



North Area Advisory Council General Meeting

Monarch High School 5050 Wiles Road Coconut Creek, FL 33073

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Chair- Cynthia Dominique; Vice Chair- Karla Figueroa; Recording Secretary- Danielle Dunfee; Corresponding Secretary- Nicole Kearney; Communications Chair- Lucie Dicapua

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Meeting Minutes

Attendance: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NrYwF08uGixgi9N1-2DWqITuKOSiKJc3/view?usp=drive_link

- A. Call to Order at 6:23pm
- B. Introductions, Attendance, and Meeting Etiquette
- C. Approval of April Minutes - amend minutes as to the person who seconded the Motion made by Cynthia Dominique on Page 4 of the Minutes should be corrected to Nicole Kearney - **Motion to Approve** the Minutes by Michael Pezzicola and Second by Karla Figueroa - Motion passes unanimously.

Chair advised the body of a recent experience with a Facebook group that was relating to teachers working for Broward Public Schools that she joined and did not advise them that was not a BCPS employee and wanted to advise the body before elections were made. Members of another committee spoke about the reflection that may have on advisory. DAC chair advised that district staff said there was no issue and that he saw no issue. Other concerns relating to climate of social media and a reminder of the Sunshine laws.

- D. North Area Board Elections for 24/25 School Year - Nominate Cynthia Dominique for chair - are there any other nominations from the floor - Cynthia accepts - no other nominations - Cynthia is the Chair. Nominate Karla Figueroa for Vice Chair - are there any other nominations from the floor - Cynthia accepts - no other nominations - Karla is the Vice Chair. Nominate Danielle Dunfee for Vice Chair - are there any other nominations from the floor - Danielle accepted prior - no other nominations - Danielle is the Recording Secretary. Nominate Lucie Dicapua for corresponding secretary - are there any other nominations from the floor - Lucie accepts - no other nominations - Lucie is the corresponding secretary Nominate Nicole Kearney for communications chair - are there any other nominations from the floor - Nicole accepts - no other nominations - Nicole is the communications chair.

Michael Pezzicola and Shasha Hilbon Elementary Rep - Karla Figueroa for middle school rep - Becky Leung for high school rep - Peter Turso for Parent at large - citizen at large will be Chuck Harper - Jeff Bold nominated for Business Rep - no one came forward for Facilities Rep - Sharon Harper will be the Teacher Rep - no one came forward for student rep - no one came forward for Legislative Rep - Jessica Benner was nominated for Gifted Rep - no one came forward for ESE rep - no one came forward for ESOL (their meeting is the same night as ours) - the concludes our elections.

Chair spoke about how the representation by our members helps our students so much - Dr. Fleming spoke about how much has changed in the district and how advocacy and volunteerism has stayed constant and about how the partnership between staff and volunteers helps fill the gaps - honor Cynthia Dominique for her advocacy and volunteerism. Cynthia and Dr. Fleming handed out Certificates to the members for the commitment to the North Area starting with our Student Rep Jack Harper with Certificates following for our Board Reps and DAC Reps and other Advisory Reps. Cynthia also had Certificates of Appreciation for the North Region Superintendent's office - specifically Todd LaPace who was in attendance and Dr. Fleming who was also in attendance.

Dr. Fleming shared data on testing of the top 10 schools in growth, five are in the North Region and that all schools in the North are showing testing growth. T. LaPace shared that North Region has great teamwork and advocate for not just North Region schools but all kids.

- E. **Old Business:**

1. School Boundary Policy: Joe Beck, Policy 8010 (Formerly Policy 5000) - Mr. Beck is back to review the newest changes - stated that he has come to two subcommittee meetings in the North Area - he will review the Policy page by page for any changes - overarching goals for the District is relating to the master planning of the District - this Policy is one of several targeted for revisions for master planning purposes - seeking to reduce specificity, restructuring format and removing information not pertinent - last time Policy was presented they included a change to allow for 110% of gross capacity in schools which was rejected by advisory and has now been removed - there has been recently a change to the permanent capacity because of an FLDOE change relating to modular buildings - Definition for Assigned School is the only time the phrase is referenced - Boundary choice area is an issues because it is not referred to in School Choice Policy, the boundary choice area in Parkland is not the same as a choice area - Lee County also has similar choice areas - choice boundary areas are not readily accessible on the District website - choice boundary areas are used as a enrollment relief strategy - Why are we just using core dining capacity and not core capacity? - Core capacity is designated solely for the cafeteria, there are other capacity measures for the other rooms in the school - state only restricts PICO dollars because of our under enrollment - J. Beck said nothing in this Policy actually triggers a boundary change - What does trigger a boundary change? - it is subjective but should be treated as an option of last resort - the Interlocal Agreement regulates services when a new development is built which relates to the Growth Management Policy 1164 - LOS is based on this Policy and the Interlocal Agreement and is optional per statute - What was the thought process for including LOS in this policy? - back when the concurrency policy was applicable because of high enrollment the District was hopeful the policy would result in mitigation fees - how can we make it more likely that the Board will align feeder patterns to be 100%

WE MOVE that the School Board review feeder patterns District wide during the Redefining Schools process and address any split feeder patterns, with priority to schools that have less than 10% students going to one school and/or that split to more than two schools. - moved by Nancy Fry - second by Karla Figueroa - Motion passes unanimously.

The boundary choice system in Parkland was initially established in response to the City's rapid growth. However, this has led to confusion for new parents regarding school choices. As Parkland is now nearing capacity, **WE MOVE that the School Board abolish the boundary choice system and establish clear, fixed school boundaries for Park Trails Elementary and Heron Heights Elementary.** - move by Lucie Dicapua - second by Karla Figueroa - District needs to have more consistency in application of these types of things - some parents think the choice is more than it really is - we may need more information to make a decision - Motion to table by Nancy Fry - second by Karla Figueroa - motion passes unanimously.

Motion to extend 15 minutes - Nicole Morst - second by Michael Pezzicola - Motion passes with 2 dissenting votes.

J. Beck - community stakeholders will have opportunities to participate - Chair pointed out that notice during the MSD boundary change was improperly limited to just MSD high students and no other neighboring schools

N. Morst - Community board proposal submissions should not be removed - J. Beck this is one of the things that they are trying to remove - does the average parents know when and how to request a change

Question - who will be the designated district staff - the former department does not exist - they are leaving the title broad because they don't know who will be responsible - this changes every time there is a new org chart - how do parents know who will be responsible? - The district is supposed to be simultaneously creating procedures manuals

J. Beck - specific considerations for how proposals shall be evaluated - the Superintendent will create the process to evaluate the criteria

You can go to the FLDOE for the Office of Equal Education Opportunities to help with the policy

Changes made to the criteria for alternative enrollment options - concern about floating teachers and utilization of spaces

2. School Choice: Donte Collins, Policy 6400 (Formerly Policy 5004.1)
3. Bylaws Revisions/ Updates- Nicole Kearney

We have a meeting on June 5 which is a transition meeting - we would love more people to come to help strategize for the new year - Wednesday June 5 at 6pm here at Monarch - our first meeting next year will be August 29 - we would love to create a welcome packet for new SAF chairs - send an email or maybe we will do a survey

F. New Business

- 1. **SAF Chair Updates**- *How did this school year go? What changes can be made? How can we improve?*
- 2. **Open Forum**

G. Committee Reports:

- 1. SAF Chairs
- 2. Student
- 3. Gifted
- 4. ESE
- 5. ESOL
- 6. Facilities
- 7. Teacher
- 8. Legislative
- 9. Elementary
- 10. Middle & High School
- 11. Policy and Bylaws *
- 12. Zoning & Enrollment*
- 13. North Regional Superintendent Team
- 14. Chair Report

H. Announcements

- 1. SAF Chairs
 - a) Share these policies at your next meeting. You can also share Facebook recording. Review School Budget, provide input, and SAF chair to sign the budget
 - b) Elections at schools for next year’s SAF Chair
- 2. Future Meetings

Committee	Date
North Area Transition Steering Meeting	Weds, June 5th, 6pm at Monarch HS
DAC General Meeting	Thurs, May 30th, 6:15pm, Plantation HS
Policy and Bylaws Committee	May 23 rd , May 30 th 9:15am-11:30am
Redefining Board Vote	June 18th

I. Adjourn - Lucie Dicapua - 2nd Valerie Leath - Motion passed unanimously at 905PM.

Submitted respectfully,

Nicole Kearney

On behalf of Absent Recording Secretary

Links and Resources Discussed During Meeting

- **NAAC Website:** <http://northareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/>; 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>