



The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council – Virtual TEAMS Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 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 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 6:30 PM. The meeting began with role call of members by Ms. Ferrara. The 26 attending members met quorum requirements.

Minutes of August 27th, 2020 minutes approved by Martiza Masseria, seconded by Phil Shaver

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

Nordia Sappleton: *Assistant Director of School Climate & Discipline*

Questions will be taken via email or the chat and will be forwarded to Ms. Sappleton for response.

Student Code of Conduct

Starts at the beginning of the year so that changes can be adopted prior to beginning of new school year. Due to COVID there is a mid-year adoption in October. Additional language to be included is alignment to attendance policy and articulation with parents. There is also clarification to the make-up work through the Student Progression Plan. There will also be several definition additions/adjustments due to FLDOE requirements/adjustments to these definitions. Risk management also has clarification language for opting in and out of surveys. The emergency policy for how to handle

School Climate & Discipline Online

The Code of Student Conduct is available on the district's main page. There are drop down options for multiple languages, associated policies, and key reference items for parent ease.

There is also a shortcut to the discipline matrixes. The social media guidelines have also been highlighted on the page. The appeals process is readily available for parent access.

Virtual resources (quick reference guides) COVID supports include links families can access. These include parenting skills, setting up a learning environment, and motivating students among other topics. The focus is learning and engagement. There are also mental health links to resources to those who have suffered a loss during the pandemic.

New Business

Motion 1:

Would it be possible for the school board to implement a requirement to provide both elementary school and "special" and middle school electives regarding African American history and, to a lesser extent, how this intersects with the history of other historically oppressed minority groups. The vision is for these classes to mainly address the history of systemic racism in the United State, how it affects the status quo, and the individual actions students can take to eliminated biases and address systemic racism at an early age. The classes can also teach students about the history of African American art and literature, and we can take input from middle and high school students as to which subjects should be taught in these classes.

Brought to motion by Kathy Macri Diaz and seconded by Carolyn Khron. This idea was expressed by students at Fort Lauderdale High School. Kathy brought the motion forward on behalf of the students seeking diversity instruction at all levels, elementary through high school, specifically through the arts. There was input that this is a concern of parents as well.

At this time, this is not a motion. The motion was withdrawn. It was recommended that Tom Albano or Cassandra Davis be contacted to share the current state of equity in the district. Additionally, the curriculum materials are provided to teachers and available to Canvas.

Motion 2:

Can there be a law, or become a school board policy, that school board members will not take assistance from their union in any election campaigns? Also, a comment and question: There is already the policy about school board members not allowing to accept assistance from students and give them volunteer service hours in an election. And if so, why are people who are not already school board members allowed to give volunteer hours for elections against school board members?

This motion was brought forward by Kathrine Macri Diaz . It is beyond the scope of the DAC. In reference to the volunteers, there is current policy regarding this. Students do not get school hours for this volunteering. Mr. Grub clarified the service hour requirements. (Service Hour Guidelines)

It was shared that fact finding should occur before motions are proposed. Motions that are presented should be fact based. At this point, the motion was withdrawn by Katherine Diaz.

Motion 3:

Whereas children with epilepsy are more prone to lower immune systems, I'd like to make a motion that special masks and or special air filters in classes given to children with epilepsy in the schools geared to ESE, like Bennett. Kathrine Macri Diaz

This is not a motion. It is a concern with an individual student and school. The motion was withdrawn by Katherine Diaz.

Motion 4:

Proposed by Linda Ferrara, seconded by Dalia Latife

Whereas a Strategic Goal is Effective Communication: Whereas, one of the campaigns is to Refresh, Redesign, and Reduce Risk with one of its focuses being Operational & Process Improvement, with a focus on a facilitating a culture of continuous improvement by performing periodic reviews and improvements of processes at all District and school levels, for optimizing operational efficiencies, reducing waste, and saving costs. We move, that all forms required to be completed and returned to either the District or school be PDF fillable, available in a public format and include where the form is to be returned to, either by hand delivery, mail, or email.

Principal Pontillo commented that the electronic forms are created in such a way to be directly imported into the BASIS system but other forms could benefit from this format. The motion passed unanimously.

Feedback Regarding Calendar Options:

Two options for calendar have been presented for consideration. This is the preview period before being sent for review and discussion. Feedback has overwhelmingly been that there is a desire for a calendar option that provides a full week of Thanksgiving break.

Transportation Survey:

Parents received a transportation survey. There is a concern that parents cannot commit to an abstract idea not knowing what a face to face would look like. They also want to know if this response is a commitment for the remainder of the school year. There were many questions that at this point that make a true answer impossible.

Dear parent or guardian:

We need you to answer a quick question about your student's plan to take a school bus when face-to-face instruction resumes at school. Please visit the link below to record your response as soon as possible.

[Click here for the survey](#)

Your response helps BCPS implement a safety-first transportation plan to keep your student safe and healthy once they can return to learning on campus.

Thank you,

The Transportation Team at BCPS

Technology Security:

Push notifications were sent to students, staff, and parents to change their default passwords to ensure security. The use of a student's birthday was identified as an unsecure password option.

Office of School Performance & Accountability Updates

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

Mr. Jarvis commended the committee for maintaining excellent communication and feedback. Challenges that are identified via feedback have allowed instruction and procedures to improve.

SAT/ACT

Right now, SAT is scheduled ongoing at BCPS high schools. The goal is to host this assessment with the proper implementation CDC guidelines. Mr. Jarvis reached out to Mr. Baum to confirm that testing is on schedule at this point.

Ms. Donna Boruch: School Improvement Plan Coordinator

Schools are working on School Improvement Plans. Area meetings are scheduled for October and will be posted tomorrow via the ads.

Questions were asked regarding SAC budgets. To receive this information, the principal should be contacted regarding budget concerns. Ms. Boruch will follow up with the two schools under concern.

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.

1. Mark Your Calendars:

- *DAC Meeting October 14, 2020*
- *South Area Advisory: October 21, 2020 In Person 9:00am @ McArthur High School Virtual 6:30 (Elections)*
- *Central Area Advisory: October 22, 2020 9:30 am Indian Ridge School or Virtual (Elections)*
- *North Area Advisory: October 22, 2020 6:30 pm Monarch High School or Virtual (Elections)*

Motion to extend the meeting: Linda Ferrara.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM

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