



The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
*District Advisory Council – KC Wright Board Room*

DRAFT MINUTES

*Wednesday, April 13, 2022 6:30 pm-8:30 pm*

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The chair, Debbie Espinoza, welcomed everyone. This meeting was held at KCW. *Meeting etiquette was reviewed. Meeting Etiquette (raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged, the questions will be called in the order hand was raised, no side bar conversations)*

**Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM** by Debbie Espinoza.

### **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.

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 for new members) <http://browardschools.com/Page/41329>

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Approval of March Minutes: Motion Bob Mayersohn, Second Linda Ferrara

### **Speakers**

***Guy Barmoha, Director of Secondary Learning***

The dates will be the first Thursdays of the month for only 4 months. There will no longer be 8 days for PSD. This change is based on instructional minutes required for the state so that students are awarded credit. These four district chosen dates will be on the district school calendar.

Policy 6000.1 Updates: There have been no proposed changes for the upcoming year. All pending changes will be based on state changes to testing and the new proficiency criteria (i.e., FAST)

FAST- Florida Assessment for Student Thinking (Aligned to BEST): Grades Pre-K to 10 Reading and Pre-K to 8 for Math. These tests will be computer based adaptive tests. EOCs will remain the same. There will be three test periods per year. The tests are one session each subject. These tests are only accountability based for grades 3-10. The 3<sup>rd</sup> assessment for grades 3-10 will be summative and used for school grading. The goal is to have data to drive instructional differentiation. Next year will be a baseline and no grades will be issued. There has been no decision made regarding students who have IEP required paper-based accommodations. The district will also investigate what is needed to ensure schools have the technology necessary for testing.

**Saemone Hollingsworth**, Executive Director: Exceptional Student Learning Support

April 26<sup>th</sup> revisions to the Behavioral Threat Assessment to be before the school board-school safety and violence policy that is adjusting language and aligning to state statutes. Possible Board approval on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Updates:

- Title for District School Safety Specialist to align to state term used in legislation
- BTA team members must have BTA training certificates uploaded to online system from the state trainings
- BTA members must have annual refresher course; this is a local requirement
- Annual report to the community related to behaviors of concern
- Add vendors to required group to report threats to school administration
- BTA must begin within 24 hours of report of threat or pattern of behavior (This is not the completion time frame.)
- Clarify the role of Principal Supervisor-this is the cadre director
- Reasonable attempt to reach family member before a student is Baker Acted-there is clarifying information in Policy 590 as below:

The bill modifies numerous provisions related to school safety. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires public and charter schools to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parents of a minor student before the student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for an involuntary mental health examination.
  - Defines “a reasonable attempt to notify” as “the exercise of reasonable diligence and care by the principal or the principal’s designee to make contact with the student’s parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact whom the student’s parent or guardian has authorized to receive notification of an involuntary examination.”
  - Requires the principal or their designee to, at a minimum, use available methods of communication to notify a parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact following the decision to Baker Act a student. The methods of communication should include, but are not limited to, telephone calls; text messages; e-mails; and voicemails.
  - Requires a principal or their designee to document the method and number of attempts made to contact the student’s parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact, and the outcome of each attempt, allowing a delay of notification if it is necessary to avoid jeopardizing the health and safety of the student.
- Training for members of BTA within 90 days; CSTAG training also must be completed within 90 days
  - BTA meetings to be held monthly to review process and status updates for on campus BTAs

**Ernie Lozano**, OSPA Cadre Director: School Safety Task Force

The task force originated in July of 2019 based on BTU survey of teacher perceptions of safety. This was followed up by the superintendent acknowledging these concerns and calling for the creation of the task force which occurred in December 2019. Subgroups that focused on ESE and school climate subgroups. There were four meetings of the SSTF before COVID-19 shifted focus to remote learning and virtual engagement advisory. The SSTF refocused in September 2021 after schools resumed in full capacity. Mr. Dan Gohl currently heads the SSTF and corresponds with the superintendent regarding recommendations. The current recommendations are:

1. Prioritize Positive School Climate Practices
2. Broaden participation in the enhanced De-escalation training

3. Ensure all staff receive annual updates and procedures for accessing Workers' Compensation
4. Define and reinforce emergency procedures for early morning and late afternoon/evening school site operations.
5. Creation of District behavioral threat assessment (BTA) team to assist schools and improve timeliness of BTA completion and quality of monitoring plans.
6. Improve communications to staff and parents about incidents and incident follow-up. Consider and emergency call in number to gather information during large scale emergencies.

Further recommendations include: security staff assigned specifically to the cafeteria, adding external law enforcement and fire rescue to the SSTF, adding parental updates to websites or dedicated Parent Link calls in the case of an emergency.

A concern regarding the SSTF is that Chief Kowalski has not been present at SSTF meetings was shared. Additionally, two staff members have used inappropriate physical force on students recently.

***Mr. Scott Jarvis, Assistant Director Office of Service Quality***

***Ms. Kelli Blackburn, Coordinator @ Office of School Performance & Accountability***

April is school volunteer appreciation month. Mr. Jarvis extended his thanks for all the DAC members do to enhance BCPS.

Parent Surveys opened March 1 and continue through April 29<sup>th</sup> for staff, students, and families. The survey is available online and can be access through a QR code.

## **Old Business**

***Motions Presented to the School Board: Carolyn Krohn***

Where's the Bus motion was received well and may have good follow up. Further updates will be provided within 21 days from the board. A "lite" version of the app may be a faster option to be working and in place by August school opening.

***Bus Transportation Subcommittee: Linda Ferrara***

There is a survey that will go out middle of May through end of school to families that utilize the BCPS bus services. For the upcoming school year, parents will have to request to receive a bus route. How will parents know that they have to do this?

## **New Business**

***Motions: Veronica Newmeyer – Motion from South Area Advisory Council***

*"We move that BCPS Risk Mgt. Dept. develop and provide a list of vendors who are already approved for school activities, ie: food trucks, bounce houses"*

Motion by Carmello Burgess Seconded by Ms. Schlosser

## **Nominating Committee**

The committee is formed to recruit and recommend nominees for DAC: Carolyn Krohn, Cynthia Dominique, Danielle Grieco, Veronica Newmeyer, Michele Rich-Granoff, Bouchra Larbi.

DAC is in need of a Chair and Vice Chair as there are no other nominees at this time and the those in the current positions have exhausted their term limits.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**DAC Meeting:** May 11, 2022, 6:30pm @ KC Wright Bldg.

**South Area Advisory:** April 20, 2022, 9:00am @ McArthur High School

**Central Area Advisory:** April 20, 2022, 6:00pm @ Indian Ridge School

**North Area Advisory:** April 21, 2022 6:30pm @ Monarch High School

**Area Advisory Websites**

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\*Motion/Second to extend the meeting 10 minutes by Laurel Garfinkel seconded by Carmello Burgess\*

**Meeting Adjourned @ 8:40 PM**

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