



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

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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Chair – Debbie Espinoza

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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 6:36 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/>

November minutes approved: Motion by Veronica Newmeyer, second by Bob Mayersohn

Speakers

Dr. Luwando Wright-Hines, Director Title 1, Migrant & Special

Currently 199 Title I schools that receive funds for additional resources.

Status Designation: FRL percentages can be monitored by principals (50% is the general percentage, however, as cushion is recommended as this can fluctuate) The Title I research Team maintains the dashboard that tracks status.

- BCPS District School
- Age 5 or greater by September 1 and under 18 years of age
- Grade levels K-5 (or coordinated to school levels)
- FRL Code updated by July 1st annually

Surveys 2 and 3 are used to calculate percentages by the FLDOE. Members suggested that the application be embedded within other user-friendly formats including:

- the beginning of school registration forms online
- QR codes
- School mini-labs at parent events with laptops available

Schools can access information about what families have applied to target families that may be eligible. The cafeteria manager and IMT can access this information for school leaders. Survey 3 is February 1-4, 2022.

Dr. Hickman and Ralph Aiello Re: HS Mid-terms

There is a shortage of instructional time. An adjustment was made to extend the early release days to full school days. The big concern is that this was not communicated in a timely manner nor was input elicited from parents or other stakeholders, including teachers.

The decision was made based on 2018 FLDOE notice for out of compliance for minimum instruction for FTE, composed of seat time. In April, in 2021 a committee convened to create solutions to meet the seat time issue with PSD dates by adding one minute. Periods are now 91 minutes instead of 90 minutes. In September, principals were made aware of the concern and told to adhere for the schedule. This will not be an issue for final exams because there are more school days in the Spring semester than the Fall semester.

There was an issue with the communication of this change from past protocol from schools to families, however, it was communicated to the school principals. There will be a check in with principals on Friday and a recommendation will be made by the district to follow a uniform plan/schedule for exam days.

Seat time is calculated in two ways: full time enrollment, which (FL Statute 1011.61) indicates 900 hours of instructional time. This is offered time regardless of actual student attendance. FL Statute 1003.436 requires 120 hours for the year for a full credit course (60 hours for a half credit course). Reductions to instructional hours include early release, personalization periods, PSD days, hall time, etc.

Seniors will have full days along with all other grades during the week they take finals. They will end their school year one week early. Grades 9-11 will have early release for finals the following week after seniors are out of school.

Mr. Scott Jarvis, Assistant Director Office of Service Quality – Cognia Accreditation

Polycam showcase. Mr. Jarvis demonstrated the use of the Polycam and how it is able to capture and share group meetings and classroom discussion.

Cognia evaluation is complete, and Broward Schools was granted accreditation for the next 5 years.

Mr. Jarvis thanked everyone for their involvement and dedication to our students.

Policy 5000.1 Discipline, Suspensions & Expulsions – Feedback needed Re: Mace

The concern is regarding mace listed as class B weapon, related to the same category as a small pocketknife. Mrs. Espinoza will send out a survey question via email for feedback.

School Board Meetings/Involvement

HOW to provide public comments at SB mtgs (Agendas available 7 days before mtg, sign-up for public comments 5 days prior to mtg., 3 min to speak on any agenda item.) Mrs. Espinoza will post and share the protocol.

Old Business- Held for January Meeting

American Rescue Plan ARP - There will be a mechanism for public input as presented by district staff at our last DAC mtg. The district is working on translation w/the Office of Communications and it will then be placed prominently on their website. No timeline given.

Mark Your Calendars:

DAC Meeting January 12, 2022, 6:30pm @ KC Wright Bldg.

South Area Advisory: January 19, 2022, 9:00am @ McArthur High School

Central Area Advisory: January 20, 2022, 9:30am @ Indian Ridge School

North Area Advisory: January 20, 2022, 6:30pm @ Monarch High School

Area Advisory Websites

District Advisory Council

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

North Area Advisory Council

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