



The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council – Virtual TEAMS Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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The chair, Debbie Espinoza, welcomed everyone to our December 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 6:35 PM. The meeting began with a welcome to Mr. Runcie.

Minutes of November 12th, 2020

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

Meeting Quorum

Meeting quorum is not needed for this informational meeting.

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

Superintendent Runcie:

Mr. Runcie thanked the members and guests of DAC for the work that they do in supporting the District and our students. He reviewed the previous closing of schools in March of 2020 and a timeline of events to date. There was a focus on the safety of students and staff and the PPE provided to ensure safety. Signage, HVAC work, and refitted water fountains were also part of this implemented plan. There have been 900 identified COVID cases, with approximately 12 of those occurring in schools. This was confirmed by the CDC. Mr. Runcie is participating in collaborative meetings with other superintendents across the nation.

The largest concern at this point is the attendance and engagement of students. Many students are struggling. There are over 20,000 students who are demonstrating low grades as compared to a traditional year when the number is about 8,000. There is also a concern regarding students who are sitting in school without any benefit over home-based students.

There will be a new parent survey next Wednesday. The goal is a more traditional face to face delivery in the next semester. In the primary grade levels students will be regrouped with on campus teachers and virtual students with virtual teachers. Although there will be short term challenges with class assignment changes, the long-term benefit will be best for struggling students and habitually truant students. They will get a letter requesting the student return to school. Parents wishing to decline will need to meet with administration and counselors as well as sign a letter acknowledging their denial of the recommendation. Summer remediation is being discussed for all students in order to address the "COVID slide." The outline of this plan for the next semester will be sent to the state for approval next week on Tuesday.

Currently about 25% of the student body is on campus, however, there is capacity for up to 60% of students to be on campus. E Learning will still be available to families.

New Business

Linda Ferrara: Smart Futures Websites

The facilities task force has met regarding the location of SMART project updates. The links are currently not working on the school sites. It is now maintained by an outside entity on their web platform which is not linked to school pages. There is currently a longer route through the main browardschools pages. There is information on the budget, what projects are planned, and the completion percentage. There seem to be some inconsistencies with the completion percentages that the task force will research. Other information includes any reports on delays.

The Bond Oversight Committee is meeting next week on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the KCW Board Room. Questions can be sent to https://bit.ly/BCPS_BOC_FY21Q1

Assignments and Projects Assigned Over Spring Break

There were some students who did assign work despite communication from Dr. Wanza. Some of these assignments may have been make up work or missing work.

SAC Procedures and Concerns

The DAC is proposing an in-person meeting for January at Indian Ridge Middle School. Membership was surveyed via the chat.

What is the best way to train SAC/SAF chairs in fulfilling their role? It is currently available online and includes the vital communication process. SAF chairs should be sharing information from DAC and area meetings at their school meetings.

There is also a concern in obtaining SAC budget information at schools. One school has a best practice of including this information on the meeting agenda. These discussions, decisions, and amounts are included in the school's SAC minutes.

Concerns/complaints regarding SAC should reach out to Ms. Donna Boruch. The only schools with SAC expenditures are those with rollover funds from last year. This year there is no funding for SAC this year. All spending must be voted for by SAC membership and reflected in the minutes.

Policy 6306

This is the homework policy. The subcommittee met several times and reviewed with DAC before the school board. The previous update was in 2009. The policy was not addressed by the board. The committee then created a draft of the policy and went back to the board, who referred it to the Policy 6000.1. This group will meet on Monday.

Workshop Agendas

There are proposed changed to Policy 1.7 which includes committees and advisories. Comments and speakers are encouraged. There is a proposed language change that has not been shared in any previous meetings. This proposal will negatively impact stakeholder engagement and community involvement.

Kahoot: HELD FOR NEXT MEETING

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

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.

DAC Motion on SAC Auditor:

We Move that the Audit Department review the School Advisory Council’s School Accountability Funds when they audit the schools internal accounts. Linda Ferrara, Seconded by Kim. Passed unanimously.

Follow-up/Updates from previous speakers:

Mr. Gohl verified that the HOPE credit will still be available for students participating in varsity sports despite the shortened season. This will be sent in writing for confirmation.

Mr. Barmoha confirmed that the committee on dual enrollment will meet in January. The DAC dual enrollment sub committee will collect questions. These questions will be specifically asked at the January meeting.

The new makeup work policy is corrected and able to be located on school websites under the drop down menu for Academics.

Public Input/Comments

There was a request to provide informational feedback on motions on diversity proposals at a future meeting. Mr. Tom Albano is a potential speaker recommendation for DAC on diversity.

Mark Your Calendars:

- *DAC Meeting January 13, 2021 6:30pm*
- *South Area Advisory: January 20, 2021 Virtual 6:30pm*
- *Central Area Advisory: January 21, 2021 9:30am Virtual*
- *North Area Advisory: January 21, 2021 6:30pm Virtual*
- *ESE Advisory: January 27, 2021 6:30pm Virtual*
- *Gifted Advisory: November 7, 2020 7:00pm*

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM

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