



The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council – Virtual TEAMS Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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Chair – Debbie Espinoza

Vice Chair – Dalia Latife

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Communications Chair – Dee Defoe

The chair welcomed everyone to our first 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 6:44 PM. The late start was due to technical difficulties. Attending members met quorum requirements.

Minutes of June 17th, 2020 minutes approved by V. Newmeyer, A. Borges

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

Dr. A. Hickman: Chief Student Support Initiatives & Recovery

Mindfulness

Four guiding pillars: Social Emotional Learning, Mindfulness, Mental Health and Wellness, & Equity/Diversity. Students are struggling to reconnect in the new

school year. Dr. Hickman's department is supplying resources for staff/students and communities.

Go to link at Mental Health and Wellness page, Mindfulness Toolkits. These resources have been added to student and staff Canvas sites as well as Child Abuse Reporting links and a link to reach out to someone to talk. There are videos as well as resources in multiple languages and to meet diverse needs. There are ongoing staff and family workshops.

All schools have been required to implement 10 minutes of mindfulness each day with students. Live sessions help to support this implementation.

- 754-321-HELP Broward County Public Schools Helpline
- First Call for HELP @211
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-TALK or text 741741

5.5 E Student Attendance in eLearning

Staff and families are asked to be flexible. Teachers are asked to utilize any evidence of participation to indicate attendance as we work through technical concerns. This evidence could be a verbal interaction, turning on a camera. The evidence is to be "observable." Per Mr. Shaver, logging in also counts as a present for attendance. Enrollment was initially down by 7,000 but has since risen by 1,000. There is a marked increase in home school enrollment, however, many students are re-enrolling as time continues. Recording an excused absence is available on school websites under Contact, then report an absence.

2170 E Face Coverings

After consulting with health officials, all persons on campuses must wear a face covering over **both** the mouth and nose. Schools will provide face masks to students who arrive on campus without a mask. This will be an extensive cost for the District when students return to brick and mortar. Some funding is through federal sources. Current ordering includes 3-5 masks per person on campus. Face coverings must conform to the dress code. The fabrics may not contain images/slogans that disrupt the learning environment.

2020-2021 School Reopening Plans – Status of 2-week analysis and /or Phase 2 opening

According to the Superintendent, we are still under code red, however, the positivity rate is decreasing. Other concerns are the ability to provide PPE and hospitalization rates. The school board will be revisiting this every two weeks. It is recommended that we be below 5% positivity rate for 14 days or more. The CDC and Department of Health are providing the guiding recommendations.

Policy 6000.1 – SBW 8.25.2020

The policy lacked a consideration for make-up work over suspension periods. This language is recommended by DAC to be added to the make-up work policy. The committee also suggests that language for all three levels (elementary, middle, high school) be aligned within the policy. The committee also recommended that the language of "two days" be clarified to be "two school days." Quizzes/tests are recommended to be included in the language as well to read "all assignments including quizzes and tests."

Calendar Options

Two options for calendar have been presented for consideration. This is the preview period before being sent for review and discussion at the September. Please reach out if you have requests for an option 3 that includes a week for Thanksgiving Break.

Office of School Performance & Accountability Updates

Mr. Scott Jarvis

SAT/ACT

Right now, SAT is scheduled for September 26th at BCPS high schools. The goal is to host this assessment with the proper implementation CDC guidelines. Mr. Jarvis will reach out to Mr. Baum and share update.

Raptor

New visitor screening/access system. Implementation is almost complete. Quarantining of some locations have hindered installment in some locations. This will be completed in the near future.

Ms. Donna Boruch

School Improvement Information

Will be sent out shortly. The first task is to create SAC composition due by October 21st. There will not be live training sessions. The information is available on the website via a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation. SAC Meetings on Teams should be recorded. Minutes also need to be taken.

Motion to Extend the Meeting: D. Latife second V. Newmeyer

DAC Motion on dual enrollment (9.11.2019)

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.

A committee will be formed to continue to address this. The goal is to gain traction and reach out to Title I (Cathy Diaz), Equity and Diversity, Gifted Advisory (Veronica Newmeyer), EXCEL is state law.

Motion to take back to the School Board by Linda Ferrer and seconded by Veronica Newmeyer.

Mark Your Calendars – 2021-2022 DAC Meetings

8/26, 9/9, 10/7, 11/12, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12/6/9

DAC Meetings - 9/9 Virtual/Indian Ridge MS, 10/14 KCW

South Area Meeting 10/21, 9:00 am - McArthur HS - Elections

Central Area Meeting 10/22, 9:30 am - So. Plantation HS or Indian Ridge MS - Elections

North Area Meeting 10/22 6:30 pm - Monarch HS - Elections

Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 PM

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