

BROWARD COUNTY
North Area Advisory Council General Meeting (Draft)
LOCATION: Virtual

Meeting Date: 1/20/2022

Committee Members: See attendance

Discussion

Follow-Up

Item #1 Welcome	Meeting called to order 6:38 pm	Chair: Cynthia Dominique
Item #2 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of November NAAC Minutes Minutes can not be approved due to virtual meeting 	
Item #3 New Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAAC is Going Green http://northareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/ Please register on the website to receive all NAAC emails Register (Top left under "Home") Limited agendas and minutes will be distributed at the NAAC meetings 	Salif Dabo, NAAC Middle School Rep
Item #4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Etiquette Attendance Requirement – (See Sunshine Laws) 	Cynthia Dominique Chair

New Business

Item #5	<p>Policy Revisions</p> <p>The discussion was regarding speeches at Broward County School district events. The concern to revise the policies began prior to the speech from the Western High School student. Many people were offended. Other people felt the student was exercising First Amend Rights.</p> <p>Copies of the policies are available for public view Currently on the policies - The red text has been added to the policies Strikethrough text will be deleted from the policies</p> <p>12/7/2021 a copies of the policies and the changes were sent to the Board workshop School Board members requested principals' input regarding the policies</p> <p>Policy 1344 – This policy encompasses all speeches presented at a school-board sponsored ceremony or event. An one making the speech (included invited guests, employees, students, etc.) must be aware of the policy and abide by it. Currently the policy states "all comments, speeches, invocations, benedictions, etc. must be non-sectarian and non-denominational in nature."</p> <p>Board is requesting feedback about adding "Does not advocate for political position, agenda, or stance"</p>	<p>Dr. Valerie Wanza Chief OSPA Officer Valerie.wanza@broward-schools.com 754-321-2119</p>
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Rules added – 1. Any school board that invites any individual must inform the guest speaker of the policy requirement.

2. Employees and students participating in school board sponsored ceremonies and events must be advised of the policy requirements by the event coordinator.

2/22/22 – The policies (with additional suggestions from area advisories, the public, and the principal group) will be reintroduced to the Board workshop

Policy 5313 – Refer to high school graduations and Senior activities

Suggested added text includes “All schools must have a site-based committee comprised of the principal, an assistant principal, and an instruction staff member to review student speeches. The principal is responsible for final approval of student speeches.”

Suggested added text includes “All speeches must adhere to the language in Policy 1344 regarding the content of comments and speeches at school-based sponsored ceremonies being non-sectarian, non-denominational, and must not advocate for political position, agenda, or stance.”

Suggested added text includes “Senior activities” versus “Grad bash”

Suggested added text includes “removing the gender specific pronoun for the Superintendent

3/15/ 2022 – Additional suggestions will be added and both policies will be presented at the School Board meeting

Feedback for the policies:

- First of Speech First Amendment right (The students are speaking about their experience) (Note: The School Board does not want to infringe on student’s First Amendment Rights)
- Including a non-school based employee, English teacher, and student to the committee that reviews graduation speeches
- Social issues should not be politized or considered a political issue
- Pre-recorded speeches (Student will lip sync the speech)
- Administration has a copy of the speech, mic maybe turned off if student deviates from the speech
- Stakeholders should listen to the speech from Western High ’21. Listening to the speech will allow individuals to understand the root for changing the policies.
- Some people did not find the speech offensive
- All schools should have the same criteria for high school graduation speeches
- Instead of the word political used in the policy /The word partisan be used instead
- Need to be a provision that the speech is historically accurate / the truth (The truth can make people uncomfortable and that should be recognized)
- Mayors and political officials should not be invited because their speech may go against the policy
- Ensure cultural diversity amongst the committee members
- People should give grace and recognize students are children

	<p>Question asked – What consequences for inappropriate speech? Graduation speeches – Turn off the mic Other events and activities – Administration will refer to the Discipline Matrix</p>	
<p>Item #6</p>	<p>Bullying Mrs. Wood presented a training to the committee with the following objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be able to accurately define bullying and the roots of this social cruelty 2. Know today’s trends in violence including cyber-bullying and sexting 3. Understand the damage caused by bullying 4. Know how you can work together with BCPS to prevent and intervene with bullying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation is available for groups / PDF form • More information available on the BCPS site / School Climate and Discipline • HOPE scholarship is available for student that is alleged victim of 14 offensives (including bullying) have 3 options • Transfer the students to another Broward County public school (no transportation provided) • Request a scholarship up to \$7,500 for a private school • Request a scholarship up to \$750 for transportation to a public school NOT in Broward County • Students can report bullying anonymously • There is a procedure to handle bullying (Principals must interview both parties separately and conduct an investigate) 	<p>Aimee Wood Student Climate and Discipline Aimee.wood@browardschools.com</p>
<p>Item #7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mace Information – • Students are carrying mace for protection when traveling home • Backpacks are being searched for Vape devices / Mace is being discovered • Currently Mace / Pepper Spray is considered Class B weapon on Broward Schools Matrix • DAC has started a discussion to have students in high school to carry 2 oz or less of mace / pepper spray in backpacks • If the mace/ pepper spray is discharged on campus, person that discharged it would receive consequences from the Discipline Matrix • Some high school principals approve students carrying • Feedback was presented to the 5006 committee • Suggestion to be presented at the School Board – K-12 students are provided to carry 2 oz or less. The mace / pepper spray must be secured and out of sight • The committee strongly advise a policy would be only high school students and must be secured and out of sight • The committee strongly advise a policy not “advertise” the policy • The committee strongly advise person that discharges it on campus would receive consequence for using Class B weapon 	<p>Debbie Espinoza DAC Chair Districtadvisorycouncil@gmail.com</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If anyone has concerns, questions, or feedback email Cynthia Dominique 	
Item #8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The approval for the Cap and Gown bids will be presented at the 1/25/2022 School Board meeting Must complete a process prior to sales at schools Each school will choose vendor Herff Jones or Josten SAF chair should be apart of committee to choose the vendor 	<p>Debbie Espinoza DAC Chair Districtadisorycouncil@gmail.com</p>
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Item #9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Material Updates and Survey Visit https://bit.ly?BCPSmathadoption to take the survey Materials are available at various (refer to agenda) 	
Item #10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Choice Window is Open to February 1, 2022 For more information go to the BCPS / School Choice Refer School Board website / School Choice 	<p>Jen Prickett NAAC Vice Chair</p>
Item #10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Search will be presented at the School Board meeting 1/25/2022 Refer School Board website / Superintendent Search There is a form to provide people comment on the site 	<p>Cynthia Dominique Chair</p>
Item #11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation did not present at the meeting 	

Old Business

Item #12	<p>Title I / Free and Reduced Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send suggestions for how to complete Free/ Reduce Lunch forms via email to Cynthia Dominique (ideas will be shared in the newsletter) The schools are losing federal money when parents do not complete the Free/Reduced Lunch forms Many Title I schools may lose their status as Title I due to low completion of Free/ Reduced Lunch Forms Discussion about various suggestions to increase completion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QR code 1 page about the benefits besides lunch cost (SAT test paid, Title van, Title services, etc.) During schoolwide events – have computers and forms ready for parents to complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAF chairs should speak to principals about ways to increase completion rates 	<p>Cynthia Dominique Chair</p>
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Item #13	American Rescue Plan Website available for stakeholder input https://forms.office.com/r/J8EPVQmY5u The link will bring stakeholders to the Instructional Continuity Plan Feedback includes – Hotpots for students that do not have internet service at home. UV Sanitizers to clean headphones to at school.	
Item #14	Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cynthia expressed the need for Area Chairpersons to work together to book district departments for the meetings 	Cynthia Dominique Chair
Item # 15	Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • 	Cynthia Dominique Chair
Item #16	Announcements read – NAAC website Please send ways to improve the NAAC website	Jennifer Prickett Vice Chair
Item #17	8:44 pm Adjournment motioned by Jennifer Prickett Seconded Salif Dabo Motion approved	

Submitted respectfully,

Roshana Parris
Recording Secretary

Announcements

- Facilities Task Force – February 3rd, 7-9:00 PM Virtual
- District Advisory Meeting- February 9th, 6:30 PM @ School Board Building and Virtual
- Gifted Advisory Meeting – February 7th, 7:00 PM Virtual
- ESE Advisory Meeting-February 16th, 6:30 PM @Indian Ridge Middle and Virtual

- North Area Advisory Meeting- February 17th, 6:30 PM @ Monarch High
- ESOL Advisory- Third Wednesday
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- South Area Advisory Meeting – February 16th, 9:00 am Virtual
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- Central Area Advisory Meeting – February 16th, 6:00 pm Virtual

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