

# AGENDA

District Advisory Council

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February 8, 2017; 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Boardroom

<http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>

Welcome

Pledge

Topics:

Legislative update

Tony Hunter – Chief Information Officer

Update on schools Website

Pinnacle access through the app

Bcpsguest is requesting a password when trying to access the web

Budget for refreshing older computers

Update to elementary school access to Pinnacle

Office of Service Quality (OSPA): Scott Jarvis – Update

Donna Boruch – Update

Parent Engagement - Nadia Clarke - Update

Reports – 2 minutes (Written Reports or Draft minutes of meetings may be submitted by Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017)

North Area

South Area

Facilities Task Force

ESE Advisory

Central Area

Gifted Advisory

Code of Conduct

Others

Attendance

PCITF

Wellness

Title I

BTU

Promise Program

**Unfinished Business–Motion was tabled 10.14.2015** - *Whereas the month of April continues to be dominated with ongoing state mandated student assessments and with the knowledge that regular attendance at school plays a critical role in a student’s academic success.*

*We move that the School Board of Broward County change the participation date of “Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day” to a more convenient day after the state testing window.*

New Business

- Caliber Awards are on April 5<sup>th</sup> which is a scheduled DAC Meeting.
- Policy 6000.1 Feedback on whether cheating/plagiarism should be an academic consequence or behavioral or double jeopardy. Should it be broken down by elementary, middle school and high school provided the information is covered in a classroom.
- Tentative SAF training is September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder: Upcoming elections process for DAC, Areas and School Advisory Forums. See handout.
- Area Representative training May 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on Area Chairs & Representative what does the membership see as areas for training.

Public Comments - 2 minutes

Adjourn

**\*\*\*Robert's Rules of Order Reminder: Even though members have the right to debate, established parliamentary rules concerning the privileges of debate exist. A member must obtain the floor and be recognized by the presiding officer before beginning to speak.\*\*\***

**Legislative Update, 1.30.2017:** Several Interim Legislative Committee meetings were held last week. Among the more significant meetings, the [Senate PreK-12 Education Appropriations Subcommittee](#) conducted a workshop on teacher pay and compensation. DOE presented an overview of statutory requirements and various adjustments, supplements, benefits, and other funding relating to compensation. This was followed by comments from a panel of district superintendents -- Robert Avossa (Palm Beach); Tim Forson (St. Johns), Jacob Oliva (Flagler), Rick Shirley (Sumter), and Malcolm Thomas (Escambia) – who discussed local and statewide issues of concern regarding compensation, recruitment, and retention of instructional and related personnel. The Meeting Packet – which includes the DOE PowerPoint presentation and spread sheets detailing statewide and district-by-district funding and expenditures for teacher pay and compensation – is available [HERE](#).

The [House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee](#) continued gathering information for the budget reduction exercise that the House has chosen to pursue. Commissioner Stewart presented DOE's General Revenue Reduction Plan which has a required 10% reduction target. In developing its General Revenue Reduction Plan, DOE focused on making the most significant reductions in programs and services that do not have a statewide impact. As a result, funding for some programs was completely eliminated while funding for others were reduced by 9.26%. While the resulting General Revenue Reduction Plan can seem alarming, please note that this Plan is required each year as part of the normal budget development process. It is separate from this year's House budget reduction exercise but can provide insight to the Subcommittee as it works to identify funding priorities. As we reported earlier, the Subcommittee is scheduled to conduct the budget reduction exercise at their meeting scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> and is expected to report their recommendations to the full Appropriations Committee the following week. In other business, the Subcommittee conducted a review and Discussion of Early Learning Services. The Meeting Packet – which includes the DOE General Revenue Reduction Plan – is available [HERE](#).

In other meetings last week:

The [House PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee](#) focused public school choice options. Marc Mora (Lee County School District) and Carolyn Bridges (Polk County School District) offered presentations and discussion highlighting the numerous choice programs offered in their districts. Ruth Lynch (Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools) and Ralph Arza (Florida Alliance of Charter Schools) also offered presentations on various charter school programs. The Meeting Packet is available [HERE](#).

The [House PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee](#) focused on the improving low-performing schools. Chancellor Hershel Lyons presented an overview of the turnaround process and options which was followed by a panel discussion on state and local implementation of turnaround options. The panel members included Commissioner Pam Stewart, Wayne Green, (DOE), and Dr. David K. Moore (Miami-Dade County Public Schools). The Meeting Packet is available [HERE](#).

The [Senate Education Committee](#) considered and passed two bills relating to higher education. [SB 2](#) (identical to [HB 3](#)) focuses on strengthening funding and programmatic mechanisms in Florida's post-secondary institutions and [SB 4](#) (identical to [HB 5](#)) focuses on faculty recruitment, retention, and recognition. These bills are a high priority for Senate President Negron. The Meeting Packet is available [HERE](#).

The [House Local, Federal, and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee](#) considered, among other things, [HB 139](#) relating to local tax referenda (identical to [SB 278](#)). This bill requires that any referendum to levy a discretionary sales surtax must be held during a general election and approved by a majority of electors voting on the ballot question. The committee passed the bill which will now move on to two more committees of reference for consideration.

The [Senate Criminal Justice Committee](#) considered two bills relating to juvenile justice. Of particular interest is [SB 196](#) (similar to [HB 205](#) and [HB 213](#)) relating to civil citations and similar diversion programs. The bill requires a law enforcement officer to issue a civil citation or require the juvenile's participation in a similar diversion program when the juvenile admits to committing specified offenses and authorizes the officer to issue a civil citation or require a similar diversion program in some other situations. The Meeting Packet is available [HERE](#).

The next round of Interim Legislative Committee meetings will be held during the week of February 6-10. In the meantime, please note that we have updated our [FSBA Bill Tracking List](#) to include education-related bills that have been filed through January 29, 2017 (the Bill Tracking List is also posted on the FSBA website on our [2017 Legislative Session](#) page). Please be sure to also visit our [Advocacy Tools](#) page in our [Resource Room](#) where you will find information to support your general advocacy efforts and background materials on the legislative process, state budget development process, email and website links, and media tips.

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Director of Advocacy Services

## Nominations - Guidelines

Each year nominating committees begin to meet in March to slate the officers for next year. In an effort to give some guidance and to emphasize the need for effective leadership at ALL levels of advisory the following guidelines are being provided:

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO PUT FORWARD THOSE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS THEY FEEL ARE BEST SUITED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE POSITIONS BEING SLATED. Remember that those elected serve as the voice for your group. It is extremely important that you slate individuals who are competent to represent ADVISORY (whether it be at the school, area or district level) not their particular interests. The nominating committee does not have to slate all volunteers for the positions, neither do they have to slate an individual who clearly cannot perform the functions of the position.

INDIVIDUALS MUST ACCEPT THE NOMINATION PRIOR TO BEING SLATED.

They must be told the conditions under which they are being slated (for example, as a co-position) and they must have the opportunity to decline the nomination if they do not agree with the conditions set forth by the nominating committee

In order to accomplish the above herewith are some suggestions:

Gather names of people interested in the positions. Self-nominations are to be encouraged!

Look at everyone in the organization and think about what he or she could bring to the position. Contact those that you think might be interested or might do a good job. Some people will simply not volunteer themselves even if they know they could do a good job! (And, quite frankly, we all like to be asked to help.)

Contact every current board member to determine if they would like to stay involved in either the position they now hold (check your bylaws for term limits) or in another position with-in the organization

List the pool of candidates that you have for all positions. Analyze where they can best serve the organization – it might not be in the position for which they were nominated. Some questions you might ask yourselves:

Determine their level of activity in advisory –

Do they attend the general meetings?

Do they attend the steering committee meetings?

Have they ever attended a DAC meeting/Board meeting/retreat/workshop?

Have they done an excellent/good/fair job in the position they now hold?

Are they committed to the concept of Advisory?

Are they active members of the SAC at their school(s)?

What are their skills?

Comfortable with computers/word processing/data files/email?

Organized?

Good verbal skills?

Good writing skills?

Time available to do the job?

Highly motivated to do a good job?

## Nominating Committee Procedures

Once a nominating committee is named (as per bylaws) the following procedures should be utilized.

1. Send notice to your membership, via e-mail that elections will be held at the APRIL or MAY general meeting. Request nominations for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Communications Chairperson, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. (See your bylaws for Officer positions)
2. The Nominating Committee extends a courtesy to ask each of the present officers if they wish to stay on as officers for the next school year, if term limits allow (refer to bylaws).
3. The Nominating Committee compiles a slate of officers from the names they have received from steps 1 and 2. It is the charge of the Nominating Committee to slate one candidate for each position. The Nominating Committee is to slate the individual whom, in the opinion of the committee, is best qualified for the position.
4. The Nominating Committee contacts each slated officer to inform them of their nomination and reconfirm their acceptance of the nomination if the slated officer has not already confirmed their acceptance.
5. The Nominating Committee must present the slate of officers to the membership two weeks prior to the **advertised** APRIL/MAY election meeting.
6. The Nominating Committee conducts the elections. They present the slate at the election meeting and ask for nominations from the floor.
  - A. **If there are no** nominations from the floor the slate can be voted on as is - one vote for the entire slate.
  - B. **If there are** nominations from the floor you must vote for each position for which there is more than one nominee. Then, you can vote on the remainder of the slate. For example: there is a nomination from the floor for the position of recording secretary. You must have a vote for the position of recording secretary and then vote on the remainder of the slate.
  - C. **Ballots** must be available to record votes in the case of nominations from the floor. Ballots will be collected and counted by members of the nominating committee and shall be made available to the membership for review. They are then attached to the minutes of the meeting.