

Broward County Public Schools  
**North Area Advisory Council**  
**General Meeting Agenda**  
Monarch High School 5050 Wiles Road Coconut Creek, FL 33073  
January 16, 2025 at 6:15-9:00pm



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**A.** Call to Order Time: 6:25 PM  
By: Chair, Cynthia Dominique

**B.** House Keeping

- 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. Guests may speak if time permits.
- Respectful conduct is mandatory.

**C.** Approval of Minutes Motion to Approve December Minutes

- First: Nancy Fry
- Second: Sasha Hillman
- Outcome: Unanimous approval

**D. Presentation and Discussion Highlights**

**1. Academics Update**

• **Upcoming February Meeting:**

Melissa Holt (Elementary) and Richie Vaughn (Over Testing) will be presenting.

**2. Updates from the North Region**

• **Mr. Santana (for Dr. Fleming):**

- Mid-year testing is wrapping up; principals are encouraged to bring comparisons with initial tests to SAC meetings.
- The Middle School Expo, proposed by Cynthia last year, led to the District's first showcase this year, with positive early feedback.

• **Dr. Fleming:**

- Emphasized the increased support for schools with high numbers of new teachers (70% of teachers in some schools are in their first 3 years). The regional office is providing additional coaching.

**3. Feedback from the All-School Showcase:**

• **Positive:** Great participation from various schools, including technical programs and a well-executed event.

• **Areas for Improvement:**

- Tight spaces upstairs (Middle/High Schools).
- Directions were unclear; better guidance needed.
- Schools should be arranged by zones or regions for clarity.
- Focus on marketing to people outside of Broward Schools.

• **Next Year:** Consider QR codes for attendance tracking and feedback collection.

**4. Testing Best Practices**

- **Principal Suggestions:**
    - Mimic high-stakes testing in classroom assessments.
    - Ensure support staff check in with students with 504 plans.
    - Ensure breakfast options are available for latecomers.
  - **Incentives:** Encouraged use of community partners for testing incentives, such as free prom tickets for proficient students.
  - **Policy Changes for EOC Waivers:** Graduation requirement grades are unlikely to be waived.
5. **Local School Experience**
- **Rewards and Incentives:**
    - Schools using game rooms, craft rooms, or science rooms for incentives.
    - Parking spots awarded for student nominations.
    - PTA-run school store open Tuesday/Thursday mornings.
  - **Parents are encouraged to volunteer** at high school stores and programs.
6. **Food and Nutrition Updates**
- **Community Eligibility Program:** Requires completion of waivers for students receiving free lunch.
  - **Share Table:** Unused food from the cafeteria can be donated to families in need. Review scheduled for March.
  - **Medical Statement:** Required annually to request special meal accommodations.
7. **Policy Changes**
- **1020 Policy:**
    - Public speaking time limited to 10 minutes per person.
    - Chair reports count towards speaking time.
  - **1070 Policy:**
    - Chair terms reduced to 2 years. A chair cannot serve on more than one board.
8. **Academic and Grading Updates**
- **School Improvement Plans (SIPs):** Encourage SAC/SAF chairs to request academic data from school administrators during meetings.
9. **State-Mandated Instruction:**
- Focus on mental health and other mandates, including tools like Laurie's Kids. Discussion on the Broward Mental Health Allocation Plan for 2024-2025.
  - Upcoming Mental Health Fair or Expo to provide resources and parent/student sessions.
  - Potential subcommittee meeting in the last week of February/early March.
10. **Social Worker Program:**
- SAC/SAF chairs encouraged to inquire about social worker staffing and availability at schools. Many social workers cover multiple schools.
11. **SEDNET Updates:**
- Efforts are underway to invite SEDNET representatives to speak at a future meeting.
12. **Graduation 2025 Information:**
- Link provided in the agenda with detailed graduation requirements and rates.
13. **School Counseling and Life Skills Wellness:**
- Link provided for those interested in learning more about life skills programs and wellness initiatives.
14. **School Software List and Link:**
- Shared in the agenda for reference.
15. **Open Discussion - ESE Support Facilitators Shortage:**
- Discussion on the shortage of ESE support facilitators in the North Area. Dr. Fleming will provide more details in the next meeting.
16. **Upcoming Events:**
- **PTA Health Fair:** March 15, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Trade Winds.

## **E. Old Business**

1. **Broward Estates:** Vote to be presented to the Board on January 22, 2025.
2. **iReady Access:** Ongoing discussions about grading inconsistencies and the use of common formative assessments.

## **F. Open Forum**

- **Testing Incentives:** Continued discussion on best practices for testing days and how to support students in high-stakes assessments.

## **G. Announcements**

- DAC Meeting: February 12, 2025
- North Area Advisory Meeting: February 20, 2025

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:49 PM

**Minutes Taken By:** Michael Pezzicola