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District Advisory Council
The School Board of Broward County



Questions

Wednesday, December 10th

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cynthia Dominique at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Housekeeping and Governance

The Chair reviewed governance requirements, including Policy 1070, Policy 1.2, DAC Committee Bylaws, Florida Sunshine Law requirements, and Robert’s Rules of Order.

Members were reminded to:

- Sign in for attendance purposes
- Maintain required attendance and ethics training to remain in good standing
- Use colored placards to be recognized
- Be concise and respectful of time
- Submit additional questions via the QR code on the agenda

Upcoming **2025–2026 meeting dates** were reviewed.

Members were encouraged to register on the DAC website for updates and to express interest in serving on other district committees.

Approval of Minutes

November 2025 DAC Meeting Minutes

Minutes were presented for review and approved as submitted.

Gift Card Collection

The Chair reminded members of the **Gift Card Collection for the School Social Work Department's Magic School Bus Initiative**.

Committee Reports

Student Advisors Update

Student advisors provided an update on student engagement initiatives:

- **Student Survey Participation:**
 - Second survey round reached approximately **36,000 student responses**, with some high schools reporting participation rates as high as **86% in a single day**.
 - The survey window was scheduled to close at the end of the week, with administrators reviewing data for school-level action.
- **Legislative Feedback Initiative:**
 - A new AI-driven platform will allow **K–12 students** to submit legislative ideas directly to the district's legislative delegation.
 - The initiative is supported by **Representative Woodson** and is scheduled to begin in **March**.
 - Planning for elementary student participation is ongoing.
- **Mental Health Youth Summit:**
 - A partnership was announced with **Brittany Mendez, Legal Unbreakable Organization**, to host a **Mental Health Youth Summit** for BCPS students, tentatively planned for late April or early May.
 - Logistics and transportation coordination are in progress.

Central Area Advisory Committee

Two motions previously passed by the Central Area Advisory were presented:

1. Title I Qualification Threshold – Meal Benefits Applications

- Recommendation that the district **return to the prior 50% Title I qualification threshold** due to parent concerns regarding online meal benefits applications, including address and immigration-related fears.
- Discussion included the impact on lunch debt and school funding.
- Paper application options were discussed; feedback from the Nutrition Department is pending.

2. Full-Time School Nurse Assignment

- Recommendation that the district **broaden criteria for assigning full-time registered nurses** to include schools with students requiring emergency medications or managing chronic conditions.
- Both motions were shared at a recent **Board Workshop**, where support was expressed and the Superintendent was directed to explore cost and medical-need thresholds.

North Area Advisory Committee

● Elementary Testing Concerns:

- Significant concerns were raised regarding the volume of required testing in elementary schools and the loss of instructional time.
- A parent-created testing spreadsheet circulated widely, prompting calls for a district-wide subcommittee.

● Accelerated Program Rollover Funds Motion:

- A motion was unanimously passed requesting the **return of ACE (Cambridge, KAPIB) rollover funds from 2024–2025** to the schools that generated them, in accordance with Florida statute.

- Concerns were noted regarding schools requesting parent purchases for materials that should be funded through these programs.
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South Area Advisory Committee – Facilities

- **Facilities Condition Index (FCI):**

- Concerns were raised about the accuracy of FCI calculations, including whether roof conditions and covered walkways were included.
- Raw data for **five schools** was requested and is expected by **December 20**.

- **Master Planner Recommendation:**

- The committee strongly recommended the selection of a **master planner** prior to advancing additional phases of school redefinition.

- **Work Order Aging Reports:**

- Continued requests were made for monthly work order aging reports in **Excel format** to support analysis.
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Academic Updates

Melissa Holtz, Director of Elementary Learning, along with academic department staff, addressed committee questions.

- **Required vs. Recommended Assessments:**

- Clarified that only certain assessments (e.g., FAST, i-Ready diagnostics) are required by the district or state.
- Curriculum-based assessments are **recommended but optional**, and teachers retain discretion.
- A memo will be issued to clarify expectations.

- **Performance Matters Platform:**

- Described as a consolidated assessment and reporting system.
 - Rollout included a train-the-trainer model and ongoing professional development.
 - Technical adjustments continue based on teacher feedback.
 - **Testing Volume and Student Impact:**
 - Members reiterated concerns about stress, instructional disruption, and excessive computer-based testing, particularly in K–2.
 - The department acknowledged concerns and announced the formation of a **focus group** to explore improvements.
 - **Computer Literacy and Typing Instruction:**
 - The department agreed to explore available typing programs and report back in January, noting vendor data-sharing requirements.
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School Safety and Security

Chief Michael Gregory provided an operational overview:

- **Visitor Screening (Raptor):**
 - Screens against the National Sex Offender Registry and district alert lists.
 - Manual procedures are used when the system is down.
 - Only fully vetted volunteers may be unescorted.
- **Campus Monitor Staffing:**
 - Approximately **93% of unarmed security positions are staffed**.
 - Recent reductions occurred through attrition.
 - Staffing is based on enrollment, incident data, and site-specific needs.
- **Security Technology:**

- Updates include perimeter fencing, intercom systems, visual alerts for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, and replacement of analog cameras with digital systems.

- **Vape Detection Pilot:**

- Pilot conducted with multiple vendors to inform an upcoming RFP.
 - Devices detect nicotine and THC; discipline follows the Code of Conduct.
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Other Advisory Committee Updates

Brief updates were provided from:

- **Gifted Advisory:** Concerns about IB program sustainability, lack of a gifted academy, and testing impacts.
 - **ESE Advisory:** Consensus on the need for a more structured and accountable parent complaint process.
 - **Title I Committee:** Bylaw changes, membership updates, and an upcoming STEM Fest.
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Old Business

Updates were requested on:

- SAC Funds and AICE/AP Funds
 - Student Health Services
 - Redefining
 - Food and Nutrition Services
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Open Discussion / Public Input

Time permitting, members shared general observations and concerns aligned with earlier agenda topics.

Meeting Reminders

- **Steering Meeting:** January 6, 2026, 8:00 a.m. (Teams)
- **General DAC Meeting:** January 14, 2026, 6:15–8:45 p.m. (KCW)

DAC Training:

- SAF Training: January 22 or February 3
- Budget Training: February 25

Policy Review Meetings:

- January 19, 2026, 8:30–11:30 a.m. (additional dates forthcoming)

Advisory Chairs Roundtable:

- January 29, 2026, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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&rtpof=true&sd=true