

The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 6:30-8:30pm
K.C. Wright, 600 SE Third Ave., Boardroom, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Email: districtadvisorycouncil@gmail.com Website: Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com

Meeting started 6:40 pm

Ice breaker – Do you know your schools mission statement? Does it align with your School Improvement Plan? Where would you find the makeup work for suspensions?

Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2019 motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

Attendance Requirements – Area Chairs please check sign-in sheets for non-compliance

Mr. Jarvis & Ms. Boruch are attending an accreditation conference in Orlando, set up by Cognia (fka AdvancedEd).

Terry Preuss and Debbie Espinoza gave an update on BTU's Rally to Tally.

Old Business

- Attendance Policy #5.5 – PROPOSED CHANGES

Phil Shaver gave an update as to where the revisions on the policy are.

Adding definitions, statute revisions. III A 6. Special Event – Make up homework needs to be clarified. The advanced notice should be signed off by each teacher.

On the school websites the drop-down menu under Illness all you have to put the illness is physical or mental. Possibly include "What they need to know about the absence."

A recommendation was made to provide a simple chart for a parent to understand.

If you are having problems logging on to the "Report an Absence" send an email to Phil Shaver at phillip.shaver@browardschools.com along with the operating system you are using and search engine (i.e. MAC, OSxx; Windows 10, Android, iPhone; Safari, Firefox etc. operating system) and a brief explanation of the problem you are encountering, so that IT can trouble shoot the issue.

Section III Absences A . Excused Absences 8 c) Allow for not only hand written notes, but an email that is set up by the school. Consider the language to read: **Written communication to the front office.** This would cover both methods.

Section III B. Unexcused Absences:

Missing the school bus was raised. The bus not arriving on schedule because of accidents, traffic, and weather. Also, what happens when there is thunder and lightning when the child is leaving for the bus stop of waiting at the bus stop. Another issue was raised as to those students that require a special handicap bus. Sometimes the bus does not show up to pick up the child and the parent cannot get them to school. Are they considered an excused or unexcused absence? Currently they are unexcused. There are times when a student misses the bus because the wheel chair is broken and the replacement has not arrived. – See note below.

Attendance Committee to review Section III, E. Early Sign-outs #4. "Unless excused under the provisions of this policy, accumulated early sign-outs will be recorded as unexcused absences."

6000.1 Regarding exam exemptions. IB, ACE and AP.

There was a concern that some high schools are no longer allowing exam exemptions for EOC or FSA courses. Everglades, Cooper City, Ft. Lauderdale and South Broward High Schools filed waivers for the exemption. Schools need to go through the waiver process outlined on OSPA's Service Quality website. The BSA is given in January for assessing where a student aligns against the standards.

Legislative update was given by Carolyn Krohn.

Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes. Linda Ferrara, Veronica Newmeyer.

A subcommittee for the Homework Policy was formed. Participants include Janet Bravo, Brie-Anne Pendlebury, Veronica Newmeyer, Tammy Cipellone, Carolyn Krohn, Debbie Espinoza, and Melina Markos. Topics being considered are use of technology and when and how homework is being given. Send suggestion to the email listed above. **Take back to the areas for suggestions on any revisions.**

Linda Ferrara to send out comments on the Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9.

New Business

- Usage of Guidance Counselors/Students in Crisis

Revision to the job description for Guidance Counselors is being looked at. This will go to the SB Workshop on February 25th.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 p.m.

Note: The Transportation Dept.'s website recommends if you have issues with the bus your child is assigned to they should first try to contact the school the student is assigned to attend. If the parent/guardian is unable to make contact with the school or the school has already closed for the day, the parent/guardian should contact the appropriate transportation terminal for the bus route the student is assigned to ride as listed below:

Bus Terminal Information

| ROUTES | TERMINALS | PHONE NUMBER |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1001 through 1268 | North Area | 754-321-4000 |
| 2001 through 2294 | Central Area | 754-321-4480 |
| 3001 through 3297 | South Area | 754-321-4100 |
| 4001 through 4202 | West Central Area | 754-321-4150 |
| 5001 through 5237 | South West | 754-321-8025 |