



## General Meeting Minutes

Monarch High Schools

February 20, 2023, 6:15-8:45pm

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### Attendance:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uPBXSnYo0hs9CcmiST3vOqK2uZPwN5HM32qLCDG89k/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sYB82NtF5PSq9qXJ2SDkDmsMP6LYGe8A/view?usp=sharing>

### A. 6:21pm Call to Order by Chair, Cynthia Dominique

### B. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting

**No Corrections.**

First – Ms. Vogal

Second – Ms. Nancy Fry

**Motion passed to approve minutes unanimously.**

### C.) Election for Corresponding Secretary

**Motion** to open Nominations for Corresponding Secretary made by Chair, Cynthia Dominique

Seconded by: Karla Figueroa

Nominations: Nicole Kearney (self-nominated) – all those present voted in approval, no opposition

**Motion** to close nominations made by Karla Figueroa, seconded by Lucie DiCapua

**Nicole Kearney is elected Corresponding Secretary**

### D.) School Spotlight – Please see video/images on our Facebook page

The North Area Leadership Team

Middle School Expo hosted @ Pompano Middle...Esol, Athletics, Applied Learning, etc. – all came out from all our Middle Schools, great attendance! Anticipation now for a High School Expo.

### **New Business –**

#### C. Committee and SAF Chair Reports

1. Danielle Dunfee, Deerfield Beach Elementary School mentioned a conversation held at their January 31<sup>st</sup> SAF Meeting on the subject of enrollment and the school's capacity. DBES is requesting the FISH report to ensure there are no discrepancies in the reported school capacity.
  - i. Dr. Fleming mentioned that Parkway Middle shows as severely unenrolled but there are a number of buildings that should be demolished and are no longer in use. FISH is how the state tracks if the room is being used for official use. Those unused buildings should be accounted for in this example.

- ii. Chuck Harper questioned what happens when a room is re-purposed – using the example of transitioning a classroom to a weight room/fitness room. How is that reported against the school’s capacity?
- 2. Heron Heights SAF Chair discussed that they’re doing STOP times of iReady to ensure students don’t get burned out.
- 3. Margate Elementary School – Cynthia Dominique praised the school for their transparency in sharing data with parents to ensure understanding on the school’s gains, what the data means, where they need help, etc.
  - i. Teacher pay consistently comes up in their meetings. “This is a fight we can only continue bringing to the board, “ Cynthia Dominique.
  - ii. Recommended questions for Chairs to bring back to their next SAF Meetings:
    - 1. How is your school measuring high achieving kids that came in at a level 4 and are still at a level 4?
    - 2. How are you targeting the high achieving students to ensure they’re making gains?

#### **D. North Regional Administrative Updates**

Speaker: Dr. Fleming

- Algebra has become a challenge for many of our students. Discussions are taking place on a bridge piece in Middle School to prepare students better for Algebra in High School.

#### **E. Chair Reports**

1. Lucie Dicapua – Elementary School Rep
  - Nicole Morst requested to see the PM2 Scores for the Elementary Schools – In our last NAAC Meeting this information was provided for the Middle & High Schools, but the data didn’t break down the list of school names in Elementary Schools. Maria Perez (Elementary School Director) took note of this request to report back.
2. Nicole Morst – High School Rep
  - Pushed for consideration of a High School Expo after seeing the success with the Middle School Expo. There were concerns on timing on fitting this into the school calendars before year-end.
  - 4+1: School 4 days (longer days though), but school is open on Friday for those students who need the extra help. A survey went to HS parents recently to see if all HS would like to follow what Pompano High does. 89% apparently voted FOR this. The surveys went to teachers, parents, and students. Teachers and parents were in favor; however, majority of students were NOT in favor. 52% of students either disagreed or were neutral.
    - i. This is a huge cost saving for the school with transportation, cafeteria, power, etc.
    - ii. Jeff Bold is in favor of the 4-day week at Pompano High School where his children attend. He thinks that those against likely feel that way because they’ve never done it before. His daughter rarely has homework, because she has time in those extra hours of school to complete that work.
    - iii. Ms. Harper sees athletics posing challenges.
    - iv. Blanche Ely is a pilot school and it didn’t work for them.
  - v. Nancy Fry, along with other parents present felt this survey should go to parents of Elementary and Middle Schools as well as to the High Schools.

**Motion made by Cynthia Dominique: Expand the 4+1 survey to include parents and all staff of Broward County Elementary Schools, Middle Schools, & High Schools and to include a survey question on number of children in the household.**

Second: Karla Figueroa

Voted: Unanimous Approval - Motion carries unanimously

### 3. Karla Figueroa – Middle School Rep

**Motion made by Karla Figueroa: I move that Broward Country Schools begin BRACE advising in Middle School, starting in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.**

**Suggested Amendment to Motion by Cynthia Dominique: We move that Broward County Public Schools explore innovative ways, such as grade level assemblies, small groups, through the use of technology, and other means of communication to embrace BRACE advising starting in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Second: Mr. Chuck Harper**

**Voted: Unanimous Approval - Motion carries unanimously**

- Brace advising is a college and career service to give students the pathway – scholarships available, surveys on areas of interest – it's similar to Zello, but more personalized – face to face while Zello is on the computer. The State is currently pushing for 4 pathways to be identified for each student.
- DAC previously passed a motion to start Zello in Elementary School.
- Zello replaced Naviance, which actually used to start in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but it wasn't being used.
- Recommendation for MS: Host a BRACE-type of Assembly at the school. Get the kids to take their laptops out, get them on Zello and to start thinking about their track.
- Chuck Harper explained that BRACE advisors have a heavy lift – they have over 1,000 students to meet with in a year. You end up seeing situations where the BRACE advisors are committing to the top 1% students trying to get into colleges.
- At Coral Glades HS: BRACE Advisor goes to visit in Study Halls.
- BRACE falls under Dan Shapiro
- Pompano Beach HS Principal spoke – every school has a set of school academic counselors with a case load whether it's by grade or alphabetical. Every student sits with their school counselor at least twice a year. The academic plan or pathway is set early on, even before they arrive to HS because the counselors sit with them at the MS. The BRACE advisor is a SUPPORT/supplement to the academic advisement that the school counselors give regularly.

### 4. Gifted Rep – Jessica Benner

- Gifted Summer Camps are open to register at Pompano Beach High School, Plantation High School, & Weston High School. They do fill up fast!

### 5. Zoning & Enrollment Rep – Nicole Morst

The district is expected to expand the vouchers by 12,000 students next year (which means we're losing them). Vouchers have expanded to include home school students.

### 6. Nominating Committee – Nicole Morst, Valerie Liath, and Nicole Kearney

- End of March/beginning April SAF Chairs should be holding elections at their schools.
- Cynthia Dominique recommended not to do Elections School SAC or SAF Meetings as they should be held at a General Assembly – for example at the School Spring Festival or Family Math Night.

### 7. Legislative – Karla Figueora

BrowardSchools.com – search legislation – shows you all the House and Senate Bills specific to education.

**All as of July 1<sup>st</sup>...Sitting with Senate now. SB = Senate Bill. If passed, effective by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- a.) Senate Bill 7004: Remove 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Retention

Parent is able to push their child into 4<sup>th</sup> Grade regardless

- b.) SB 246 Allows municipalities of closed schools to repurpose school as a charter.
- c.) SB 300 Free Universal Breakfast & Lunch
- d.) SB 430 Requires School Athletics to provide healthcare services for any students involved in sports.
- e.) SB 626 Changing Dual Enrollment Options – all High Schools to provide Dual Enrollment as part of the Curriculum Criteria with Local Community Colleges. (According to Dr. Fleming - As a District we already have this relationship with Broward Community College, so this wouldn't affect our District much.)
- f.) HB 25 Brings Changes to Bright Futures Scholarships – more to come on this.
- g.) Not necessarily School-related – SB 1788 – Age verifications for Social Media Accounts. Holds Social Media companies accountable for having minors under the age of 16 on their platforms.

## **F. School Nurses**

### **Questions for SAF Chairs:**

How is the clinic functioning at your school?

How many years of experience does your nurse have?

Have we done all the checks on medication expiration dates?

Do we know that every student with a chronic illness has a health plan?

Stop the Bleed Kits – every school should have these. Does yours?

Every school should have additional personnel that is able to assist the nurse.

- Life Vac – tool used for choking – is not allowed to be held in the schools by the school nurse due to liability. Trying to get is approved that the SRO's would have these tools. Then again there are many schools that don't have SROs. The Coral Springs Chief Fire Official was pushing for the schools to get Life Vacs.
- Schools are required to have a number of teachers/staff CPR trained at every school.
- The ability to carry self-medications – contact solution came up. Technically this is an over-the-counter medication, therefore a student can get in trouble carrying such medications on them without an approved consent form. This is information parents should be reminded of at all schools.

## **G.) Repurposing Schools – Town Halls/Community Conversations**

- There was a huge ask for transparency.
- Many were of the opinion that Terravella was “a miss” – that these sessions should have been held in communities of schools most affected. Coral Springs has two schools under enrolled, but one of the items announced in the meeting was “We're not closing any Coral Springs Schools”.
- This Thursday (the last one) is at Flanagan
- Attention should be paid to over-enrolled schools.
- Attendance – we have ~8,000 student houseless. This is a significant population that effects attendance.

## **H.) Professional Study Days**

Nicole Kearny attended this meeting today.

- Only at the HS Level right now.
- When looking @ attendance data over ½ days, the attendance drops an average of 30% - which then points to the fact that teachers are reluctant to teach new material when much of the class is absent.

## **I.) Open Forum and Announcements**

- Bullying
  - o School Board has Defined what a Bully is.... RIP – Repeated, Imbalance, Purposeful
  - o Students have to Co-Exist.

- Both students give statements. Parents are not always privy to both statements.
- Often when VERBAL, parents are not brought in as administrators are trained on how to handle.
- Parents who report an issue and/or have conversations with the school about such incidents should always follow-up these meetings with an email for record. Additionally, reminded parents to use diligence in checking their schools SESIR data for accurate reporting by their school.

**J.) Field Trips**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip: Student/Teacher Ratio is 10:1. Teachers are the only chaperones that go on these trips.
- Recommended Questions for SAF Chairs to bring back to their SAF Meetings to better understand how Field Trips are handled at their School:
  - What is the Chaperone Policy? Is it the same for all trips?
  - Dates/Time of Year for Annual Field Trips by Grade
  - How are Field Trips Funded?
  - For limited capacity Field (such as the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip), how are students chosen?
  - Do we endure financial hurdles for some families sending their students on these trips?
- Transportation Hurdles:
  - 9am is the earliest a school board bus can be at a school for field trip transportation, otherwise the school needs to arrange with a private company.
  - Personnel of Bus Drivers – pay is inevitably a factor in this shortage.

**8:45pm** Cynthia Dominique passed a **Motion** to extend Meeting by 5 Minutes

First: Nancy Fry

Second: Nicole Kearny

K.) SAF Chair Reminders and Future Meeting Dates

<b>School Board Meeting</b>	<b>February 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm-6pm</b>
<b>Elementary Committee- Technology</b>	<b>March 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm</b>
<b>District Advisory General Meeting at KCW</b>	March 13 <sup>th</sup> 6:15pm- 8:45pm
<b>Zoning and Enrollment Committee</b>	March 6 <sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm & March 7 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am-11:30am
<b>Academics, Curriculum &amp; Programs Committee on Teams</b>	March 11 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am-11:30am
<b>North Area Steering Meeting at Monarch</b>	March 19 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-6:15pm
<b>***North Area General Meeting at Monarch</b>	March 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:15pm-8:45pm
<b>Engagement and Outreach Committee</b>	February 26 <sup>th</sup> and March 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:00am-10:30am
<b>Policy and Bylaws Committee</b>	March 8 <sup>th</sup> and March 14 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am-11:30am
<b>Middle &amp; High School- Talking to Teens/Mental Health</b>	March 6 <sup>th</sup> 5:30- 6:30pm & March 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00pm
<b>Discipline Summit</b>	February 24 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am-12:30pm and February 27 <sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm

L.) Adjourn

8:54pm Karla Figueroa Passed **Motion** to Adjourn

Approved by Nicole Kearny, Second by Danielle Dunfee

All in Favor

Submitted respectfully,  
*Danielle Dunfee*

**Recording Secretary**

## Links and Resources Discussed During Meeting

- **NAAC Website:** <http://northareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/> ; Please register to receive emails and updates
- **Advisories and Committees Meeting Schedules:** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32049>; Advisory Calendar: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LOHJMyflx-iPhK4Pd1TuOl2MZKbHGomk/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111203372059625663099&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- **Ethics Training:** <http://browardschools.com/Page/41329>
- **Broward Schools Policies:** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37754>
- **School Board and Leadership Staff Directory:** [School Board & Leadership Staff Directory / School Board Members \(browardschools.com\)](#)
- **School Choice:** [School Choice / Overview \(browardschools.com\)](#); [School Choice / District Options \(browardschools.com\)](#); [School Choice / 2023/24 Available Seats \(browardschools.com\)](#)
- **Attendance Counts:** [2022 Attendance Memo Report.pdf \(browardschools.com\)](#)
- **Enrollment Counts:** [Maps and Data / Student Enrollment Counts \(browardschools.com\)](#)
- **Graduation Rates:**  
[https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/13537/releases/memos/2022\\_Graduation\\_Memo.pdf](https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/13537/releases/memos/2022_Graduation_Memo.pdf); [2021GraduationAppendixC.pdf \(browardschools.com\)](#)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Promotion Rates:**  
[https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/13537/releases/briefs/2022\\_Promotion\\_Report.pdf](https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/13537/releases/briefs/2022_Promotion_Report.pdf)
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