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**District Advisory Council**  
The School Board of Broward County



Questions

**Wednesday, October 8, 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**.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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## **2. Housekeeping & Meeting Protocol**

### **Attendance & Sign-In:**

All representatives must attend DAC meetings. Missing more than three consecutive meetings or four total per year will result in removal.

### **2025–2026 Meeting Dates:**

Nov 5, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 4, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10

### **Communication:**

New members should contact **Corresponding Secretary Antoinette Bailey** at **browardsoutharea@gmail.com**.

### **Participation:**

Members must raise their colored placard to be acknowledged by the Chair before asking questions, making comments, or voting. Please be concise and considerate of time; one round of comments will be offered per member, followed by a second if time permits. Additional questions can be submitted via the QR code on the agenda.

### **Reminders:**

- Be respectful, even when disagreeing.
- **Ethics Training is past due** — required for all members.  
Access via the [Committee Training Program & Resource Page](#).
- Register on the [DAC website](#) for updates and reminders.

## **Governing Rules:**

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

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### **3. Approval of Minutes**

September 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed.

**Quorum confirmed at 6:56 PM.**

Approved with a correction to reference “Broward” (not “FLL”) and to include “Dr. Hudge.”

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### **4. Committee Reports (25 Minutes)**

#### **North Area Advisory (Nicole)**

- First meeting held **9/18 at Monarch High School**.
- Topics: ESE, Focus, Vape Detectors, Hazel Health.
- **Vaping:** Concerns stronger for high school implementation first. Frequent false alarms causing evacuations (e.g., CSHS).
- **Hazel Health:** Inquiry if all schools are using it.
- **SAC Funds:**
  - A+ recognition funds not yet released by the state.
  - Clarification needed on rollover funds (some claim availability; Dr. Hudge will review).
- **Motion:** Support having a nurse in every school.

#### **Central Area Advisory (Pamela)**

- First meeting held **9/18**.
- **Motion:** Maintain monthly committee reports to ensure transparency and timely district responses (passed unanimously).
- **Vape Detectors:** Concern about rollout transparency.
- **Playgrounds:** Funding inequities and needs in consolidating areas.

- **Teacher Shortages:**

- Lack of certified teachers in magnet and required courses (e.g., World History, Fine Arts).
- Some programs unable to compete at district/state levels.

- **Action Item:** Request data on schools lacking certified teachers by subject area.

#### **ESE Advisory (Jacqui)**

- **Cameras:** Impacted by the state's Parents' Bill of Rights.
- **Behavior Management:** Inappropriate practice of calling parents to pick up students instead of using internal supports. Dr. Jodi Washington confirmed this violates proper process.
- **School Board Discussion:** District-managed, parent-run autism charter school (nonprofit model).
- **Action Items:**
  - Share concerns with area advisories to identify similar patterns.
  - Develop dashboard tracking % of students qualifying for ESE services.

#### **Title I (Mario)**

- Planning parent seminar (200 attendees); **venue needed for January.**
- Review of Title I liaison responsibilities — ensure Title I budget discussions occur at the school level.
- Threshold for Title I eligibility increased from 50% to **61%**, impacting several schools.

#### **South Area Advisory (Antoinette)**

- Primary concerns: **nursing coverage** and **school lunch funds.**

#### **Student Advisors**

- **AI-driven student voice platform** launched 10/6 through Clever.

- High schools only; customizable app name per school.
- Reports sent to principals directly.

#### **Gifted Advisory (AI)**

- Upcoming meeting: **10/13, 6:30 PM at Plantation Middle School.**
  - Updated policies and bylaws to go before the School Board next month.
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### **5. Old Business (5 Minutes)**

#### **Technology – Focus Portal & Websites**

- Ongoing issues reported.
- **Emergency Contact Updates:** Must be done at the school level.
- **Consent Forms:** Request to simplify opt-out process for state services.
- **Help Contact:** [focuscommunications@browardschools.com](mailto:focuscommunications@browardschools.com)

#### **Free & Reduced Lunch / Title I Funding**

- **Angel Funds:** Depleted; discussion on how to address unpaid lunch balances.
- Questions raised on access, payment tools, and data transparency.

#### **Redefining Meetings**

- Structural improvements noted; however, concerns remain about schools mentioned in closure/consolidation discussions without official notices.

#### **Safety & Security Checklist**

- Follow-up requested by **Board Member Sarah Leonardi** on modular classroom speaker systems.
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## 6. Student Support Services (30 Minutes)

**Presenter:** Dr. Saemone Hollingsworth, Chief Student Services Officer

### Coordinated Student Health Services

- **Nurses:** Assigned based on medical necessity; post-pandemic protocols resumed.
- **Action Item:** Provide list of health conditions that require nurse support.

### Hazel Health:

- Goal: Return students to class (94% success rate).
- Requires parental consent; bills insurance when applicable.
- **Action Item:** Clarify insurance billing procedures.

### Social Work Services:

- 176 social workers cover 239 schools (60+ cover multiple sites).
- Caseloads monitored and rebalanced as needed.
- **Action Item:** Share list of school assignments and sharing structures.

### Attendance:

- New District Attendance Office Director in place.
- Parent-facing attendance portal launching **December 2025**.
- **Action Item:** Ensure schools do not mark students absent after early sign-outs; reinforce training.

### Community Access:

- **Action Item:** Identify better ways to publicize student/family supports (e.g., 211 hotline).

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## 7. Academics (1 Hour 20 Minutes)

**Presenter:** Dr. Fabian Cone, Chief Academic Officer

### **School Performance**

- **84% of schools are A or B.**
- C-rated schools reduced from 70 → 35.
- Only Broward and Palm Beach have **no D or F schools** among large districts.
- **Action:** Discuss strategies to eliminate C-rated schools.
- **Action Item:** SAF Chairs should ensure SAC meetings review PM1 results.

### **FAST PM1 Results**

- Year-over-year improvement districtwide.

### **Progress Monitoring & MTSS Interventions**

- MTSS = Multi-Tiered System of Support.
- Parents notified when PMP initiated; monthly updates required by statute.
- **New:** Math Intervention Plan for grades 9–12.
- **Action Item:** Revisit prior motion on Student-Centered Academic Foundation.

### **Curriculum Transparency**

- Course syllabi include expectations, grading, and resources.
- Full pacing guide and curriculum scope available (link in presentation).

### **Specials & Physical Education**

- Elementary electives limited by schedule; alternative enrichment through clubs (Robotics, Minecraft).
- New PE policy includes measurable fitness benchmarks (grades 3–5).

- **Action Item:** Review PE policy — scheduled for **Board presentation in November.**

### Advanced Coursework

- **AP Exam Pass Rate:** 71%.
  - **AICE Pass Rate:** Down 2%, but participation increased by 3,000 students.
  - **Action Item:** Provide Excel report of AICE course offerings and pass rates by school.
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### 8. Motions

- **Motion to extend meeting to 9:00 PM** — *Carried (8:39 PM).*
  - **Motion to adjourn** — *Carried at 9:02 PM (Bob motioned, Linda seconded).*
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### 9. Meeting Documents & Resources

- **Policy 1020:** Scheduled for Rulemaking — *October 14, 2025*  
[Redline PDF](#)
  - **Policy 1000:** Scheduled for Rule Development Workshop — *October 21, 2025*  
[Redline Draft \(10/3/25\)](#)
  - **Policy 1070:** Pending November presentation (no redline available).
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### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **9:02 PM.**