

The School Board of Broward County, Florida

*District Advisory Council – Virtual TEAMS Meeting*

DRAFT MINUTES

*Wednesday, January 12, 2022 6:30 pm-8:30 pm*

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Communications Chair – Kathy Diaz

The chair, Debbie Espinoza, welcomed everyone. This meeting was held virtually. *Meeting etiquette was reviewed. Meeting Etiquette (raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged, the questions will be called in the order hand was raised. No bullying in the chat)*

**Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM**.

**Housekeeping**

Attendance Requirements: We need to meet quorum every meeting in order to conduct business. If you miss 3 consecutive meetings or 4 in total, you cannot vote and must be reappointed.

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 for new members) <http://browardschools.com/Page/41329>

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**Speakers**

***Dr. Valerie Wanza – Chief School Performance and Accountability Officer***

Dr. Wanza thanked everyone for their volunteerism and dedication to students.

There are policies that will be revised this semester in collaboration: Policy 1.3 School last revised 2004, Policy 1402 Innovation Zones last revised 1998, Policy 1403 School Accountability.

Contracts were approved for indoor graduation this school year. Locations are being approved. Additionally, student speech and expression as related to Policy 1344 (last revised in 1990) and 5313 (last revised in 2000) are being reviewed as well due to concerns about a school speech at assemblies. Input from the area advisories and principals are considering to add a revision that includes “individuals who speak may not advocate for a political position, agenda or stance. Policy 5313 revisions would include number 7-remove gender reference of superintendent, add all speeches must adhere to the language in Policy 1344, and add speeches are reviewed by a committee (principal, assistant principal and instructional personnel) before being approved by the principal.

Input from stakeholders tonight include:

Curtailing student freedom of speech, possibility to pre-record the speech to ensure approved speech is not changed at delivery, uniformity of interpretation by the reviewing/approval group, specified requirements and direction for speech topics, upholding Constitutional freedom of speech rights, adding a student and the cadre director to the school reviewing committee, adjust verbiage from “political” to “partisan.”

***Mr. Roland Alvarez – Executive Director of Transportation Services***

***Ms. Kay Blake – Director of Transportation Services***

***Dr. Simone Clowers – Transportation Service***

***Mr. Vincent Harrell-Supervisor of Operations***

The transportation department has over 1400 employees and over 1200 busses that transport over 54,000 students on 838 routes to and from 241 schools.

Due to the pandemic, there have been a great number of vacancies. Normally there were about 50 vacancies; that number has increased to over 200. Challenges to the department include:

Route changes to reduce routes

Route coverage/doubling up routes

All CDL holders are driving busses (including transportation office staff and supervisors).

Incentives include a signing bonus, referral bonuses, and salary increases, recruiting retirees.

The Here Comes the Bus app has not been rolled out despite the contract being signed in 2019. Mr. Alvarez shared that the pandemic and the death of a transportation director are the reasons the app has not been utilized. He indicated this will not happen until staffing improves. The application will not track combined routes that the department is currently utilizing. We have a 5-year contract.

Stakeholders are concerned that we are 2 years into a program we are not using. Stakeholder concerns focus on equity and needing to be able to know where children are. It was shared that some alternative is necessary regardless of the status of the app. Communication of changed or delayed routes to parents is a concern.

Bus drivers are to notify dispatch if they are running more than 15 minutes late. It is logged but not shared with schools or parents. A parent suggested this be shared with the schools rather than just simply logged to avoid so many calls to the area depot. DAC will create a transportation subcommittee that will compile all additional questions and have the transportation representatives return to address them.

***Dr. Nicole Mancini – Chief Academic Officer (Task Assigned)***

New plans: American Rescue Plan and Instructional Continuity Plan are posted and open for stakeholder feedback. <http://www.browardschools.com/arpandicp>

The Instructional Continuity Plan is new and composed of the following:

*Academics*: Leadership and Planning, Professional Learning, Curriculum Resources, Instructional Practices, and Parent and Family Support

*Technology*: Technology and Technical Assistance, Engaging Students with Limited Access, Cybersecurity

*Operations*: Continuation of Operations

*Communications*: Emergency and Ongoing Communication

Math Textbook selection K-12 is underway and open for stakeholder review and feedback. Materials can be reviewed in person at Gulfstream Early Learning Center, Lauderdale Manors Early Learning and Family Resource Center, and the Title I Parent Outreach Center until the adoption is finalized in April. They can also be reviewed digitally at:

<https://bit.ly/BCPSmathadoption>

***Mr. Scott Jarvis, Assistant Director Office of Service Qualit*y**

***Ms .Kelli Blackburn, Coordinator @ Office of School Performance & Accountability***

No new updates at this time.

**New Business**

***Transportation Subcommittee – Cynthia Dominique Chair of North Area Advisory***

If you are interested in being a part of this subcommittee contact Ms. Dominique at

[northareaadvisory@gmail.com](mailto:northareaadvisory@gmail.com)

or 954-461-7469

***School Safety Task Force: Debbie Espinoza – next meeting 1/27***

**Old Business- Motions**

These will be reviewed and open for discussion at the next meeting.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

DAC Meeting February 9, 2022, 6:30pm @ KC Wright Bldg.

South Area Advisory: January 19, 2022, 9:00am via Teams

Central Area Advisory: January 20, 2022, 9:30am @ TBA

North Area Advisory: January 20, 2022, 6:30pm @ TBA

**Area Advisory Websites**

District Advisory Council

<http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/content.asp?PageID=0>

North Area Advisory Council

<http://northareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/>

Central Area Advisory Council

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South Area Advisory Council

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**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45 PM**

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