

Broward County Public Schools
North Area Advisory Council
GENERAL MEETING
MONARCH HIGHSCHOOL
February 19, 2026
6:15-8:45 PM



AGENDA

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Chair- Nicole Morst Vice Chair- Michael Pezzicola Recording Secretary- Nicole Kearney
Corresponding Secretary- Lucie Dicapua Communications Chair- Karla Figueroa

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A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:20 PM**.

Attendance & Quorum:

- SAF Chairs and members were reminded to sign in to ensure attendance is recorded.
- Guest sign-in was also available.
- Members were reminded that to remain in good standing, attendance at meetings is required. Missing **three consecutive meetings or four total meetings** may result in loss of good standing.
- Meeting etiquette was reviewed, including allowing one question or comment at a time, guest participation as time permits, and maintaining respectful dialogue.
- Reminder was issued to complete required **Ethics Training**. Lucy is available to assist, and an email link will be sent to all members.

Quorum Status:

- Meeting began **3 members over quorum**, with **21 of 37 members present**.
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B. North Region Updates — Dr. Flemming

- A **School Board Workshop** was held on Tuesday with a **budget update**.
- District faces an **\$80 million reduction** due to decreased student enrollment.
- A **hard hiring freeze** remains in effect.
- **70 district employees** were redeployed from central offices to schools.

DAC Follow-Up:

- Provide a list of **open central office roles** and identify **work currently not being completed** as a result of staffing changes.

Security Staffing:

- Positions related to security — a prior DAC concern — have been **approved for hiring** by the Superintendent.

Academic Update:

- **PM2 academic data** is nearly equivalent to **last year's PM3 (end-of-year) results**, reflecting strong academic progress.
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C. Student Services Department — Ms. Jill Mastall

Director, Coordinated Student Health Services | (754) 321-1575

Hazel Health (Telehealth Services)

- District agreement began in **2021** and expires in **2026**.
- Hazel Health provides **telehealth services**, not intended to replace school nurses.
- Contract has been **free for five years** to build market presence in Florida.
Hazel Health is now proposing **renewal with fees**, including physical and mental health services.
- **76 schools** have met the **20% opt-in threshold** required for service activation.
- **6 schools** joined in the past month.
- **2,405 students** currently have access, with **4,002 visits** this year (1% of total enrollment of ~230,000 students).
- **10% of visits occur virtually at home**.
- Top visit reasons: headache, sore throat, cough.

Billing & Insurance:

- No student is turned away for lack of insurance.
- Insurance is billed only if voluntarily provided.
- District has received limited reports of families receiving bills and is investigating.
- Hazel does **not access insurance information without parent consent**.

Status:

- District is **not renewing the contract at this time**.
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Nurses and Clinics

- **47 schools** currently do **not have a full-time nurse**.
- Clinical nurses visit schools **once per week** to maintain compliance.
- District clinics average **1,600 visits per day**.

Follow-Up Questions:

- How were nurses funded **prior to COVID funding**?
- What **autism training** is provided to nurses?

Schools without nurses have **two staff members trained** in basic medical care and first aid.

Mandated Health Screenings

- Required screenings:
 - **Vision:** All grades
 - **Hearing:** All except 3rd
 - **BMI:** All except Kindergarten
 - **Scoliosis:** 6th grade
 - Parents must **opt out** per state law.
 - Consent for school clinics is **separate from Hazel Health**.
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D. Exceptional Student Education (ESE) — Stephanie Acosta Castro

- District employs **130 school psychologists**.
- Current caseloads meet compliance requirements, though additional staffing would be beneficial.
- **10–12 vacancies** currently (exact count pending).

Evaluation Timelines & Procedures

- Parent consent **starts the legal timeline**.
- Assessments must be completed within **60 days**.
- Reevaluations allowed up to **90 days**.
- District submits **monthly compliance reports** to the state.

Assessment Data

- **2,910 total evaluations** (PreK–12).
- PreK Assessment Center:
 - **519 completed**
 - **750 in progress / projected for year-end**
- Goal is **single-day testing** to minimize parent work absences.

Parent Rights

A. Independent evaluations may be requested at **district expense** if parents disagree with findings.

Follow-Up:

- State compliance **scorecard** to be shared by Stacy.
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E. District Hiring Freeze — Security Impacts

- Superintendent approved filling **security positions** despite hiring freeze.
- Budget Office confirmed **no hiring freeze on security roles**.
- As of October, all security positions were filled; **approximately 40 vacancies currently exist**.

Follow-Up Requests:

- Number and location of current vacancies
- Attrition rates and causes
- Posting and hiring timelines
- January 13 security staffing allocation updates

Staffing Structure

- **104 positions eliminated** for efficiency.
- Security agent role requires **law enforcement background**; campus monitors do not.
- Elementary schools currently staffed with **two campus monitors per school**.

School-Specific Concern:

- **Eagle Ridge** security reduction concerns to be shared directly with the Chief.
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F. Open Discussions, Topics & Motions

Budget & Staffing Allocations

- Middle schools assigned **three assistant principals regardless of enrollment**.
- Staffing and specialty resources will now be **driven by enrollment levels**.
- Attrition of ~1,000 positions primarily affects **central office**, not schools.

Enrollment Notifications

- Delayed acceptance notifications are causing **student loss to private schools**.
 - Private school deadlines passed **without timely district notifications**.
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Testing Workshop Update — Lisa & Lucie

- School Board was receptive to concerns.
- Feedback highlighted over-testing and lack of parental input.

Follow-Up Actions:

- Conduct focus groups with **parents, teachers, and students**.
 - Issue a **Pivot Memo** clarifying which tests are **optional**, as many schools are administering all tests unnecessarily.
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Motions

Motion:

Karla moved, Muriel seconded:

- We move that the district provide a written memorandum that comes from the supt office to all principals and SAC chairs with further distribution to all SAC members that all accountability funds, class wallet roll over funds, and recognition funds available to SAC must be spent by the end of the school year.

Vote: Motion passed, **1 opposed**.

G. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026 Minutes:

- Motion: Muriel
 - Second: Karla
 - **Approved**
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H. Elections — Open Roles

- Middle School Representative (2)
 - High School Representative (2)
 - Teacher Representative (2)
 - Student Advisor (1)
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I. Old Business & Updates

- **Graduation venues** returned to prior locations — positive outcome.
- **Student lunch obligations** transitioned to My School Bucks system.
- **Coconut Creek initiative:** Community organizations paid outstanding balances to support graduating students.
- **Accelerated Funds:** Principals surveyed regarding testing needs; funding distribution pending.

Key Guidance:

- All **accountability and A+ funds should be spent annually**.
 - SAC approval is required.
 - Chairs advised **not to rely on fund rollovers**.
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Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

- Nicole Morst motioned
- Mike Pezzicola seconded
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM**

DISTRICT ADVISORY GENERAL MEETING AT PLANTATION HIGH

MARCH 4TH AT 6:15 PM- 8:45 PM

NORTH AREA GENERAL MEETING AT MONARCH HIGH

MARCH 11TH AT 6:15 PM- 8:45 PM

****WEDNESDAY****

Important Links

- **MANDATORY Advisory Ethics Training:**
<https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/human-resources/hr-operations/committee-training-program-resource-page>
- **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>
- **School Board Meetings, Agenda Packets, and Recorded Videos:**
<https://www.browardschools.com/Domain/12453>
- **Student Performance Data:**
<https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3154422/Presentation.pdf>
- **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
- **School Accountability and Improvement Guidelines:**
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- **School Advisory Forum Policy:**
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