



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

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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Chair – Debbie Espinoza

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The chair, Debbie Espinoza, welcomed everyone to our February DAC meeting 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. One question per attendee per speaker, if there are still questions they will be sent to the vice chair or recording secretary, forwarded to the appropriate presenter and replies will be presented at the March DAC meeting.*

Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM.

Minutes of January 13th, 2021

Minutes cannot be approved as the meeting is for informational purposes due to the virtual format.

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.

Please fill out Attendance form - Has 1 new question: Would you be willing to meet face to face?

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

Mr. John Sullivan –Director of Legislative Affairs

The legislation season has commenced in Tallahassee. The first three weeks have been pre-conference meetings. Senate Bill 48 combines the voucher programs and funds from Florida Education. There is an increase in voucher eligibility. This is a concern because this is the same source public schools are funded from and will have a negative impact on our budgets/future funding. Dollars are potentially diverted to private and charter school which are not held to the same

accountability standards. The opinion of the district is that all receiving funding from taxpayers should be held to the same accountability standards.

The governor's recommended budget requests more money for education, however, may be limited by reduction in state revenue due to COVID. The requested increase by the governor is \$232 per student.

There are also proposals to suspend penalties via the accountability system. (SB 886) This committee will begin early March and updates will be provided.

Mr. Angel Gomez, Governmental Affairs

If you would like to receive Mr. Sullivan's report please register via the website:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y7Ws7nBTWE0paqN4PJXUluscdyxkjwtKpUjpDacxlBNUMzBHM05HOUNTRIZQUVBBRDVTN0NaQVpDWC4u>

This page hosts all previous reports and is updated weekly. The site also provides the Twitter account information and contact information for Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Gomez.

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Let your voice be heard shares updates in legislative affairs and requests via the "Take Action" tool. Currently, there is a call to contact the state to request that education personnel be prioritized in receiving the COVID vaccine. The tool provides a template that stakeholders can utilize to directly send the requested email communication.

Test BCPS legislative to 22828 to receive legislative updates directly to your phone. This will also connect to sending email communication to the state via the "Take Action" tool.

Mr. Tom Albano –Coordinator Equity and Diversity

There are several initiatives within the department focused on equity and diversity. Mr. Hickman is the chief of the department and Mr. Watkins is the director. Workshops and professional development are provided to school personnel (teachers and leaders) to close the achievement gap and shift perspective. The department seeks to create awareness and an atmosphere of equity, diversity, and inclusion in all schools and departments in BCPS. This relates directly to race, ethnicity, gender, disability, and language. There is a goal of decreasing students in alternative education programs by providing Tier 1 academic and behavioral interventions. This includes making all classrooms throughout the district responsive to the students we serve and the required instruction by statute 1003.42.

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Mr. Richie Baum – Director of Student Assessment and Research

The will be possible schedule revisions and additional flexibility are being discussed at FDOE. Any changes to the spring schedule will require an Emergency Order because requirements are statutory. Discussions include the ability to test multiple sessions in one day. This is a concern as it decreases student performance. There will be no remote assessments.

New Business

Policy 6000.1 Carolyn Krohn presenter

The student progression plan is available on the school board website. It houses the promotion criteria for each grade. The policy is updated annually. A recent update includes the make up policy. The document is arranged by school level (elementary/middle/high). DAC and the areas are part of the Policy 6000.1 committee that meets monthly. This month's discussions include changes to interim reports that would require all grade levels to indicate a drop of two letter grades for grades 3-5. This is currently only in effect for grades 6-12. This and other recommendations will be discussed further at the area meetings for input.

In person meetings, yay or nay?

Please be sure to respond to this question in the attendance form.

March Speaker – Aimee Wood – Equity and Diversity Department

Office of School Performance & Accountability Updates

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

Ms. Donna Boruch: School Improvement Plan Coordinator

There is no new information to share.

Old Business

Concerns with SAC

Members are permitted to speak at meetings. If there is a vote, the topic is open to public comment. SAC procedures are outlined in the power points provided by Ms. Boruch on the district website.

There was a consensus question regarding the sharing of each SAC committee's funding and expenditures to be included on the monthly agenda.

Public Input:

Dual enrollment will not be available this summer.

Mark Your Calendars:

- DAC Meeting March 10, 2021
- South Area Advisory: February 17, 2021 6:30 pm
- Central Area Advisory: February 18, 2021 9:30 am
- North Area Advisory: February 18, 2021 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 PM

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