



Broward County Public Schools
North Region Advisory Council - General Meeting
Monarch High School

September 21, 2023, 6:15-8:45PM

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Chair- Cynthia Dominique; Vice Chair- Karla Figueroa; Recording Secretary- Danielle Dunfee; Corresponding Secretary- Yolanda Coulon; Communications Chair- Lucie Di Capua



Attendance: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18eLOLEC-WPhaiKhYxfJoC8AjKVY-cg4/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108024027204976049407&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Item 1: 6:18pm Call to Order, by Chair: Cynthia Dominique

- Meeting Etiquette
 - Attendance Required for good standing and ability to vote (3 consecutive and 4 total is not in good standing)
 - One (1) question/comment per member until all members have had an to speak
 - Stay on topic
 - A Green placard = a voting member
- Principals Present Introduced: Park Springs, Forest Glen, Norcrest, Monarch, Lloyd Estates, Northeast HS
- North Area is North of Commercial. We have 67 traditional schools with a handful of “nontraditional” that also fall under our Area and have a seat in this committee.
- Todd LaPace, Dir of Teaching & Learning for the North (oversees all the HS’s and 5 MS’s)
 - Currently doing a dissection of what’s happening at the Schools: with Math, Science, History, curriculum, common formative assessments in order to figure out what sort of supports they will provide.
 - Completed to date - Blanche Ely, Rickards Middle School.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes- June 2023 and August 2023

One correction made to August 2023 minutes – spelling error where word tough was replaced with touch. Correction made without objection.

Minutes Approved: – **First** Lucie Di Capua (Communications Chair), **Second** Angelica Dubanewicz (Liberty Elementary)

Item 3: Old Business

1. **Calendars/Meetings-** 2024-2025 Calendar Options; Scheduling of Meetings/School Events, Feeder Schools
 - Monday Start (going back to school later) and a Wednesday Start (going back to school earlier).
 - Early release days align with the end of the quarter.
 - FTE Week (there are two each year): Full time Equivalent Student Count...Listed by the District as an entire week in the calendars, only ONE day from that week gets reported on to the State. DISTRICT’S funding is decided from the State and budgeted for the future year.
 - Not to be confused with 10-day enrollment. This has to do with the budget of each school.
 - VOTE for Calendar:
 - SAF CHAIRS**
 - Monday Start: 13 Voting Members
 - Wednesday Start: 17 Voting Members
 - OTHER PARENTS IN THE ROOM**
 - Monday Start: 4
 - Wednesday Start: 4
 - Administrators**
 - Monday Start: 4
 - Wednesday Start: 5
 - Calendar goes before the board Nov 14th
2. **-Xello**
 - (Xello is replacing Naviance – goes live Oct 1st. and Oct 4th at 6pm there will be an informational walk-through.)

3. Reproductive Health and Disease Prevention Curriculum

- The State has REQUIRED trainings on Resiliency (Statute #1003.42) Parents cannot opt out of.
 - Mental Health
 - Human Trafficking (FL ranks #3, there's a big push to ensure our students know how to protect themselves)
 - Substance Use
 - Sexual Abuse
 - Teen Dating Violence
- The Reproductive Health Curriculum (Supplemental, parents can opt out of) goes to the Board Sept 30th

**Questions Asked:

- Has the district considered bringing in a designated teacher/counselor that can come in to teach the students this curriculum? This way the information would be delivered in a uniform way across all schools, it would make the students/teachers more comfortable.
 - Some schools will have teachers gather as a team to teach as a whole as this instruction is very scripted.
- If the instruction is scripted, why can't this be done in a video and then also shared with the parents beforehand?
 - Copyright poses an issue, but then again if this is posted on Canvas which is secure why can't we post such there?
- **Any other questions – send to Nicole at NAACParliamentarian@Gmail.com**

4. Discipline & Promise Program

- Promise is reactive, goal is to focus PREVENTION.
 - Are there any trauma informed trainings that teacher take?
 - Pushing to have Behavior Techs in all schools.
- Request for DATA:
 - Who is auditing the checks & balances
 - Parent as part of the committee for transparency?

□ Item 4: NEW Business

1. Behavior Threat Assessment Policy and Updates

Presented by:

Ernie Lozano | Director, Behavioral Threat Assessment | Safety, Security & Emergency Preparedness Division

Kim Punzi-Elabiary | Manager, Behavioral Threat Assessment | Safety, Security & Emergency Preparedness Division

Impact of House Bill 543 – State Rule 6A-1.0019 – Threat Management

- C-Stage (Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines) was previously adopted by the State. After hardships with this program, the State of FL passed a requirement to create and lead the implementation of their own model which becomes effective January 1, 2024. Moving away from threat ASSESSMENT to threat MANAGEMENT.
- The program we use across Broward Schools is “See Something, Say Something” which provides 4 different ways in Broward County to report a tip. This program is the #1 most effective way schools have been able to successfully protect themselves as all students know how it works.
- October 3rd is the Board Workshop for Rule Development to give feedback to the Board
- November 8th Adoption
- End to labeling all concerning behavior as a “threat”. NEW Levels of Concern & Support Plan Requirements: Unfounded, Low, Medium, High.
 - For the SSMP:
 - Previously the School has autonomy to decide when to expire the plan. In the NEW model there are mandatory minimums of the Student's Support Management Plans for each level.
 - Law Enforcement may be involved in Low, Medium, or High if Chair assesses the information and finds it necessary.

- Over 5,000 threat assessments '22-'23 School Year. 4,400 were transient (low or unfounded in the new model).
 - For students who get in trouble outside of school with law enforcement, they are not disciplined by the school, but a threat assessment is done by the school.
- As part of the Statute every District has a District Threat Coordinator (Ernie Lozano's position).
- Harm Prevention & Threat Management Workflow:
 - 1st Step: Threat Assessment is reviewed by the School Based Threat Management Team that each school has created (minimum of 4 members including persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, law enforcement, and school administration). Principle is not part of this team. Every school has to have a Chair that leads this team. Once the threat assessment and plan is developed, then submitted to the Principle. The Chair is the Assistant Principle, always in Broward County.
 - 2nd: The Principle has two days to review to agree or disagree with the plan.
 - 3rd: Plan then goes to Behavioral Threat Assessment of the District for final review.
- Transitioning from the EdPlan (PCG) to FOCUS platform...Broward contracted with PCG through 2023-24 year. They are updating this platform with New Florida Model Template that will be ready by January 1, 2024. Documentation of threat management will transition to FOCUS for the 2024-25 School Year.

2. Academic Updates

Presented by:

Guy Barmoha | Director, Secondary Learning | Academics

Melissa Holtz | Director, Elementary Learning | Academics

- This year students will take WRITING test and score will be received, but writing will not count toward the school or district grade this year. In 2024-25 it will count. Writing starts in 4th Grade.
- Secondary Parent University is Sept 28th – Virtual – Topics include:
 - Science of Reading
 - Mental Health
 - Richie comes on and give detail on the FAST
- For Elementary School Math is not required for Promotion anymore and now part of the policy.
- Progress Monitor Plans (PMPs)
 - Most schools should be done with these, but for students struggling parents should be seeing these sent home and in the Virtual Counselor.
 - Mandatory that PMP are done in Q1 – it will be documented for reading and/or Math and parents should see this on Report Cards
- Progress monitoring assessments at the Elementary Level:
 - iReady – personalized pathway for the student. The diagnostic assessment sets that student's path. They take the diagnostic twice a year. Taking a diagnostic anytime of the year and it will give an idea on how student will score on the FAST. The correlation was .8 true – very accurate. Teachers can manually bump students up to challenge them more in iReady if they see they're getting 100% over and over again.
 - iReady is not purchased at the District Level for Secondary Schools, if the MS wants it, they have to buy it on their own. We have 4-5 Middle Schools in our district with iReady.
 - If the school wants the iReady Teacher Toolbox, the school needs to pay for it. Some Title 1 Schools are using their funds to purchase this and its ~\$11K.
 - This is something to further discuss.... Perhaps when we go back to the table to negotiate iReady next year we push for this.
 - Can leftover Idea Funds be used for the iReady Teacher Toolbox? This is something Melissa will check on and get back to us on.
 - FAST
 - In Math last year Broward beat all other districts for 3rd and 5th grade! Shows that what we're doing is really working.

Report Cards – the District has moved to electronic report cards, although some schools still print them. The North Area previously voted to have them printed out.

- a. Next year when we move to FOCUS, report cards will/can be electronically signed. BUT that doesn't stop the need/belief in PRINTED report cards still. The majority of our elementary schools print right now.
- b. Information on the current report cards...With the transition to FOCUS the hope is to have standardized Report Cards, but this will require a Looping Process, layers of discussion. (Palm Beach county uses FOCUS.)
 - i. What percentage of parents are accessing the data on how their students are doing? Guy is going to ask IT for this answer.
- c. Students should get 9 grades per quarter (which averages to 1 per week).
- d. CPalms gives tutorials and how parents can support their students.

8:45pm Motion Passed to Extend 10 Minutes – Peter Turso First, Karla Figueroa Seconded

3. BCPS Transportation

- Students are missing a great deal of instruction with Late Arrivals and Total Absences (for those who wait at the bus stop and the bus just doesn't show up).
- It would be beneficial to have Bus Tardies and Bus Absences reported for students. For the tardies, the TIME the students arrived should be noted to track the amount of instructional time was missed.

Item 5: Meeting Adjournment

8:55pm Motion by Cynthia Dominique, Seconded by **Karla Figueroa Seconded**

Submitted respectfully,

Danielle Dunfee

Recording Secretary

Links and Resources Discussed During Meeting

- Advisories and Committees Meeting Schedules: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32049>; Advisory Calendar: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LOHJMyflx-iPhK4Pd1TuOI2MZKbHGomk/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111203372059625663099&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- 2024-2025 School Year Calendar Proposals: Overall Synopsis- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B-jyBVn4KnujnAFoA5kizERp7pwVDvKw/view?usp=sharing> ; <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RrdgMloBrfEj2gGwXuLXzwoUktXkjYuv/view?usp=sharing> ; <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DPMcOkqIsfHu4xp8i8Syp4wzU5emzg22/view?usp=sharing>
- Broward Schools Policies: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37754>
- Behavior Threat Assessment:
 - FL Rule- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nyTJabEgGFefZdX2AGAehPoDVdGpl0Jj/view?usp=sharing> ;
 - PPT- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QoVnG7bCw76bPBNrDyw21XPiHQGANqGk/view?usp=sharing>
- Science Curriculum Adoption: [Innovative Learning / Instructional & Digital Materials \(browardschools.com\)](https://www.browardschools.com/Innovative-Learning-Instructional-Digital-Materials); [BCPS K-12 Science Adoption 2023-2024 \(instructure.com\)](https://www.instructure.com/BCPS-K-12-Science-Adoption-2023-2024); Suggestions for Public Review Sites: [Public Review Site Location Suggestions 2023-2024 \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com/Public-Review-Site-Location-Suggestions-2023-2024); Parent Review Team Application: <https://forms.office.com/r/XDXi846wGj> ; Flyer for Dissemination- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1duueRC4eNP9MtlPG9wzdQuZHt9olveU/view?usp=sharing>