



The School Board of Broward County, Florida
District Advisory Council – @KCW
DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
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Chair – Chuck Harper
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Communications Chair – Laurel Garfinkel

Vice Chair – Malika Isaac
Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Diaz

The chair, Chuck Harper, welcomed everyone to the meeting. This meeting was held face to face at KCW. *Meeting etiquette was reviewed: Please sign in your appropriate sign in sheet. One question per attendee per speaker, if there are still questions, they will be sent to the vice chair or recording secretary, forwarded to the appropriate presenter and replies will be presented at the next DAC meeting.*

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Approval of May and August Minutes: Motion to approve Carmello Burgess and seconded by Cynthia Dominique.

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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Speakers

Calendar committee:

There are three options that are going to be shared to all stakeholders. This has been forwarded to the region chairs for dispersal at the monthly meetings.

Transportation committee:

Here Comes the Bus app is rolling out tomorrow, 9/15/22. Parents of bus riders received an email with this information and how to access the system. The customer satisfaction survey period is complete. There were about 9,000 responses that will be analyzed for future improvements. The Register to Ride option for bus route sign up was also a success

as shared by a parent. The transportation FTE will be in October. Students should ride at least one day during this period to ensure proper funding allocations.

Gifted Advisory:

Parkway Gifted Academy parents are concerned about a difference between services that were promised as opposed to actual services received by parents.

Technology:

A concern was shared that the District website still has information regarding access to classes via Teams for students. An update is necessary to be aligned to current COVID policies and protocols.

Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright – Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Cartwright welcomed all in attendance and shared her sentiments and goal to continue to build communication, collaboration and working together to provide the best for our students.

She also shared that there have been significant structural changes all aimed at having leadership housed closer to the schools. The regional offices are working with schools to identify needs and provide support on a more immediate and consistent basis. Dr. Marilyn Doyle oversees these regional offices and is present at this evening's meeting. John Sullivan, Dr. Mancini, and Dr. Wanza are also present tonight to address the preset questions.

Policy 1.7 and the concerns over removing the advisory "looping"

The policy was not repealed at the most recent school board meeting due to great feedback from the community. It is housed under the communications office. It will now go through a revision process to update outdated components. There are many pieces that are no longer aligned to present policies and laws. There will be a refocus for the responsibilities of the board and superintendent in relation to policies. The board will approve policies and the superintendent will ensure that policies are implemented. There are five policies on the priority track. They will be brought to advisories for discussion and feedback.

Policy 4000 is still in the works. Progress Monitoring Plan requirements have been approved and will be received via Pivot Memos by 9/16/22.

Motion: DAC form a subcommittee to review Policy 1164. Proposed by Linda Ferrara and seconded by Dr. Lynch-Walsh. Discussion centered on the need for a communications committee. There have been repeated concerns over the years about communication between stakeholders and the district. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hill shared that procedural information as related to policies is housed in one of two locations. If it is an internal procedure, procedural information is housed within the relative SharePoint. If it is public to the communities, it is housed within the relative district website.

Classroom teachers

Contract status:

The budget was recently finalized. Negotiations should be moving forward now. The BTU did attempt to begin negotiations in May. Dr. Schlosser shared that there could be a revisit of the step incentive salaries. This is governed by state law.

Training for new non-traditional teachers and trainings for the new math series:

Coaching and Induction is holding multiple trainings and support, especially for teachers from the Philippines. There is also a New Teacher Academy. There is also support for test-prep and exam fees. There will be more opportunities provided through the Seasons of Learning sessions.

Over 3000 teachers were trained in the new math program, SAAVAS. There were over 150 sessions. These are still available. There are self-paced and face to face options. Students shared that they feel that the SAAVAS program is very good and certainly much better than the previous adoption.

After hours meetings:

SEL meetings for school counselors that are after hours will be investigated. Dr. Wanza and Dr. Mancini took not to address this.

ESE

How will the district ensure new facilities are inclusive for children with disabilities or medical issues?

There has been collaboration among the departments to address accessibility and inclusiveness. These rooms should be within the school, among the general education rooms. They should not be housed in rooms away from their student peers. They are to be included and accommodated in all activities. There was a concern brought by Dr. Lynch-Walsh that existing buildings are not meeting these standards and expectations. Dr. Mayersohn encourages the board to request full funding via IDEA from the federal legislative platform. Mr. Sullivan shared that this request is on the current platform. Currently, 85% of the elevators have passed inspection and have certificates posted.

Transportation

Liaisons and the amount of time they have to wait on hold to speak to terminal representatives.

The transportation office shares this concern. There are many calls during peak hours that are not relative to arrival and dismissal routes/concerns. There are now three additional lines per location. Additionally, there is the Here Comes the Bus. There are new emergency numbers for urgent issues available to schools only.

School Safety

With principals in charge of each school's safety, is there a district wide set of standards that all schools must follow? Do vendors / construction workers checking-in through the single point entry?

While principals are responsible for the safety on their campus, the campus monitors and managers are required to inform the principal and the area security manager. This increases accountability. These area security managers are also required to visit each school they supervise quarterly. This team works in collaboration to address any concerns and to ensure safety and maximize supervision.

The vendors and construction workers are required to provide identification and check in through the single point access. Many members shared that this protocol is not being followed on many campuses across the district. The feedback is that this will be addressed with the facilities supervisors to communicate directly with the vendors and the vendor supervisors.

The Raptor system has issues with its reliability.

Members shared that there are different protocols at campuses. The request is for a detailed and specific districtwide protocol. A procedure manual was sent out in 2020.

Motion to extend 15 minutes. Proposed by Cynthia Dominique, seconded by Chuck Harper; passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:41 PM

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Mark Your Calendars

- ***DAC Meeting*** *October 12, 2022 6:30 pm @ KC Wright*
- ***South Area*** - *September 21, 2022, 9:00 AM @ McArthur High School*
- ***Central Area*** - *September 15, 2022 @9:45AM Indian Ridge Middle*
- ***North Area*** - *September 15th, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm, @ Monarch High School*
- ***ESE*** – *September 21, 2022 @ 6:15pm at Plantation High School*

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