



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

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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Chair – Debbie Espinoza

Recording Secretary – Brie-Anne Pendlebury

Vice Chair – Jeff Bold

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Communications Chair – Kathy Diaz

The chair, Debbie Espinoza, welcomed everyone. This meeting was held face to face. *Meeting etiquette was reviewed. Meeting Etiquette (raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged, the questions will move around the table to the left)*

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 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>

Sign-up to receive emails on the DAC website <http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>

Speakers

Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright – Interim Superintendent

Introduction. Dr. Cartwright will also attend the December meeting. Dr. Cartwright thanked all in attendance for their dedication. She gave a brief history of her educational career. She was a teacher in the music realm and she also was an assistant principal and principal for middle school before moving on to director and superintendent roles. She also spoke to collaborating in the best interest of children.

Dr. Valerie S. Wanza – Chief Office of School Performance and Accountability (OSPA) Officer

Dr. Wanza supervises principals and directors as well as several departments including the Office of Service Quality. Dr. Wanza spoke about the upcoming reaccreditation via Cognia that begins on November 29th. There have 48 schools that have been selected for this virtual process including meeting with stakeholders including parents, students, staff, and leadership.

Policy 1403 will be rewritten after a recommendation of DAC. There have been many changes and the entire document will need to be rewritten. The policy is over 15 years old. This will begin after the accreditation process.

Families are encouraged to reach out to their schools to address concerns. If the issue remains unresolved, they are asked to reach out to the Office of Service Quality at 754-321-3636 or 754-321-3838

Dr. Wanza will also be sure that we get the attendance data for PSD days and the day following. Mr. Jarvis will receive this information to share with DAC.

Mr. Dan Gohl – Chief Academic Officer

Serves as the point person to implement the safe school initiatives. He is a direct report to Dr. Cartwright. He will also be a key person in the revision of the District Strategic Plan and adjustments due to the pandemic.

The three main bodies of his focus will be:

The response and implementation of the MSD commission recommendations. This will be a high-level priority as we approach the 3-year mark.

The DAC and subcommittees will be part of a school and teacher safety committee. This committee will reconvene as it was paused during the pandemic.

The strategic plan work is the third scope of Mr. Gohl's new role.

With this shift, Dr. Mancini will be the next Chief Academic Officer.

Dr. Antoine Hickman – Chief of Student Support Initiatives and Recovery

Dr. Hickman has updates in COVID protocols including masking. More than 300 nurses have been added. There is a nurse in every school and in many cases 2 nurses in every school. The isolation room is a separate location from the clinic. There is still active recruitment to fill the remaining positions so that each school has a clinic professional as well as an isolation room professional.

Return to school and equity are large focuses for Dr. Hickman's office as well as circumventing social media challenges. This has lead to a peace incentive via social media with platforms including TikTok, #schoolprideandpeace

COVID testing and vaccines are voluntary on school campuses and require parent permission/consent.

Close contacts = 15 minutes or more, mask or not.

The updates for COVID can be found at: <https://www.browardschools.com/CORONAVIRUS>

Dr. Leo Nesmith – Chief Security and Safety (Task Assigned)

Safety: This is our number one priority. There are 1200 staff members including school-based campus monitors and safety staff. Although much of the information is kept confidential for safety reasons, there will be some items shared so that parents can be active supports in any situation that requires reunification. Each school has a primary and a secondary evacuation/reunification site. The crisis communication plan updates families appropriately and accurately.

Sports events on school campuses now include wand and diaper bag checks; no other bags are permitted. A vendor will be taking over this task. There will also be additional security/surveillance team at events. Tips can be submitted: 754-321-3500 (24/7)

All state schools complete a security assessment. This information is exempt from public record but is addressed by the district. The vulnerabilities are attended to but no specifics are shared publicly. The general components will be discussed by the Board on 10/19/21.

There are about 15,000 cameras in the district. They are able to be accessed by law enforcement in the event of an emergency. Analytic cameras are also being added.

New Business

Motion 1: Bob Mayerson

Whereas pursuant to Florida Statute 1001.452 1(a) the school advisory council shall be the sole body responsible for final decision making at the school relating to implementation of Florida Statute 1001.42 (18) and 1008.345 and;

Whereas allocation of expenditure of funds for public education and implementation of the school improvement plan pursuant to Florida Statute 1001.42 (18) may be expended only on projects or projects selected by the school advisory Council and;

Whereas neither school district staff nor principals may override the recommendations of the school advisory council and;

Whereas these moneys may not be used for capital improvements or for any project or program that has a duration of more than 1 year; however, a school advisory council may independently determine that a program or project formerly funded should receive funds in a subsequent year and;

Whereas the school advisory councils are required to operate under Sunshine Laws, which in part includes reasonable notice of meetings, taking of minutes, etc and;

Whereas operational audits are performed to evaluate performance in establishing and maintaining internal controls and administering assigned responsibilities in accordance with applicable law and other guidelines and;

Whereas the District Advisory Council considers that there is a systemic risk of noncompliance with laws and more specifically with noncompliance with Section 1001.452 Florida Statutes.

We move that Broward County Public Schools include in their 2021-2022 operational Audit plan the operational audit of selected School Advisory Council to evaluate compliance with Florida Statutes, applicable laws and guidelines that govern the School Advisory Councils.

Dr. Wanza shared that she is in support of the SAC funding listed on the monthly agenda. She will send communication in the morning to principals.

The motion was voted on by the DAC members. 7 are opposed, all others in favor. The motion passed and will be presented to the school board in two weeks.

2022-23 Calendar Options & Feedback: Veronica Newmeyer

The survey has been sent out by the District. Please vote for the calendar option of your choice. There has also been another request for a holiday from a different religion that will be discussed for future calendars.

Committee Representatives for DAC: Debbie Espinoza

Mark Your Calendars:

DAC Meeting November 10, 2021, 6:30pm @ KC Wright Bldg.

South Area Advisory: October 14, 2021, 9:00am @ McArthur High School

Central Area Advisory: October 21, 2021, 9:30am @ Indian Ridge School

North Area Advisory: October 21, 2021, 6:30pm @ Monarch High School

ESE Advisory: October 20, 2021

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

<http://southareaadvisory1.ch2v.com/>

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