



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

Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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The chair, Debbie Espinoza, welcomed everyone to our November 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 6:43 PM. The meeting began with review of welcoming climate of the DAC meetings.

Minutes of October 14th, 2020

Minutes cannot be approved as the meeting is for informational purposes due to the virtual format, however, a spelling correction was adjusted.

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

Mr Brian Katz: Chief Safety and Security Officer

Dr. Antoine Hickman: Chief Student Support & Initiatives & Recovery Officer

The District updated the board at the last meeting regarding the strategic plan reallocation of resources to respond to COVID. There was an opportunity to pivot and remain in aligned to the strategic plan even through the pandemic.

Hiring for this initiative has moved toward conclusion and into the next phase of implementation. Changes have been limited due to the current demands of staff and students in the current environment, however, progress is still in motion. Timelines and resources have been adjusted/reallocated as necessary.

Due to the potential trauma on students and staff, staff in Mr. Katz department have received trainings focused on these needs. Two full days of virtual training allowed 100% of security staff to be trained. These trainings included changes recommended by administrators and collective bargaining units. Trainee surveys indicate that this training was found to be supportive and in alignment with the needs of the staff.

The district is still working to ensure the SRO program. They have gone to the state to discuss millage and contributions by the state to reduce the burden on cities. The concern is the expiration of the referendum funds and the need to maintain the guardian/school resource officers/safe schools staff. There was also a request to collaborate with ESE to establish training tools aimed at meeting the appropriate needs of the ESE student population. There was also a recommendation for a refocus and emphasis of the Schoolwide Positive Behavior Plan.

Drinking fountain update: Mr. Katz will get an update and share with DAC. The district is currently installing attachments that allow students to refer their own bottle. There is also bottled water available as needed for students who do not bring a bottle from home.

All safety protocols prior to the pandemic remain in place including single point entry and no propped doors. A concern was brought that there are schools where the nurse is manning two spaces; a clinic and an isolation room. There is a question about two registered nurses at one location while other schools have only a health technician. There are currently 6 schools without a nurse. Dr. Hickman shared that this will be corrected by the next Wednesday, November 19th. Staff has already been hired and are in the process of being cleared. The goal is to have 2 health service personnel in each school.

Isolation rooms are separate from the clinic and is stocked with PPE and when possible a restroom. Direct contact is currently defined as closer than 6 feet distance for 15 minutes, either total or combined. This is regardless of whether either party is wearing a mask or not. Based on this guidance, contact tracing is completed and the appropriate exposed individuals are notified. Close contacts are only identified once a person is diagnosed with COVID. Contact tracing is completed through the Department of Health.

Mr. Guy Barmoha: *Director of Secondary Learning*

Dual Enrollment: In 2018 the number of college classes that students could take through dual enrollment were changed without research or discussion which resulted in a DAC motion and subcommittee to review the impact of these changes. Beginning in 2015/2016, dual enrollment costs have increased 10-20% annually until 2018. In the 2019-2020 school year limitations were put in place. The result was a decrease in spending to the 2018 school year. Mr. Barmoha shared that 700 more students have taken dual enrollment since the limitations have been implemented. Early admissions did see an increase in the last school year.

The district currently has articulation agreements with 6 colleges. The Diversity Committee shared their concern that low SES students are not able to participate in dual enrollment. There was a request to answer further diversity questions via email and a possible meeting. A concern was shared that only three high schools are listing dual enrollment schools at the school. Additionally, the links are only to Broward College and expired applications. There is little information available for families online. Mr. Barmoha shared that he will work with IT to push out district content on dual enrollment information. He will ensure that the schools have consistent information as well as specific information regarding the courses at their location. The website committee representative also shared that they have observed the same inconsistencies during their review of high school websites.

The committee is requesting the exact numbers of student numbers and budget findings be shared. A question was asked regarding the timeline of using the newly purchased cameras to offer college courses from one high school campus to students at another location. Mr. Barmoha shared that there is currently a plan to test this with one dual enrollment course. The committee is in the planning phases. There is conversation regarding times and the possibility of it being after school due to bell schedules. That course is SLS (Student Life Skills). If the remote plan is successful, this could be brought to AP courses as well.

Costs of college courses offered through the district are much less than courses at the college campuses. The costs for on high school campus dual enrollment is only for materials. The extension of the dual enrollment virtually would not be until the 22-23 school year if the 21-22 pilot is successful.

Although the costs of dual enrollment decreased 19%, the district lost more students to early admissions, an increase of 22%. In actuality, the overall costs to the district actually went up. There was a request that the subcommittee meet again to look deeply at the fiscal data and complete an analysis. The report is requested for the December DAC meeting. The current dual enrollment budget allocation is approximately \$4 million per year.

There was a parent request for a Town Hall meeting via Facebook to discuss advanced academic opportunities to low SES communities. The Gifted Advisory committee also has information to share regarding the advanced academic opportunities available to families.

A parent is interested in students having access to the Canvas courses of other teachers if they are struggling with the assigned teacher. The rationale is to

mitigate the diverse teaching and learning styles. Specifically, what is the policy governing this? Logistically it can be done via IT. There is not a policy that addresses this. It was recommended that the parent conferences with the teachers and school administration. The parent is concerned with the equity of resources available to students. Mr. Jarvis is also going to discuss with the high school directors the possibility of subject area resource pages for students.

The next topic discussed was the makeup work changes in policy that have not been posted online to date. Mr. Barmoha will follow up to ensure that the policy is updated on the district website and pushed out to teachers.

New Business

Quorum Requirements

It was shared that board has the authority to temporarily reduce the quorum requirement. The recommendation is to contact the board directly as they have the ability to make the adjustment for virtual quorum.

Funding Concerns

Please share at all area meetings the concerns shared by Mr Gomez and sent to area chairs regarding possible funding reductions for e learning students. Everyone is asked to contact the state using the forms.

Office of School Performance & Accountability Updates

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

Parent universities are now scheduled for this Monday and Tuesday, November 16th and 17th. Please sign up on privateschools.com. Ed talk is on December 5th. That also requires a sign up. It's going to be from 9 to noon. Virtually the school choice applications for 2021-2022 school year will open the on December 1st.

Ms. Donna Boruch: School Improvement Plan Coordinator

No updates at this time.

Old Business

Mr. Gohl had shared that he would find out if the shortened athletic season could still meet the HOPE requirement. We have not received this information as of this meeting.

The governor has not extended the ability for committees to meet quorum virtually so meetings will be informational only until face to face meetings resume.

Mark Your Calendars:

- *DAC Meeting December 9, 2020*
- *South Area Advisory: November 18, 2020 6:30 pm*

- *Central Area Advisory: November 19, 2020 9:30 am*
- *North Area Advisory: November 19, 2020 6:30 pm*

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM

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