

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida**  
**District Advisory Council @ Plantation Middle School – KIVA**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2023 6:15 pm-8:45 pm**  
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**Communications Chair** – Linda Ferrara

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1. **Call to order at 6:22 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Housekeeping:** Please remember to sign in. All representatives are required to attend DAC meetings, missing more than three consecutive meetings or four in a year will result in removal. Raise your DAC placard to ask a question.
4. **Ethics Training:** Access annual required training via the [Committee Training Program & Resource Page](#)
5. **2024-25 DAC Meeting Dates:**  
9/11/24 · 10/9/24 · 11/6/24 · 12/11/24 · 1/8/25 · 2/12/25 · 3/12/25 · 4/9/25 · 5/14/25 · 5/29/24 · 6/2/25
6. **Approval of the May 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Pended for September meeting
7. **New Business**
  - a. **Strategy & Innovation Proposed Policy Changes, Dr. Wanza & Dante Collins**

- i. Policy 8010 – School Boundaries (Currently Policy 5000)

Current policy allows stakeholders to assist in the development and review of boundary proposals based on their knowledge of the area including components like traffic. This is based on the success of changes that are founded on community buy-in.

Proposed initial changes to the Boundary policy were unanimously rejected in their entirety at the April District Advisory Council meeting in the following motion: Due to concerns about the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) equitable treatment of students community boundary process community member boundary proposals and lack of parent organization and advisory committee participation, we reject the proposed Policy 8010 changes and recommend starting fresh with community input from the three regions. The 7/23/24 version included changes from what had been previously presented to stakeholders, and highlighted an additional area of concern not previously discussed--long-range planning. At the 7/23/24 Board meeting staff asserted that current language in Policy 5000 prevents boundary changes from being proposed this year for the FY26 school year. The Board sent the policy back to loop the changes.

The Diversity Committee passed the following motion at their 8/1/24 meeting. Their concerns are listed in the attached matrix.

We move that the Diversity Committee reserve the right to reject all changes with policy formally known as 5000 that will be 8010 accept where new legislation required if the recommendation of this committee is not implemented. Florida Statute 120.54(1)(g) states "Each rule adopted shall contain only one subject." I've attached the Palm Beach and Miami Dade policies related to "student assignment." Palm Beach in particular has multiple policies for multiple subjects, instead of what is currently being proposed under policy 8010. Both counties also include a standing Boundary Committee.

On 8/8/24, the Facilities Task Force reviewed existing Policy 5000 with staff (see attached policy). We did NOT review the changes made by staff between 5/29 and 7/23 because of the number of concerns raised by North Area and the Diversity Committee (see attached). The attached includes additional concerns I found once I started comparing the existing policy to proposed changes.

Current policy provisions discussed at the FTF meeting included the following:

- The Superintendent has until October to recommend a boundary process.
- The Superintendent has until March to recommend boundary changes to the Board.
- The Boundary Committee is created via a resolution.

- The resolution is not required by policy.
- The policy does not dictate the composition of the committee.

The FTF came to the consensus to retain Policy 5000 for the coming year, as there was no compelling argument made by staff that the existing policy would prevent boundary changes from being proposed as part of redefining. Our discussion of the School Choice policy was limited to expressing that any revisions proposed in the School choice policy should not conflict with policy 5000 should policy 5000 be retained.

***Motion to retain Policy 5000 for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion proposed by Linda Ferrara, seconded by Karla Figueroa. Passes Unanimously***

ii. Policy 6400 – School Choice (Formerly 5004.1)

Although there was not quorum at other advisory meetings, feedback was still captured from the stakeholders present. Policy language needed to be revised in alignment with the redefining process which is why completing and approving this policy became a priority over others. One proposal allows the district to share the timeline for school choice annually by October 1st, not to have the timeline initiated. An additional change includes the ability of administration to share additional information that would adjust the available seats. These seats will be verified by the office of school choice. When establishing the open windows, there is a consideration to respect a pending student list style approach. This would mean that if there are multiple students on hold after the first application window, the option for additional students to apply for later windows would not be available for that school. Other changes included updated terms and grammatical corrections. Definitions and language were also adjusted to match those in other policies previously revised.

Feedback included the possibility to have a first come, first served approach to school choice as opposed to the current model of using a computer-generated lottery. Dr. Wanza will look into the possibility of this option as it may be in conflict with state statute. The random selection only occurs if there are more applicants than open seats. Statute 1002.33 indicates that there may be an option to implement a first come, first serve or a lottery as decided by a district. There is a request for related procedures to be looped just as policy changes are. Feedback recommends shortening the window to 30 days or less. This would allow the processing time of the wait pool including the priorities and confirmation of available seats. The verification takes approximately 45 days. The goal is to have decisions out to families by winter break.

***Motion to vote to accept the above feedback: proposed by Dr. Lynch-Walsh, seconded by Linda Ferrara, passes unanimously.***

***“We move that the school board***

- ***Adopt earlier application windows for all school choice options***
- ***Update obsolete language***
- ***Remove the second window when applications exceed available seats***
- ***Retain all remaining language and review whether separate policies are required***
- ***Solicit advisory input on procedures***
- ***Share the timeline by October 1<sup>st</sup> each year***
- ***Establish a application window of 30 days or less***

**b. Metal Detectors**

- Day 1 Delays- Sensitivity was set too high. The result was students outside of the building. There has been an adjustment to the settings after the first day. School Resource Officers are on hand to assist with defiant students or adults. Students may wear their backpacks in the front is for the ease and speed of passing through the detectors. Student advisors shared that the district clearly communicated the expectations for the entry procedures. Many parents also echoed that the metal detector entry has improved greatly since day one. The DAC will review additional data and changes at the September DAC meeting. There was discussion about requiring employees to go through metal detectors.

**c. Cell Phone Ban**

- 7/23/24 Code of Conduct Language (see pages 14, 84, and 87)

This policy change was not looped through any advisory. The language was changed to include all students at all levels. Open discussion included the bell-to-bell restriction as compared to only during class time. Students use their phones for Canvas, translation, taking pictures of class announcements posted in the classrooms, as well as many other academic purposes. The Broward Schools definition is in conflict with state law CS/HB 379 section 1006.07(2)(f) which specifies "instructional time" as defined by the Florida State Board of Education not to include lunch and passing times.

***Motion: We recommend that the school district revise the current wireless communication device policy to align to the Florida State Department of Education definition of instructional time and to move through the looping process.***

***Proposed by Nelson Rose, seconded by Becky Leung,  
5 opposed, 20 in favor: motion passes***

**d. Upcoming Meetings:**

- i. 8/27/24: [School Board Workshop](#)
- ii. 9/5/24: Long-Range Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee
- iii. Advisories: Need a Master Calendar

**Adjourn 9:00 PM**

**Area Advisory Websites**

District Advisory Council

<http://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/content.asp?PageID=0>

North Region Advisory Council

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

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