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District Advisory Council
The School Board of Broward County



Questions

Wednesday, November 5th, 2025, 6:15 pm - 8:45 pm

Kathleen C. Wright (KCW) Boardroom 600 S.E. Third Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Chair – Cynthia Dominique Vice Chair – Dee Defoe Recording Secretary – Michael Pezzicola
Corresponding Secretary – Antoinette Bailey Communications Chair – Brooke Bordy

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at **6:17 PM** by Chair Cynthia Dominique.

Meeting was paused briefly to address Teams audio and microphone issues.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Housekeeping & Meeting Protocol

Governance:

Policy 1070, Policy 1.2, DAC Committee Bylaws, Florida Sunshine Laws, and Roberts Rules of Order.

Attendance:

All representatives are required to attend DAC meetings. Missing more than three consecutive meetings or four total in a year will result in removal.

Members who have not completed Ethics Training will not be considered in good standing.

Quorum: Established at **6:21 PM** (per Linda).

2025–2026 Meeting Dates:

Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 4, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10

Next meeting: **December 10 (Potluck Meeting)**

Members may bring collected gift cards for the Student Services Team.

Participation Protocols:

Members must raise colored placards to be acknowledged by the Chair before speaking or voting. Members are asked to be concise and respectful of time. One round of comments will be heard before a second round if time allows.

Additional Notes:

- Submit follow-up questions using the QR code on the agenda.
- Be respectful in all communications.

- Register on the DAC website for reminders and updates:
<https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com>
 - DAC representatives are needed for other committees (Parent & Community Involvement Task Force, Facilities Task Force, Audit Committee, and Attendance). Interested members should email **DistrictAdvisoryCouncil@gmail.com**.
 - Reminder: Missing three total or two consecutive meetings results in removal; members may be reappointed by their body.
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3. Approval of Minutes

October 2025 Meeting Minutes reviewed.

Corrections: Noted.

Motion to Approve: Bob **Seconded:** Muriel **Approved:** Unanimously

4. Presentations & Department Reports

School Social Work – Gift Card Collection

Presenter: Marisa Sotelo, Director, Student Services

Collecting Magic School Bus toys and gift cards for students; Harvest Drive to begin soon.

Flyer distributed to all area chairs for sharing.

Discussion – Social Work Assignments:

- Coverage data currently shows “1” if a school has any social work coverage, but does not reflect if staff are shared between multiple schools.
 - Some technical schools hire social workers directly, reporting to principals rather than Student Services.
 - **Vacancies:** 4 open positions awaiting approval to post.
 - **Action Item:** Clarify policy and approval process allowing principals to hire their own social workers.
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Food & Nutrition Services (FNS)

Topics included:

- Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) applications and notification timelines
- Courtesy meals and charging processes for unpaid balances
- MySchoolBucks transaction fees (\$2.49) and alternate payment options
- Special diets (medical and religious)
- Donation options via the **Broward Education Foundation** donation page

Presentation: Kristina Ramirez

Key highlights:

- All students may receive a meal; unpaid meals charged to a principal account (typically \$500).
- Parents are notified of balances; payment may be made via MySchoolBucks, check, or cash at school.
- Contract with MySchoolBucks under review due to increased fees (from \$1.95 to \$2.49).
- Parents can opt into text notifications or automatic replenishment.

Follow-Up Actions:

- Request report on repayment rates of unpaid balances.
- Confirm check payment instructions and ensure clarity at school front offices.
- Verify communication consistency between cafeteria and front office.
- Confirm escalation limits in MySchoolBucks contract.

Dietary Needs:

- Online form required annually for special diets (via nurse to cafeteria manager).
- Not all schools appear to implement this consistently.
- **Follow-Up:** Confirm if allergy form used at back-to-school can substitute for dietary needs form.

Funding Gap:

Request for data on total cost FNS is absorbing for unpaid meals.

Courtesy Meals:

Ensure meals provided do not appear “different” or “free.”

Donation Page: <https://browardedfoundation.org/foodandnutritionservices/>

5. Committee Reports**Central Area Advisory (Brooke)**

- Concerns over K-level overtesting (40+ tests annually).
- Motion: Every school should have a nurse.
- Next meeting: Nov 20, 5:45 PM.

North Area Advisory (Nicole)

- Chief of Safety & Security Gregory presented on vape detectors.
- Coral Springs Police partnership with schools.
- Discussion on A+, AP, and CAPE fund rollovers.
- Next presentation: Melissa Holtz on testing data and Performance Matters.

ESE Advisory (Jacqui)

- Cameras in ESE classrooms discussion continues (2% implementation).
- Nursing contract gaps at ARC Broward and Baldwin schools.
- Autism charter school under discussion — parent-led nonprofit model.

South Area Advisory (Antoinette)

- Meeting held 10/15.
- Schools undergoing redefinition primarily in South Area.

- Playground space and lack of gym facilities (especially K–8) identified as major issues.

Student Advisor (Landyn)

- First-quarter student survey completed (42,000 responses, 62% participation).
 - Conducted through ThoughtExchange.
 - Mental health meetings ongoing with Verneka Winter’s team.
 - Student recommendations include expanding legislative engagement for student groups.
 - **Follow-Up:** DAC legislative representatives to meet with student group.
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6. Policy Discussion

Policies 1070 & 1020:

- Discussed updates and removal procedures from Nov 4 School Board Meeting.
- Positive note: policy updates placed on public agenda.
- Concerns about lack of written responses to committee motions (Policy 1020 omits requirement).

Motion: Linda motioned that the Board adopt the BCPS General Counsel–guided language from the 1.7 Workgroup (2021–2022) for Policy 1070 Section F on member removal.

We recommend that the board adopt the BCPS General Counsel guided language from the 1.7 workgroup in 2021-2022 for Policy 1070 Section F regarding the removal of committee members:

F. Removal of Committee Members Other than School Board Appointees.

1. In the event that the actions, conduct or circumstances of a committee member other than a School Board Member appointee are found to conflict with applicable

law, rules, School Board Policies and/or committee bylaws, the Superintendent may recommend the removal of that committee member from office for the current year and/or one

additional year.

2. The Superintendent shall provide the committee member, any entity represented by the committee member, and the Chair of that committee with written notice of

such proposed committee member removal.

3. The notice shall specify all grounds for which removal of membership is proposed.

4. The proposed member removal shall be placed upon an agenda of the committee, and all sides shall be heard upon the proposed removal. By an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the committee members, the committee may choose to suspend or remove a member.

Subcommittee to finalize motion for voting.

Motion to Extend Meeting: 8:45 PM (Linda motioned, Bob seconded; approved unanimously).

7. Old Business

- SAC, AICE, and AP fund rollover discussions ongoing.
 - Student Health Services presentation rescheduled for January.
 - Hazel Health program under review for consistency and usage.
 - Kindergarten registration and School Choice form accessibility discussed.
 - Boundary and enrollment trends under review.
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8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **9:01 PM**.

9. Meeting Reminders

General DAC Meeting:

December 10, 2025, 6:15–8:45 PM at KCW

Potluck Meeting – bring a dish to share and gift cards for Student Services

Steering Committee Meeting:

December 1, 2025 (Teams)

DAC School Advisory Training – Drop-In Learning Sessions:

- Thursday, November 6, 10:00–11:00 AM
- Friday, December 5, 12:00–1:00 PM

Policy Review Meetings:

- November 10, 2025, 8:30–11:30 AM
- November 17, 2025, 8:30–11:30 AM
- December 8, 2025, 8:30–11:30 AM

Meeting Documents and Resources:

Coordinated Student Health Services

- [Hazel Health: https://getstarted.hazel.co/district/broward](https://getstarted.hazel.co/district/broward)
- [June 24, 25 Board Agenda](#)
- [2021 RFP](#)
- [March 12, 2024 Board Agenda](#)
- [December 14, 2021 Board Agenda](#)
- [School Health Forms](#)

Policy 1070

https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3661416/Policy_1070_Nov_2025.pdf

Policy 1020

Scheduled for Rulemaking on October 14, 2025

See Redline from SBBC Agenda:

https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3614635/Policy_1020_Oct_2025_Rulemaking_Redline.pdf

Policy 1000

Scheduled for Rule Development Workshop on October 21, 2025.

See Redline from Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs (as of 10/3/25):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mO2-v31s6NTI9L4L4NzOhdEFpxw6xGnz/view?usp=sharing>

School Advisory Forum Policy 6030 (Formerly Policy 1.3)

https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3455755/Policy_6030_Redline.pdf

DAC Policy 1.2 now Policy 1200

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UOEciIZNxTMUrcGb9munJbvRqsRWyCKY/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=110069112413619406240&rtpof=true&sd=true

Area Advisory Policies 1.21 now Policy 1260

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p6srzrQiLuJcBVKjVtgEYbVzosX2Yhmb/edit?usp=drive_link&rt=pof=true&sd=true