

Broward County Public Schools  
North Area Advisory Council  
GENERAL MEETING  
MONARCH HIGHSCHOOL  
March 11, 2026  
6:15-8:45 PM



MINUTES

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- A. Call to Order** - By Vice Chair, Michael Pezzicola at 6:22pm
- B. Meeting Etiquette**- SAF Chairs, please remember to sign in so that your attendance is recorded, a Guest Sign in is also available. To remain in good standing, SAF Chairs and Members must attend meetings regularly. Missing 3 consecutive meetings or 4 total will result in loss of good standing. When speaking, **ask one question or make one comment** at a time to ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate. Guests may speak if time permits. Please be respectful throughout the meeting and **complete the Ethics Training if you have not already done so.**
- C. Old Business & Updates**
- **Redefining**
  - **Accelerated Funds** - Update from NAAC Facebook group: Last month we passed a motion that the district send clear direction to principals and SAC chairs regarding our Accountability funds. Today, the Superintendent said he was working with the CFO to determine if the Accountability funds would be allowed to rollover. The importance of allowing these funds to rollover is because the state vetoed these funds in 2021, so we have not received any new funding since. We use these funds to support our school improvement plans. It's important that schools are allowed to carry over as we budget for programs such as ELO camps and SAT prep yearly. We will keep you updated as to when the item will come before the board so you can sign up to speak and/or send emails.
- Also, Mrs. Hixon asked that a forward facing dashboard be created to track principal requests and payouts for projects and needs related to accelerated funding. For the sake of transparency, we appreciate this idea and look forward to seeing it implemented.
- Question about private aftercare funds that were withheld - a list was provided to principals with those amounts as of today
- **Testing**

#### D. North Region Updates/Presentation - North Region Office Structure and Roles – Presented by Dr. Veda Hudge

- Dr. Hudge provided an overview of the Region Office Support Model, its structure, and the roles/responsibilities of team members:
  - Regional Superintendent: Provides leadership for schools in the region, oversees academic programs, staffing, and operational priorities.
  - Assistant Superintendents: Support schools in curriculum, instruction, and student services; oversee data analysis and compliance.
  - Regional Directors: Focus on specialized areas such as attendance, student behavior, parent engagement, and equity initiatives.
  - Operational Support Staff: Handle logistics, budget guidance, HR support, and resource allocation.
  - District broken up into North, Central and South Regions and also the School Transformation Office (STO) which covers historically struggling schools across the District for personalized support - there are 21 school sites currently included, with Parkridge Elem, Tedder Elem and Markham Elem being the schools in the North
- Office's mission: improve student outcomes by supporting schools with targeted interventions, fostering collaboration, and ensuring consistent access to resources.
- Reference was made to **the Wallace Foundation** and its research supporting leadership development and regional office strategies that positively impact student outcomes.
- Emphasized addressing root causes of attendance issues, promoting equity, and improving communication with families and school leaders.
- Districts Goals for the last 2 years was to have no "D" or "F" schools which has been achieved - now the goal is to reduce the number of "C" schools

#### Committee Questions & Discussion:

- Parents inquired about returning assessment results; Dr. Hudge indicated a steering committee is reviewing testing communications and would follow up with details.
- Discussion on recognition of attendance improvements: emphasis on equitable acknowledgment rather than solely perfect attendance.
- The committee raised questions on classroom size, budget allocations, and support for innovative programs; Dr. Hudge clarified priorities and process for resource distribution.
- ?How do we incentivize school performance as school recognition funding goes down as more schools become eligible?
- Legislative advocacy and parent engagement: highlighted limited pipeline and need for stronger communication between district, regional office, and families.
- Further Comments can be given on this Survey:  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y7Ws7nBTWEOpagN4PJXUImxUpO0iY19EuwM\\_6lyEJmZUNzBKM1hVOFFKNzJNTFdBQ081VDRKVIIJUC4u&origin=QRCode](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y7Ws7nBTWEOpagN4PJXUImxUpO0iY19EuwM_6lyEJmZUNzBKM1hVOFFKNzJNTFdBQ081VDRKVIIJUC4u&origin=QRCode)

#### E. Budget Office - CFO & Budget Director - NOT AVAILABLE FOR MEETING

#### F. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 19, 2026 - one correction the header of the document should say "MINUTES" not "Agenda" - Motion to Approve as corrected by Cynthia Dominique, 2nd by Kimberly Hormann - Motion passed with none opposed.

#### G. Open Discussions/Topics & Motions from SAF Chairs

- **School Advisory Council Funds**
  - Clarified three main funding buckets:
    1. **School Discretionary and Lottery Funding:** Last fully funded in 2021; intended to support school improvement goals.

2. **Classroom Supply Funding (“Class Wallet”):** \$300 per certified teacher annually; unused funds roll over to the school advisory council.

3. **School Recognition Funds:** One-time use for bonuses or temporary staffing; must be voted on by SAC.

- Clarified that aftercare funds are separate and not part of SAC allocations.
- Discussion on proper use of funds, rollovers, and ensuring schools are not “panic spending” at year-end.
- Emphasis on balance between spending funds for students’ benefit and maintaining required district fund balances (3%).
- The committee noted the importance of oversight and requesting receipts for fund expenditures.
- Highlighted need for timely communication from district offices to principals and SACs to prevent confusion.
- Funding clarification: committee discussed potential for funds to be returned to fund balance if unspent and implications for future allocations.
- Legislative updates: members encouraged to engage with local legislature for education priorities; district seeks improved parent communication.
- Testing communications: need for detailed incident reports for students with special needs emphasized.
- Transparency and accountability: discussion on district operations, equitable resource allocation, and fostering collaborative culture across departments.

**Motion to Extend the Meeting by 7 Minutes by Muriel Theophin-Atilus, 2nd by Cynthia Dominique - Motion passed with none opposed.**

- School choice: brief discussion on enrollment trends and K–8 school expansions; financial implications noted.
  - **\*\*COMMITTEE REQUESTED FOLLOW-UP:** Provide the number of choice seats available per grade at each school and the current number of choice seats enrolled per grade at each school- make this information public on the District website, including the demographics for the enrolled seats\*\*
- Question: what is the District doing to get kids into low-enrolled schools and avoid takeover by Schools of Hope?

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:52pm by Muriel Theophin-Atilus, 2nd by Lucie Dicapua - Motion passed with none opposed.**

## H. Upcoming Dates/Important Reminders

DISTRICT ADVISORY GENERAL MEETING AT KC WRIGHT BUILDING	APRIL 8TH AT 6:15 PM- 8:45 PM
NORTH AREA GENERAL MEETING AT MONARCH HIGH	APRIL 16TH AT 6:15 PM- 8:45 PM

### 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/1FPte4xxTtalwOFoBlxIFC8iTaOs2rUT6/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](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)