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District Advisory Council

The School Board of Broward County

Steering Minutes (DRAFT)



Questions

Monday, August 25th, 2025, 8am

Virtual on Teams

Chair – Cynthia Dominique

Vice Chair – Dee Defoe

Recording Secretary – Michael Pezzicola

Corresponding Secretary – Antoinette Bailey

Communications Chair – Brooke Bordy

A. Call to order 8:17

In attendance:

- Antoinette Bailey
- Brooke Bordy
- Cynthia Dominique
- Nicole Morst
- Pamela Taylor
- Michael Pezzicola
- Dee Defoe

B. Housekeeping:

A. Housekeeping:

1. Please remember to sign in. All representatives are required to attend DAC meetings, missing more than three consecutive meetings or four in a year will result in removal.

2025-2026 Meeting Dates: € 8/20/25 € 9/10/25 € 10/8/25 € 11/5/25 € 12/10/24
€ 1/14/26 € 2/11/26 € 3/4/26 € 4/8/26 € 5/13/26 € 6/10/26

2. Raise your colored placard to be acknowledge by the chair in order to ask questions, make comments, or to vote. Please be concise and considerate of time and other members who may wish to contribute. We will go around the room once to allow all members an opportunity to speak and then a second round if time permit; Submit additional questions via the QR Code in upper right corner
3. **Be respectful** even when disagreeing
4. **Ethics Training** is required annually after July 1st for all members by the 2nd meeting to be in good standing. Access annual required training via the Committee Training Program & Resource Page

<https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/human-resources/hr-operations/committee-training-program-resource-page>

5. **Register on our Website for updates:** <https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>



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6. Governing Rules: Policy 1070, Policy 1.2, Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order

7. Roles and Responsibilities and Technology Accesses

B. Follow Up -

1. Is there a date for the chair roundtable regarding the training materials drafted by staff and presented at Aug. 12 workshop?
2. Will areas chairs be able to speak at monthly workshop along with other committee chairs? What is the procedure? A placard should be available.

C. Review of Minutes: August 7th 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. Approved no corrections
 - i. Mike to include sign in sheets in the agenda.
2. Must be posted to DAC website.
 - i. Mike to put minutes into the DRIVE (of DAC email)
 - ii. Brooke to post on website from Drive
 - iii. (Brooke, I will email you when its there)

D. Open Discussion

1. Letter RE: Removal of a member / 1070 discussion - Due Process (on agenda for 30 minutes)
 - i. Correcting behavior - concern/Due process in 1070
 1. 1070 + 5900 (antibullying) + 1010 civility
 2. Policy review before the general meeting
 3. Chair is supposed to meet with someone if behavior is inappropriate (versus using 1070 for removal)
2. Manuals
 - i. Meet about manuals before meeting (in separate meeting)
 1. Monday, September 8th, 8AM TEAMS
 - ii. Summarize the key points in DAC meeting
 - iii. Pass motion in the meeting about it going back to the board if needed
 - iv. The manuals were attached to the board meeting 2 weeks ago
 - v. Links is on the DAC website and on the reminder email (3 manuals) - Thank you Brooke
3. School Safety
 - i. New Portables/Modular Semi-Permanent at Margate Middle



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1. No Intercom/PA system despite being part of scope of project
 2. No walkie-talkies - request ignored
 3. Similar situation at Apollo Middle approx 3 years ago
 4. Using SMART bond funds
 - ii. Office of Safe Schools Report - Ask members to identify safety concerns in their schools
 1. Follow up on whether intercom system is available in portables across the district
 2. Enrollment Planning Tool should show which schools have portable. We can reach out to Principal or SAF Chairs.
 - a. Link: <https://webapp.browardschools.com/schoolenrollment/splash1.aspx>
 - iii. Email to membership re School Safety
 - iv. Safety Alert badges
 1. Do all vendors have badges?
4. Prisms of Reality
 - i. Follow up
5. Science Kits
 - i. Reports of classrooms missing science kits -- not enough kits
6. Playgrounds
 - i. MLK Playground - playground inaccessible for years, too far, critter infestation. Play structure available for pre-school, but not for K-3.
 1. 8010 implications re students having a playground at Broward Estates and now not having access to a playground at MLK
 - ii. Schools across the District without a playground, others are receiving updates/upgrades
 - iii. PTA contributions to playgrounds--is this allowable?
7. Social Media
 - i. Reports of concerns about coaches and teachers requiring students to have apps and/or social media to access curriculum, practice information, etc.
 1. Remind, Whatsapp, Instagram
 2. Implications re state law prohibition on social media for children under the age of 16 and District's cell phone policy.
 3. Direct communication from adult to child
8. Academics
 - i. Specials
 - ii. Presidential Fitness Test
 1. Questions about how BCPS will implement
 - a. Will an opt out be available?



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- b. What are the test criteria? Concerns about scientifically unsupported exercises like sit ups being linked to chronic back pain
- c. Concerns about heat advisories
- d. Mental health of bullying, teasing, etc.
- e. What about schools without PE?

iii. Activity Forms

C. Committee Reports (Each committee will get 1 minutes to report a major concerns, initiatives, or motions and other 1minute for questions; Areas Advisories will get 5 minutes) any) (30-35 Min)

- 1. District Advisory Council
- 2. Area Advisory Councils
- 3. Central Area Advisory Councils
- 4. North Area Advisory Councils
- 5. South Area Advisory Council
- 6. Student Advisors
- 7. Executive Parent Advisory (Title 1)
- 8. ESE
- 9. ESOL
- 10. Gifted
- 11. Facilities
- 12. Legislative- Nikki Watkins
- 13. DAC Representatives to other committees (Audit, PCITF, Technology, Calendar, etc)

D. Policy 1070

E. September General Meeting

- 1. Old Business (10 min)
 - i. Policy 1930 School Banners
 - ii. Policy 8020 Rental of School Facilities
 - iii. Technology: Focus/Back to School Forms
 - iv. District, School, Advisory Websites and Customer Service
 - v. Student Health Services
 - vi. Free and Reduced Lunch and Title 1 Funding
 - 1. Follow up on “courtesy meal.” What happens at your school when a student cannot pay for their meal?
- 2. Superintendent of Schools (60 Min)
 - Dr. Howard Hepburn
 - i. Answers to Old Business
 - ii. Redefining- Broward Estates, Next Phase



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1. Schools adjacent to new k-8, 6-12 (ie Margate Middle, Glades Middle)
2. Concerns about boundary committee consistency. The Chairs have been removed from the committee
3. “Pathways” are those determined by staff as operational decisions despite requiring funding to be approved by board for implementation
4. VPK expansion?
- iii. School Playgrounds
- iv. School Safety
- v. Academics- Specials for low enrolled schools, Physical Education- Presidential Fitness Test, PM32025/PM 1 Update
 1. Specials
 2. ‘24-’24 Title 1 schools that lost Title 1 due to the threshold change have lost reading and math coaches. Is there a gap solution you can offer those schools this year?
- vi. Financials -
 1. Budget allocation guide. The ‘25-’26 allocation is not available online.
 2. Advance course funding - will the withheld funds be released
- vii. Social media and Reminder apps for children to access curricular items, practices etc and is included in a grade.
3. Calendar - brief update, distribution of 2 options for the next two years and feedback.
4. Other topics
 - i. Looking for DAC reps to sit on other BCPS committees (ie, calendar, audit, parent and community involvement, technology, etc)

F. DAC - SAF Training September 29

1. Sample agenda
2. Budget allocation
3. SIP - what to expect and items to look for
4. District Departments and who to reach out to for certain information

G. Meeting Reminders

1. Next Steering Meeting 9/22/2025 @ 7pm at Indian Ridge Middle School
2. SAF Training September 29th @ 6:30pm-9pm on Teams
3. Next General Meeting 10/8/2025 @ 6:15pm-8:45pm at KCW
4. Budget Training October 29th @ 6:30pm-9pm on Teams

H. Adjourn

