

Broward County Public Schools

**North Area Advisory Council**

**General Meeting Minutes**

April 17th, 2025 at 6:15pm-8:45pm

Monarch High School 5050 Wiles Road Coconut Creek, FL 33073

[Virtual TEAMS Link](#)



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Chair- Cynthia Dominique Vice Chair- Karla Figueroa Recording Secretary- Danielle Dunfee

Corresponding Secretary- Lucie Dicapua Communications Chair- Nicole Kearney

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:21 PM by Chair Cynthia Dominique.

**B. Housekeeping Reminders**

- Sign-in is required for attendance credit.
- Members must maintain good standing by attending required meetings.
- Please participate respectfully and take turns speaking.
- Ethics training must be completed.

**C. Approval of Minutes**

- March meeting minutes will be posted by early next week.
- Approval tabled until the May meeting.

**D. Nominations Committee Report – Presented by Nominations Chair, Michael Pezzicola**

- Elections will be held at the next meeting.
- Nominations committee first considered members in current positions and those eligible based on term limits of the position.
- Must be a Parent & SAF Chair or Co-Chair to fulfill the following positions.

Nominations:

- Chair: Michael Pezzicola (Accepted)
- Vice Chair: Nicole Morst (Accepted)
  - Cynthia Dominique and Lucie Dicapua declined
  - Tai Quay Bogle (Declined)
  - Ms. Javon Sampson (Pending)
- Recording Secretary: Danielle Dunfee (Declined but will remain until role is filled)
- Corresponding Secretary: Lucie Dicapua (Accepted)
- Communications Chair: Nicole Kearney (Accepted)
- Elementary Rep to DAC (must attend the mtgs held montly): Shasha Hilbon (Pending SAF Chair status)
- Middle School Rep to DAC (must attend the mtgs held montly): Ms. Javon Sampson (Conditional on SAF Chair status)

#### **E. North Region Superintendents Office Updates – Presented by Dr. Fleming**

- This week, Principals were briefed on significant budget projection changes that will impact every school and likely staff reductions.
- Budget planning conferences begin next week with School Directors & Principals.
- Ratios for Assistant Principals (AP's) and guidance counselors are aligned based on school's population. At the Elementary Schools, if your enrollment is 1,000 students, you get a second Assistant Principal. There are also ranges that determine how many custodians a school will get back on their population.
  - The numbers of students in an Elementary School dictate how many Specials that school has.
  - For Example: Heron Heights has 1,200 students with 1 principal, 2 APs, 1 coach.
- The District saw a 1,700-student drop in second-language speakers this year
- Universal meal programs may be impacted (because they are federal funding).
- Broward teacher exit interviews cite pay and lack of support (training, comfort in doing the job). Many times, it takes up to a year for a teacher to be comfortable.
  - The standard teacher salary in Broward is \$60K.
  - Chair, Cynthia Dominique mentioned a conversation she had with the Superintendent last week at the DAC Meeting regarding teacher sentiment toward the lack of support from coaches. Coaches should focus on classroom support—not events or decorating.
  - **SAF Chairs: Ask how many coaches are at your school and what their roles entail.**
- The Bill that impacted school start times has died. However, the new K-8 schools (as part of the redefining) will have their school start times discussed at the next School Board Mtg.

#### **F. Summer Learning Opportunities- Presented by Cece Spencer from Breakthrough Miami**

- Provides academic enrichment program for under-resourced 5th–12th graders that uses student-teacher-students model.
- Applications currently open (limited seats available).
- Only holds 45 seats per grade; 6-week summer program with transport.
- ACT prep by 9th grade.
- Held at St. Andrews School; looking to expand to FIU in Broward.
  - Partner with UM in Miami and working on FIU for Broward.
- Looking for academically motivated 4<sup>th</sup> Graders with a B average or higher...
- 8 Year Commitment...9 times out of 10, then only accept 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- All teachers are high school or college age students
- Funded by the Children's Trust
- 6 Weeks throughout the Summer (9am-4pm and offer transportation) & two Saturdays in the School Year

#### **G. School Budgets and Title 1 Changes- Presented by Dr. Kaplan from Coral Glades HS**

- Expect staffing changes
- In 2008 BCPS experienced drastic cuts, esp. with support staff cuts – custodian, clerical, etc. Schools never got back to pre-2008 levels with these positions.
- Due to changes taking place in the District & State Legislature, there are expected impacts on IB/Cambridge programs.
- Class sizes and Dual Enrollment course offerings may be affected by legislation.
  - Dual-Enrollment are run by the college, so for those school's class sizes are dictated by the college. If this legislation passes, it will hamper our ability to offer as many dual-enrollment spots.
- Principals have to be very cognizant of their projection numbers. Although FTE is twice a year, our District does not budget twice a year. Rather, we use historical data for annual projections.

- **SAF Chairs: How many students does your school lose between the FTE windows? What is your school's projection factor? If it's more than 1 that means you gain students between October and February.**
- Budget timeline:
  - January: Principals start budget process by surveying teachers/admin planning to stay through the next year.
  - Feb/March: Projected Membership
  - March/May: Budget Projections
  - June/Sept: Benchmarking
  - Oct & Feb: FTE counts
- Economic strategies: extra period supplements, shared teaching.
  - Middle & High Schools give out extra period supplements to teachers who want them. From an economic standpoint it's better to give teachers the opportunity to drop their planning period for an extra class because they can make more money and it's cheaper for the school rather than hiring another individual to cover those classes.
  - Teachers CAN do shared supplements with other schools. For example – Coral Glades has an Orchestra teacher that does two supplement classes there and also teaches at the Middle School.
- Virtual courses impact school FTE funding.
  - There are some High School's that lose ~\$500K a year from students who are taking FL Virtual Classes instead of BVS (Broward Virtual) courses. The Broward Schools will get dingd for students who do a FL Virtual on their FTE.
- FL Education Finance Program is based on a per student basis (FTE) and then the State assigns weights on certain groups of students. There's gifted funded, ESOL, but it's based on the student themselves, it has nothing to do on their performance to the FAST. The school GRADE and bonuses are though. Then again, a school gets a low grade, it effects enrollment, which will affect FTE.
  - Pre-K programs do not factor into the school's FTE or into the school's enrollment. Pre-K is fee based at many schools in the District.
    - Coral Glades HS has a Pre-K now so that the students taking early learning vocational programs have an opportunity to do their labs in the Pre-K class. Taravella High School is doing this too.
  - ESOL is funded based on where the student is scheduled. However, that student has to actually be in ESOL classes.
  - Students in Gifted are not funded the same way as ESOL.
  - If you have a student that is ESE and ESOL – how do you count that student for their FTE weight? The highest weighted category is what counts for that student.
- If a school receives a grant or donation, this is not reported in the school's budget. Rather, it goes into the school's internal account. Important - the letter from the grantor/donor absolutely needs to specify what that donation money is covering.
  - For Example: Deerfield Beach Middle School has a new Media Center, but no budget for books to put on their shelves. If the school is able to secure grant money to cover the cost of books, the letter from the grantor needs to specify - The Deerfield Beach Media Center Books.

## H. Facilities & Open Work Orders

- Open Work Order Document was shared with those at the meeting for all school.
- Deerfield Beach Elementary School raised concerns over Smart Bond Funding for a multi-million-dollar project that was awarded, but work never done. With the Smart Bond Funding sunseted, those funds should be dedicated to DBES.

- Landscaping issues at your School? Contact Director of Plant Operations – when you see landscaping, dead trees, lawn issues at your school they manage that.

## I. Policy Updates

### **Policy 1920 (formerly 1164) – Stakeholder Engagement & Feedback**

- South Area passed a motion to adopt Policy 1164 that was drafted in July 2023. Central Area recommended same, just didn't have quorum to pass that motion.
- North Area Recommendation: That the Board reject proposed Policy 1920.

#### **Motion**

- **Motion: The North Area recommends that the Board reject the Policy 1920 and adopt the draft of Policy 1164 from July 27, 2023 as the new Policy 1920.**
  - o Proposed by: Michael Pezzicola
  - o Seconded by: Becky Leung
- Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.

#### Discussion Points:

- Language is ambiguous.
- Concerns over the striked terms surrounding looping & communication in lieu of town halls.

## **Motion to Extend Meeting by 10 Minutes**

- Motion: Cynthia Dominique
- Second: Nancy Fry

### **Policy 6400 School Choice Rule Development and Policy 8010 School Boundaries**

- MSD has 147 Open Seats which is almost the equivalent to what was taken out the year prior.
- Coral Glades is at 108% capacity and now we have a situation where many of those families prefer to stay at Coral Glades.
- The proposal was to make this a boundary choice for the re-zoned families.
- Sibling priority request denied.
- Nicole Morst noted that in the 2019 Boundary Proposals, the Demographics team advised the School Board against community-specific boundary proposals due to their potential to create contention within neighborhoods. "Unfortunately, despite that guidance, they moved forward with them anyway."

## J. Curriculum and Instructional Materials-Science Adoption

- Science adoption approved.
- Info posted on North Area website and by grade level.

## K. Old Business:

1. Superintendents Calendar Committee- 2 Year Calendar
  - a) Calendar committee presented two drafts for each of the years.
  - b) Both Keeping Thanksgiving as an entire week
  - c) Most options had School started on the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 10<sup>th</sup>
  - d) Spring Break was a significant change...Proposal to move into the second week in March.
  - e) Survey to be released for parent input.
2. District Surveys of Students and Parental Consent
  - a) District student surveys and parental consent discussion tabled.

3. District Websites Updates
  - a) District focused on improving school sites before full redesign of the District’s Website.
  - b) Cynthia Dominique and Becky Leung participated in review session.
  
4. Policy 1070/**Future of Advisories**- Superintendents Task Force- Committee Structure Review;
  - a) Proposed:
    1. Reducing chair positions to two years
    2. Removing the 2/3 majority. For example: There’s a lack of volunteers/nominations to take Cynthia’s Chair position, 2/3 of the body could vote to keep Cynthia as the Chair.
    3. One cannot sit on the Board of more than more committee. (For example – cannot be the Vice Chair of North Area & Chair of Gifted Committee)
  - b) Email feedback to: [supt\\_taskforce@browardschools.com](mailto:supt_taskforce@browardschools.com)

**Motion to Extend Meeting by 2 Minutes**

- Motion: Cynthia Dominique
- Second: Nicole Morst

**L. Important Information for SAF Chairs:**

1. SAF/SAC Elections at your schools in the beginning of April
2. School budgets must be reviewed jointly with SAF/SAC.
3. SIP planning and training underway for 2025–26.

**M. Committee Reports, SAF Chair Reports and District Advisory Updates**

1. **Zoning and Enrollment: Proposal for MSD Boundary Choice Area for Students displaced by boundary change; Policy 5070 Enrollment and Withdrawal**

**N. Announcements**

COMMITTEE/MEETING	DATE
DISTRICT ADVISORY GENERAL MEETING AT KCW	May 14th at 6:15pm- 8:45pm
***NORTH AREA GENERAL MEETING AT MONARCH HIGH	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15- 9:00pm</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENTS TASK FORCE- COMMITTEE STRUCTURE REVIEW</b>	April 17 <sup>th</sup> at 1-3pm on Teams; April 21 <sup>st</sup> at 4:30-6:30pm on Teams; April 28 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at KCW

**O. Adjournment**

Time: 8:59 PM

Motion to Adjourn: Jessica Brenner

**Important Links**

**Breakthrough Miami:** <https://breakthroughmiami.org/>

**North Area Budget Training Presentation:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FPte4xxTtalwQEoBLxIEC8iTaOs2rUT6/view?usp=sharing>

**Title 1 Funding Presentation:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nCUcaCTFasoGMdL6aqBvHrLLFafNRyQg/view?usp=sharing>

**Budget Training Recording 4/30/2024:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kfh6DKMbYo72ZurjPx9Rp4vY34CoqOcQ/view?usp=sharing>

**Instructional and Digital Material:** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/39457>

**Instructional and Digital Materials Science Adoption Hearing on 2/11/25:**

<https://browardschools.granicus.com/player/clip/454>; **Presentation:** [e5d971db-d4f0-11ef-a9e2-005056a89546-63aa63db-254e-4225-a5ca-ccef6a4e1570-1738099559.pdf](https://www.browardschools.granicus.com/player/clip/454)

**Instructional and Digital Materials Board Meeting Science Adoption Approval on 3/11/25:**

[https://browardschools.granicus.com/player/clip/464?meta\\_id=248093](https://browardschools.granicus.com/player/clip/464?meta_id=248093)

FLDOE Instruction Material Updates: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/instructional-materials/>

Policy 1920 Revision Matrix: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y\\_OTUKUAGKSq791Yg0C3cAycU-Cn6u0d/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y_OTUKUAGKSq791Yg0C3cAycU-Cn6u0d/view?usp=sharing)

SBBC Workshop on Policy 1920 on 4/8/25 Meeting Transcripts:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FRe3hnAOjchxiBFzvwHVtN3JhJga9UI5/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111203372059625663099&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Policy 1164 Draft from 7/27/2023 (Collaboration with District):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H8l4H80ZmN05-sSWoJW0BCyQQu6THVq-/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111203372059625663099&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Proposed Policy 1920 Formerly 1164: [https://legistarweb-](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3148194/Policy_1164_Redlined_Revised_C_C.pdf)

[production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3148194/Policy\\_1164\\_Redlined\\_Revised\\_C\\_C.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3148194/Policy_1164_Redlined_Revised_C_C.pdf)

School Board Vote to NOT repeal Policy 1164 on 9/13/22: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dQLv5\\_bEKi-XVj00ISdE\\_rXUSC6sWS0-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dQLv5_bEKi-XVj00ISdE_rXUSC6sWS0-/view?usp=sharing)

Open Work Orders as of 3/3/2025:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zM1aC4SVwGoUnu1zpeqUHBhe0kFbGXbM/view?usp=sharing>

Policy 6400: [\[production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2875927/Policy6400\\\_Clean09202024.pdf\]\(https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/2875927/Policy6400\_Clean09202024.pdf\)](https://legistarweb-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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School Board Meetings, Agenda Packets, and Recorded Videos:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Domain/12453>

Student Performance Data: [\[production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3154422/Presentation.pdf\]\(https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3154422/Presentation.pdf\)](https://legistarweb-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

School Improvement Department and Plans: <https://www.browardschools.com/page/35378>

School Accountability and Improvement Policy:

[https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy\\_1403](https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy_1403)

School Accountability and Improvement Guidelines:

[https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy\\_1403](https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy_1403)

School Advisory Forum Policy:

[https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy\\_1.3.pdf](https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy_1.3.pdf)