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District Advisory Council
The School Board of Broward County



Questions

General Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, 6:15 pm - 8:45 pm
KCW Boardroom
600 SE 3rd Ave, 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 at 6:23 PM by Chair Cynthia Dominique.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed attendees and acknowledged recent holidays and observances, including spring break and various religious celebrations.

A moment of recognition was given in memory of Vice Mayor Nancy Matthew Bowen of Coral Springs.

Housekeeping & Governance Reminders

Key reminders were shared:

- Attendance requirements for DAC members
- Ethics training compliance expectations
- Meeting participation protocols (placards, speaking order)
- Use of QR code for submitting follow-up questions
- Emphasis on respectful and concise dialogue

Upcoming meeting dates were reviewed:

- May 13, 2026 (General Meeting)

- June 10, 2026 (Transition Meeting)
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Approval of Minutes

March 2026 Meeting Minutes were presented for approval.
(No objections noted, approved unanimously)

Presentations & Discussions

Nominations Committee

Led by Vice Chair Dee Defoe

Supplemental Notes:

- Formation of the nominations committee requires representation from North and South areas and an odd-numbered structure.
 - QR code nomination forms were emphasized for participation.
 - Meeting scheduled for April 17 at 6:30 PM via Teams (notice and link to be distributed).
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District Strategy & Innovation / Enrollment Redefining Process

Focus on strengthening enrollment, redefining processes, and programmatic changes.

Supplemental Details:

Presentation by Dr. Wanza and Mr. Anderson included:

- Repurposing of six campuses, including North Fork and Seagull sites
- Partnerships with City of Fort Lauderdale, Sistrunk Rising, and JA World
- Archaeological testing underway due to historical significance at certain sites
- Programmatic enhancements including:
 - Performing Arts pathways
 - Career & Technical Education (CTE)
 - Arts programs
 - AI-focused programming
 - Dual language programs
 - Gifted education expansion
- Emphasis on regional access and reduced travel burden for families
- Enrollment projections showing ~10,000 student decline
- Contributing factors: affordability, immigration policy, school choice, and birth rates
- Planning timeline:

- Board planning begins May 12
- Community input sessions through summer
- Boundary committee work expected in October
- Completion targeted by December

Concerns raised included:

- Program dilution risks
- Facilities maintenance
- Need for more granular capacity analysis
- Regional planning clarity

Administration committed to addressing concerns in upcoming workshops.

Children's Services Council (CSC)

Presentation by Kenneth King.

Supplemental Details:

- CSC is a property-tax-funded government agency
- Funds providers rather than delivering direct services
- Programs include:
 - Literacy initiatives
 - Food mitigation
 - Family strengthening
 - Early childhood education

Key initiatives:

- Annual Back to School Extravaganza distributing:
 - 10,000 backpacks
 - School uniforms and shoes
 - Expanded to three locations this year
 - Resource fairs in school zones providing:
 - Summer camp access
 - Vaccinations
 - Swim lessons
 - Family support services
 - Outreach through PTAs and school advisory forums
 - Funding opportunities through RFPs, sponsorships (up to \$10,000), and matching funds
 - Open collaboration with DAC on parent engagement training and events
 - Discussion of storage support for community events (e.g., Christmas in July via Hands On South Florida)
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Before & After School Care

Discussion led by Erik (Eric) Anderson.

Supplemental Details:

- Approximately 243 aftercare programs:
 - 59 operated by principals
 - 184 by private providers
 - Serves ~18,000 students
 - 136 programs funded through CSC
 - About 1,000 students currently on waitlists
 - First-come, first-served enrollment system enforced
 - Policy 4390 updates:
 - Clarifies governance of programs during 180-day school year
 - Allows summer camps under Facilitron rental agreements
 - Disability accommodations:
 - Programs must provide reasonable accommodations under federal law
 - Not required to implement full IEPs
 - High school programs:
 - Less structured attendance tracking than K-8
 - Plans to improve attendance monitoring and cross-reference CSC data
 - Staffing and hiring challenges noted in programs
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District Financial Challenges & Staffing

Supplemental Details:

- District budget: ~\$5.3B total
 - \$1.7B capital improvements
 - \$2.3B general fund
 - \$1.3B Title I and other programs
- Staffing adjustments tied to enrollment declines:
 - Guidance counselors
 - Assistant principals
 - Campus monitors
- Hiring freeze concerns raised

Additional items:

- SAC (School Advisory Council) input clarified as statutory requirement
 - CFO presentation and budget training planned
 - Upcoming deeper budget transparency sessions scheduled
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Academics, Testing, Curriculum & Consent Issues

Supplemental Details:

- Concerns about excessive testing and pacing pressures
- Questions raised about accuracy of district data vs actual learning outcomes
- Calls for reduced testing and curriculum reinvestment

Consent/privacy concerns:

- Educational technology consent (e.g., iReady, Naviance)
- Data sharing and privacy lawsuits referenced
- Calls for clearer parental consent processes

Transparency initiatives:

- Push for syllabi or standardized grading outlines
 - District exploring templates for consistency
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Discipline, Safety & Security

Supplemental Details:

- Alternative internal suspension strategies being explored due to staffing shortages
 - Substance abuse programming considered for student interventions
 - Campus monitor shortages remain a concern
 - IT issues with device distribution reported
 - Meta glasses raised as a privacy and academic integrity concern
 - Bus camera and safety system expansion discussed
 - Coordination ongoing with Chief of Security and IT leadership
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Mental Health Youth Summit

Scheduled for April 18, 2026

Location: South Broward High School

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Details:

- ~120 students registered
- Partnership with Born This Way Foundation and other organizations
- Some scheduling conflicts (Cambridge testing) being mitigated
- Intended as an annual event

Student recognition:

- Two student advisors receiving Broward League of Cities scholarships (April 16, 2026)
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School Clubs, Activities & Policy Updates

Supplemental Details:

- Clarification of club sponsorship rules under review
 - External sponsors and parent involvement being evaluated
 - Required organizations include:
 - Student Government Association (SGA)
 - National Honor Society
 - Future Educators chapters
 - Region offices oversee club compliance and structure
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Old Business & Key Topics

Physical Education Policy

- Proposal to integrate PE during instructional time
- Concerns raised about implementation timing and logistics

Transportation & Safety Cameras

- Limited statewide adoption of bus/red-light camera systems
 - Primary barrier: cost and enforcement coordination
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Open Discussion / New Business

- Encouragement for DAC participation in referendum planning for November ballot
 - Discussion of funding allocation concerns (staffing vs mental health/safety split)
 - Members encouraged to attend board workshops and provide input
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Meeting Schedule Reminders

- Steering Meeting: April 27, 2026 – 8:00 AM (Teams)
- General Meeting: May 13, 2026 – 6:15 PM (KCW Boardroom)
- Transition Meeting: June 10, 2026
- Subcommittee meetings and budget trainings upcoming (late April / early May)

Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn was made.
Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.**