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Attendance:

SAF Sign In - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZYMYvQBChDRZVMLxGVfT9mUKX_jV38Pt/view?usp=sharing

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General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

A. Call to Order

Time: 6:28 PM

By: Chair, Cynthia Dominique

B. Housekeeping

- Sign-in required for attendance to be counted. Members missing 3 consecutive or 4 total meetings lose good standing.
- **Please ask one question or make one comment** at a time until we have allowed all members to speak at least once. Guest may speak if time permits.
- Respectful conduct is mandatory.

C. . Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: Cynthia Dominique

- **First:** Ms. Bogle
- **Second:** Ms. Dubaniwecz ("Grandma D")
- **Outcome:** Unanimous approval

D. Presentation: Student Health Services

Presenter: Heather Katcher and Ms. Joanne

Key Highlights:

1. **Philosophy:** Prioritize keeping students in school. Proper evaluation before sending students to the clinic or home.
2. **Services Provided:**
 - State-mandated health screenings (vision, hearing, growth) for grades K, 1, 3, and 6 (that's over 70,000 students)
 - Services provided include treatment of chronic and acute conditions, medication administration, health education, immunizations, along with individualized healthcare and emergency care plans.
 - We are the only District in the State of Florida with licensed nurses in every public-school clinic. Schools also have two unlicensed non-medical staff trained to serve as back-up.
3. **Nursing Staff:**

- BCPS has 25 district-employed licensed nurses; others are provided via a School Board approved contract agency including SNAP (State funded nurses) Care nurses. For comparison Miami-Dade only have five nurses!!
 1. BCPS accepts licensed nurses at all levels when coming to us through an agency. In other words, there is no minimum years of experience for agency nurses. For a direct, hired nurse, the min years of experience is 2 years because we don't have the support the agencies have to continuously support and train their staff.
 2. As another layer of accountability, our District has Clinical Team Leads that oversee 10 schools at a time. The Agency nurses also have supervisor's that oversee the nurses in their schools.
- Minimum 2 years' experience required for district-employed nurses; no minimum for agency nurses, raising concerns.
- We are leading the state in the SNAP grant with 57 nurses funded by the state.

4. Telehealth (Hazel Health):

- Allows virtual doctor consultations and prescriptions. Hazel Health can even provide the parent with a "return to school" letter.
- Available weekends and school breaks with parental consent.
- Many of the schools just don't even know about this to promote it. Not all schools have this though! If they ask for it, they can get it though! Here is the contact if you want to find out if your school has this set up OR request it for your school: Ava.Norris@BrowardSchools.com The school needs to be on board before you student gets registered.
- Call to Action: Parents simply need to sign their child up for this once it's offered at their school.
- How does this work with Health Insurance? If you have Medicaid they will bill it, but the parent will not get a charge. It's FREE.

5. Policy Updates:

- Beginning of the Year Process: FL Statute 1014.04 and SB Policy 5.1 : School Districts are required, at the beginning of each year to notify parents of each health care service available to their student through the district and all parents to consent to or decline each service.
- Self-administration of OTC medications (grades 9–12) and certain prescribed medications like inhalers, EpiPens, Diabetes medication (all grades) allowed with proper documentation.
 1. To name a few, OTC medications include: Tylenol, TUMS, Advil, Motrin, Midol, Allegra, Lactaid, Claritin.
 2. Authorization for selected OTC with parental approval only must be signed by the parent/guardian and notarized (most schools do have notary's).
- Seizures/Epilepsy – FL Statute 1006.0626 mandates that all staff who has contact with students with seizures/epilepsy must complete one of the FL DOE approved seizure training courses.

Concerns Raised:

- Insufficient nurse staffing hours for documentation. The District hired nurses are hired to work the same number of hours as teachers. Snap Care nurses do have additional hours – they have an 8-hour day, so they're able to do a longer day.
- Need for improved communication about Hazel Health availability.
- There are major concerns raised over the number of minimum years of experience required for nurses from the agencies. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of nurses applying to schools to be nurses. Finding nurses with solid experience, willing to accept the BCPS pay, the lack of insurance, benefits, etc. is the challenge.
- Life vacs for choking have been mentioned recently – will we get these? No because they're not FDA approved., among other reasons.

Recommendations:

- Host meet-and-greet sessions between school nurses and parents of students with medical needs.
- Concerns over the Health Condition verbiage in the form. Feedback was given to re-word the language for chronic health conditions section of the form.
- Ensure Hazel Health materials are available in multiple languages.

E. Old Business

1. Calendar Updates
 - i. Option 1 approved; middle schools gain 10 additional minutes.
2. Redefining Updates:
 - Broward Estates is being closed and is redefined as a school for birth-age 5.
3. Academics Follow-Up: I-ready grading, District Grading Standard
 - i. Standardized syllabi and grading inconsistencies raised as concerns.
 - ii. There is a limit to the percentage a grade can be weighed by tests for the school year and that's 45%.

F. Open Forum

Discussion Highlights:

- Issues with record changes for students' nicknames affecting official documentation.

G. Announcements

COMMITTEE/MEETING	DATE
DISTRICT ADVISORY GENERAL MEETING AT KCW	January 8 th at 6:15pm- 8:45pm
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON TEAMS	January 13 th at 9:30-11:30am
ALL SCHOOLS SHOWCASE	January 14 th at 5pm
***NORTH AREA GENERAL MEETING AT MONARCH HIGH	January 16th at 6:15pm-8:45pm
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING- REDEFINING VOTE	January 22 nd at 8:45am

H. Adjournment

Time: 8:50 PM

Motion: Michael Pezzicola

Second: Nancy Fry

Submitted respectfully,

Danielle Dunfee

Recording Secretary