Surveys

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.

More information is available:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37659>

May Speakers

Mr. Dan Gohl-Chief Academic Officer

Ms. Charlene Collins

Mr. Ed Hinline-Director, Information Technology

DAC Board Nomination Committee

Volunteers include: South: Veronica Newmeyer, Central: Nathalie Lynch-Walsh,
North: Jeff Bold

Names will be provided next month, however, elections will not take place until a face to face meeting occurs. Current members will hold their positions until a time elections can be held.

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

Accreditation Memo:

The virtual accreditation process will save Broward Schools about \$75,000 on meals and hotels for the review group. This external review occurs every 5 years in order to maintain Cognia School System Accreditation.

Old Business

Policy 1403 Subcommittee Update – Carolyn Krohn

This policy had not been updated since 2009. The review committee met to review the existing policy and provide recommendations for revision. The committee is requesting any information regarding SAC member training that they have received. Potential Policy 6000.1 revisions will be sent out later this week. The Board will be meeting in April to discuss these items in a workshop.

Policy 1.7 Update Linda Ferrara

The group met to make suggested revisions to Policy 1.7. These recommendations included rules governing advisory groups and bylaws within Broward Schools. The proposed changes will provide specific guidance on how these advisories conduct business.

Public Input

All opinions are welcome in DAC. Please refrain from utilizing the chat to have conversations regarding the choices of others.

Mark Your Calendars

- *DAC Meeting May 12, 2021*
- *South Area Advisory: April 21, 2021 6:30 pm*
- *Central Area Advisory: April 22, 2021 9:30 am*
- *North Area Advisory: April 22, 2021 6:30 pm*

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 PM

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