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Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee Minutes

Call to Order

The Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC) meeting held in SBAB 559 and simultaneously via Zoom meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021, was called to order by Sara Walkup, Director, Community Outreach at 9:40 a.m.

We do not have an in-person quorum. Sara clarified that only in-person votes can be officially counted.

Attendance/Members Present

In-Person

Aundrey Adams, Laura Crenshaw-Philpot, Sherian Demetrius, Enrique Escallon, Beverly Heller, Lina Hodgson, Sheila Jackson, Dannie McMillon, Tyler O'dneal, Dislamy Pelayo, Meriel Seymore, Renee Williams

Zoom

Ijeoma Adele, Losa Constant, Deborah Gonzalez, Brittany Lambert, Renata Merjam, Bernadette Montgomery, Carolyn Nelson-Goedert, Patricia Ortega, Reinaldo Palacios, Meagan Sawyer, Lenora Stafford, Nadeige Theresias-Joisil, Sharon Watson, Antonio White, Hermine Wilson-Lang

Also Present

Maria Diaz-Almendral, Daisy Gonzalez-Diego, Lisa Thurber, Sara Walkup

Introductions

Sara Walkup

Regional Reports

North Region

Reinaldo Palacios

The "I Have a Dream" Foundation recently adopted their 3rd group of MDCPS students. This school year, 62 students were selected to receive mentoring, tutoring, pregnancy and drug prevention programs, college prep classes, counseling, and enrichment throughout their entire school career (Kg. thru 12 grade). These Dreamers are provided with year-round (after school and summer) programs of academic enhancement, as well as cultural, social, and recreational activities.

October 13, 2021 was Bullying Prevention Day. Students in the Youth Crime Watch Program at Parkview Elementary held a drawing for prizes for each student that took the "Anti-Bullying Pledge" during morning arrival.

NRO Parent Advocates are available to aid our NRO parents with school related matters.

Contact number: 305-572-2800

Schedule: M-F from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Central Region

Deborah Gonzalez

ABC-The First Attendance Boundary Committee Meeting for Central Region Schools will be held on October 28th, 2021.

The Frances S. Tucker is the recipient of the 2021 Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Grant. This Grant will bring a new Steam Magnet Program to Frances S. Tucker. The Magnet program will integrate Science Technology and Dance/Kinetic Movement once the magnet program is fully implemented.

Magnet Application Cycle October 1, 2021, to January 15, 2022.

South Region

Lina Hodgson

- Parent Choice Student Transfer process for the 2021-2022 school year continues. Parent or legal guardian can apply to attend schools with student populations that are less than 100% capacity. Application and procedures are available on the MDCPS website www.dadeschools.net.

Our parent's advocates work diligently with parents to support them with their concerns. We at the South Region Office continue to service our schools, students and their parents with the spirit of excellence.

- Our Social Worker (Lina Hodgson,) works with schools and parents ensuring Parent Choice Transfers are processed in a timely manner and coordinating with the North and Central Regions to process request for schools in their regions. <https://attendanceservices.dadeschools.net/#/>
- Our parent advocate mediates daily between the schools and the parents with patience and understanding. Our Advocates are available Monday and Friday 11:30am -4:30pm; Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm phone number 305-251-4870
- Apply to over 100 Magnet Schools across Miami-Dade. The application period for the 2022-2023 school year is open from October 1st until January 15th. <https://yourchoicemiami.org/magnet-application/>

Palmetto Senior High School--Recent accolades or positive news to share *
Sport Achievements

- Varsity Football are District Champs after their win against South Dade Senior High
- Bowling results on the youth fair Tournament last Friday: Boys finished in 4th place and Girls in 3rd.
- Freshman player Evan Viner achieved a personal best of 279, winning first place as individual bowler and highest series game

November Activities *

- School Tour for Prospective Students: 8am November 16th
- Fall Festival in the Courtyard: Lunches November 22nd
- Working on Basketball Courts and Punch list. Auditorium still incomplete

Hammock Middle School

Grants

- This Hammocks Middle Schools third year as a Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS). The VILS program is a national program which provides iPads, Internet service, and instructional support for teachers.
- In 2020, the Hammocks MS also applied for, and was awarded, the Heart of America-University of Arizona-VILs technology laboratory. The laboratory which opened for the 2021-22 school year, provides a virtual reality studio, 3-D printers, a podcast studio, and coding platforms for students to explore the applications of technology across the curriculum.

West Homestead K-8 Center

- Reported a very successful Open House, they had two sessions, and many parents attended and visited their children classroom.
- National Hispanic Heritage Month-students presented their Hispanic history while parents watched via zoom.
- Give. Advocate. Volunteer. Calendar full of exciting activities that the student can participate in and learn how to give, advocate, and volunteer for the United Way
- Also, activities for Red Ribbon Week and Unity Day and Breast Cancer Awareness
- West Homestead K-8 Centers is also starting a Chess Club

Robert Morgan Educational Center

- Magnet Schools of American: National Award of Merit Distinction,

Title 1

Lenora Stafford

Sara shared updates with the committee via email.

Superintendents Panel for Students with Exceptionalities

Enrique Escallon

- Next meeting on Nov 4
- We discussed the Parent Bill of Rights and return to school

- Changes in the law that affect testing, it will create a problem for children that need alternative assessment. We must be watchful of the impact to our children
- Beverly mentioned a school Board item that will support children as they transition from school to the workforce
- Board item from October 20, meeting by Baez-Geller-all children will be tested for Gifted

PTA

Sharon Watson

- Money Matters Training last Saturday

FCIAC Parent Budget Sub-Committee

Nancy was not present

Sara updated

- Next meeting November 1 at 5:30pm-7:30pm
- We are addressing where we are at legislatively with the budget
- Beverly: we have money from the state for nonrecurrent expenses.
- Nadeige Theresias-Joisil: Not all students have proper access to devices. Sara will follow up with Instructional Technology
- Sara: Ron has said that we have had budget cuts from the state

Citizens Coalition

Enrique Escallon

- Have discussed ESSER funds and the American Rescue Plan
- Early Childhood education: complete funding for the pre-K program for 3 years and provisional childcare and training in adult facilities
- Next meeting after this meeting in room 552A

The office of School Improvement Department

Sherian Demetrius

- ESSAC training October 29th.
- All-day training looking at budgeting and what actions they can take to make improvements throughout the year

Magnet

Sheila Jackson

- Application dates from Oct 1-Jan 29
- Phone 305.995.1922 or go to our website to apply
- Parents can call the schools to request tours

Miami-Dade NAACP

Dannie McMillon- Education Committee

On October 11, the NAACP Leaders met with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho. NAACP Florida State Conference, President, Dr. Adora Obi Nweze, Miami-Dade Branch President, Ms. Daniella Pierre, Ms. Dannie McMillon, Education Chair and South-Dade Branch President, Senator Dwight Bullard discussed the driver's education program after it was reported in the Herald of alleged misusing funds from the program.

Last month, an investigative report conducted by the Office of the Inspector General, revealed several deficiencies within M-DCPS Driver's Education program including accepting \$6.2 million of trust fund proceeds from Miami-Dade County, they were ineligible to receive. M-DCPS will distribute a report to the Inspector General on December 3 to respond to the findings.

Several recommendations were presented by Miami-Dade and South-Dade NAACP branches for adoption by M-DCPS:

Launch a mobility initiative to further enhance the driver's ed program by incorporating safety options for students who use public transportation e.g., bus, Metrorail, rideshare

Create a Driver's Ed task force/oversight committee to monitor programming and expenses

Reaffirm National Teen Driver Safety Week to include local NAACP Youth Councils

Announcement

Webinar on Appellate Law will be held Virtually on Tuesday, October 19 @ 6pm. Flyer will be forwarded to Sara Walkup.

Office of Communications and Community Engagement - Superintendent's Report

Daisy Gonzalez-Diego

- We will continue to guide our decisions by science
- We have relaxed the quarantine
- We look for cases per 100,000 hospitalization and vaccination for 2 weeks
- We also look for quarantine rates and new cases
- 5 of 6 gaging criteria are good and declining
- We will consider the easing of the masking when all six

Digital citizenship month and week

- As adults we don't know who is influencing our students and role model social media behavior
- Parents need to be aware of what their children are doing and monitor digital time
- Parents need to lead by example
- Lead with Kindness – led by Social Media Student Advisory Group Ages 13+
- We have a group of students that write columns on digital citizenship
- This is a yearlong campaign
- Journalism forum we encourage students to write about social media in an understanding and credible manner.

Sara- Recommended and encouraged all members to go to The Parent Academy for many resources and share with their perspective groups

Office of Communications and Community Engagement

Lisa Thurber

- United Way Employee campaign -October 1-31
- Tomorrow we are kicking off our Virtually Engage Webinar Volunteers - Inspire, Engage & Lead
- Our volunteers are increasing we need to get them back into that schools
- Redistricting 2021redistricting@dadeschools.net
<http://redistricting.dadeschools.net>
- Principal Today will be in person at schools on December 7, we will not have a kickoff breakfast due to COVID protocols
- The idea behind this initiative is to build partnerships

New Business

Sara Walkup

Shared Priorities for the year – Document shared with all members

1. **Safety (12)**
 - a. Social Media
 - b. Youth Violence
 - c. Cyber Security
 - d. Tobacco – Vaping – CBD
2. **Mental Health (10)**
 - a. Students and Staff
 - b. Tobacco – Vaping – CBD
2. **Staffing issues (10)**
 - a. Teacher Training & Accountability
 - b. Culturally Responsive Training
 - c. Teacher/Staff shortages
 1. Student/professional ratio
 - d. Administrators

- e. Bus drivers
- f. Front office staff
- 4. **College & Career Readiness (7)**
 - d. CAP Advisors
 - e. Graduation Rates
 - f. Testing preparation
- 4. **Digital Access (7)**
- 5. **Parent Bill of Rights (7)**
 - d. Two-way communication
 - e. Right to collaborate
- 4. **Truancy & Attendance (6)**
- 5. **English Language Learners (3)**
- 6. **School Sanitation & Maintenance (2)**

Next meeting November 15, 2021

Meeting is adjourned 11:37