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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 conference room 559 and simultaneously via Zoom meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, was called to order by Nancy Lawther, at 9:34 a.m.

Introductions

Minutes from February 14, 2022, approved as amended.

Attendance/Members Present

In-Person

Aundray Adams, Laura Crenshaw-Philpot, Sherian Demetrius, Kenny Francois, Deborah Gonzalez, Beverly Heller, Lina Hodgson, Sheila Jackson, Brittany Lambert, Nancy Lawther, Patricia Ortega, Reinaldo Palacios, Dislamy Pelayo, Meriel Seymore, Sharon Watson, Antonio White, Renee Williams

Zoom

Ijeoma Adele, Sebastian Dauphin, Michelle Espinosa, Dannie McMillon, Renata Merjam, Chris Moreno, Carolyn Nelson-Goedert, Flavia Maria Pedrosa, Lisa Robertson, Angel Rodriguez, Meagan Sawyer, Lenora Stafford, Nadeige Thesias-Joisil

Also Present

Maria Diaz-Almendral, Dr. Jose Dotres, Karen Krantz, Dr. Sally Shay, Lisa Thurber, Sara Walkup

Superintendent's Report

Regional Reports

North Region

The district has hired three interventionists (North, South, Central) to aid schools with the implementation of the new iAttend Intensive Intervention (i3) program designed to provide attendance related strategies to students that have poor attendance (15 or more cumulative absences). Also, the program provides families with free wraparound services. The schools Attendance Review Committee prepares the proper documentation when requesting the services for the student. The North Region Office Attendance Interventionist is Ms. Loreta Costanza, lcostanza@dadeschools.net who may be reached at (305) 572-2800 ext. 2218 for information regarding the program. NRO is currently processing Parent Choice Student Transfers for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school year. Parent Choice Student Transfers FM-3281 forms must be provided to the school that services the parents' residence for the appropriate school year that the parent is requesting the transfer for. NRO Parent Advocates are available to aid our NRO parents with school related matters.

Contact number: 305-572-2800 Ext. 2174 & 2214

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

Central Region

Deborah Gonzalez
College Fair

Coral Gables Senior High hosted the National College Fair on March 13, 2022, at the Double Tree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center. The College Fair is sponsored by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Division of Student Services, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. (NACAC) Colleges and universities from around the country will have representatives available to answer admissions and financial aid questions.

SCOIR Platform

An online college Platform tool available to students as a planning tool for college searches and electronic transcript submissions and many other planning information.

Central Region continues to provide support to schools.

Spring Break Academy will be available in 56 CRO schools.

Available for our underperforming ETO schools as well as Tier 1,2,3 students.

CRO is supporting schools with the attendance Initiative. Staff is working to keep school age children attending school daily.

South Region

Lina Hodgson

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

Magnet School of Excellence National Award of Merit from Magnet Schools of America *

South Region Schools

- Arvida Middle School
- Herbert A. Ammons Middle School
- Miami Killian Senior High school
- Robert Morgan Educational Center

- Terra Environmental Research Institute
- **National Magnet School of Distinction**

- Jorge Mas Canoas Middle School
- Miami Southridge Senior High

Anchored in Kindness (hosted by school board member Dr. Lubby Navarro)

- Students from TERRA and Miami Killian Senior High School came together to fill bags with school supplies, toys, and notes of encouragement to give to students at South Miami Heights Elementary School. Forty (40) students that leveled up on their iready program for math and reading were surprised with the gift bags and certificates from Papa John's. The student was excited and appreciated the acknowledgement by the senior students

Redland Elementary

- **WalkSafe Art Contest Winner**
- Troy Heflin "Improve our neighborhood walk safe safety with cured tactile paves, raised crosswalks, bollard, audio traffic lights and leading pedestrian intervals"

Title 1

Sebastian Dauphin and Lenora Stafford

Sebastian Dauphin: The Title I District Advisory Council is continuing to coordinate our upcoming General meeting being held Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Miami Jackson Senior High School. This will be our first physical meeting of the school year, so we are definitely looking forward to this meeting. Transportation is available upon request and families should contact their school's Title I Community Involvement Specialist (CIS)/Community Liaison Specialist (CLS) for details. Correspondence was sent out to all Title I CIS/CLS with the appropriate procedures. Lastly, the South Region Parent Advisory Council will be holding its third meeting of the school year, this Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Homestead Senior High School. **UPDATE AFTER FCIAC MEETING CONCLUDED: Please be advised that the 3rd District Advisory Council (DAC) General Meeting of the 2021-2022 school year previously scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Miami Jackson Senior High School will be conducted virtually via zoom. A flyer regarding the meeting will be forthcoming. However, families can register in advance, via the Zoom link: <https://dadeschools.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-2gpzMrHNwrxQ9TRk2PJf4AnwVXywa>**

Lenora Stafford: The Title I Neighborhood Resource Center concluded its five-week series of Cooking Matters at Home with a graduation in which parents showcased healthy family recipes they were inspired to make as a result of participating in the series. The series was facilitated by the University of Miami/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension Family Nutrition Program. The Title I NRC hosted an in-person Meet and Greet Event on Friday, March 11, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Families were able to meet with UF/IFAS Nutrition Facilitators and sample a variety of healthy snacks.

Upcoming Events Scheduled at the Title I NRC:

Week of March 14th:

Project Up-START: Services for High School Seniors: Participants will learn about resources and services that are available to assist eligible high school seniors who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing.

Week of March 28th:

NRC Specialty Webinars:

Financial Capabilities: Participants will learn the importance and benefits of having a high credit score. Various ways to increase credit scores, check credit scores, and how to retrieve credit reports will also be discussed.

Family Values Matter: Participants will learn how to communicate with your child and implement strategies that can be used to prevent bullying.

College Readiness: Participants will learn the importance of advanced placement exams, dual enrollment courses, community service hours, and how obtaining the Florida Seal of Biliteracy can impact your future.

Career Readiness: Participants will learn how to improve their interview skills and the appropriate attire to wear to an interview. Additional topics will also include common interview questions, best practices when introducing themselves, and how obtaining the Florida Seal of Biliteracy can impact student's future.

April's Webinars:

What Every Adult Needs to Know about Child Sexual Abuse: Participants will learn how to identify the signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse and learn steps that can be taken to help prevent children from becoming victims of sexual predators.

Supporting People Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Related Disabilities: Participants will learn about the support and services available for caregivers and people with autism or a related disability.

Supporting Youth in Foster Care: Participants will receive an overview of the foster care program, understand the procedures required to become a foster parent, and discuss how adults can help make a difference in the life of youth placed in foster care.

NRC Specialty Webinars:

Financial Capabilities: Participants will learn how to secure the best deals when planning a vacation.

Family Values Matter: Participants will learn how to cultivate an attitude of gratitude by expressing it through words, writing, small gifts, acts of reciprocity, and different ways to teach children how to become grateful.

College Readiness: Participants will learn the most effective, efficient ways to study and prepare for the SAT/ACT exams.

Career Readiness: Participants will learn job networking skills to prepare them for employment opportunities.

Families can view and register for NRC webinars by visiting <https://title1.dadeschools.net/#!/fullWidth/1983>. [The monthly calendars and flyers are available in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole.](#)

Nancy Q: Asked about Project Upstart and unstable housing.

Lenora A: Explained that unstable housing may be a family that is displaced or has moved in with family members. They get benefits, such as uniforms, prom attire, college application and funds.

Superintendent Report

Office of Communications and Community Engagement

Lisa Thurber

Last Wednesday the board approved a good cause item to assist Ukraine
We are also working with the Switchboard of Miami 211 hotline to make sure we have all needed resources for counseling

We are responsible for the Academic Year internship program

If you are interested, you can employ a student for the school year

On April 4th applications open

Virtually Engaged-Webinar on Alumni Induction

School volunteers are increasing we have over 11000 we are 1/3 of the way to pre-pandemic numbers

AFSCME Recognition April 7

April 28 Take your Child to Work day

Fathers in Education Day April 21

Partnered with Parent Academy to offer workshops for the week of April 18-22 for Fathers in Education and Advocacy Week

We will be having a Virtually Engaged webinar on April 20

Sara presented at Scaled Leadership- attendance and family engagement

Superintendents Panel for Students with Exceptionalities

Beverly Heller for Enrique Escallon

Meets bi-monthly Subcommittees meet alternate months

PTA

Sharon Watson and Nancy Lawther

Preparing End of the year gala and awards

Will be electing new executive board members in April

Florida PTA Scholarship application open 3/1 and will closed on 4/1_

Additional information at <https://mdccpta.net/>

It is a financial need scholarship- student must be a PTA member

Information is on the PTA website

March 16 sent out a Briefing 32175 for a Restart meeting via Zoom/ two sessions

Requirements to restart PTA

FCIAC Parent Budget Sub-Committee

Nancy Lawther

Meeting on April 4th

The budget will pass today

The budget is pretty much what the governor wanted
We have additional funding this year due to federal dollars
A provision that the school recognition fund will not be available to teachers in MDCP or any other 11 counties that have mask mandates
The ones that will not be getting the money or will be affected are not administrators but teachers
The base student allocation went up

UTD

Antonio White

The last two weeks of session had less to do with helping the people of FL but political issues
72 million dollars will be held back from the 12 counties that had mask mandates
We have not received school recognition funds in the last two years
We were not receiving school grades due to the pandemic
For next year the state will use this year's grades for recognition, we will not be receiving it
This budget is moving towards what we have been asking for
Charter schools continue to pop up and are competition for us
Parents need to be aware that the goal is to privatize public schools
Union busting bills continue to be a threat

Superintendents Panel for Students with Exceptionalities

Beverly Heller

Committee met in person
All first graders have been tested for exceptionalities. Students were not immediately placed, but recommended for additional testing
Schools save money and students get the help they need
ESSER money was used
Reported on how the committee's goals are progressing
We have asked for the Superintendent to come to our meeting

FCIAC Priorities Presentations

Testing

Dr. Sally Shay and Karen Krantz
Dr. Sally Shay
2021 Graduation Rates
90.1% In 2020-2021 we had some flexibility in testing
30-point increase since 2008
If you subtract Charters, we have 94%
MDCPS has higher graduation rate than Charters
This is also true for all subgroups Whites, Blacks, Hispanic, ELL Students, ESE students
2019-2021 FSA English Language Arts

Grades 3-6 is paper base all other computer base
We have had a learning loss due to the pandemic
2019 and 2021 FSA Mathematics
Grades 3-6 is paper base all other computer base
Learning losses are more in mathematics due to pandemic
Algebra 1 is a high school graduation test
2019 we outperformed the state
2021 we had learning losses
Grade 3 is a promotional criterion
FSA 3-6 paper based
Flexibility in computer-based testing
Schools have flexibility because schools may not have capacity to seat all students at once
30% of student grade will be part of the student's EOC test
New test this year Civics EOC
Students that pass the Civics test as a HS student they do not have to take it in college
ACCESS for ELL is a paper-based test and is used for accountability
Accommodations are available for students with IEP and 504 plan
The most common accommodation is extra time
ELL students are eligible to have accommodation Level 1-4 and within two years of exiting ESOL
All ESOL students are allowed to have a dictionary in their home language
Helping students: let students know that they are prepared, relax, and show what you know

Q&A

Beverly: In respect to students that are allowed to use a dictionary, do they have a time constrain? A: They have extended time

Nancy: The FSA is not a nationally norm-referenced test, with respect with national test in recent years how do MDCPS students compare to other students nationally?

A: MDCPS has done incredibly well in the last ten years, we are consistently at the top in Language Arts and Reading. We have been continually at the top of the nation. Even though the FSA is not a norm referenced test, it has been compared to NAEP.

Q: Paper testing is going away next year. How much additional testing time will be involved?

A: What I know about what is going to happen next year is the same as what you know. We do not know how the content will be presented. It is our expectation that the fall assessment may not be as long as the Spring assessment. May be similar to Iready.

Sharon Krantz CAP

Money Mondays-Live webinars to assist families with post-secondary counseling and help them create a plan.

SCOIR- MDCPS college planning tools- admissions network that connects students, families, high schools, and colleges.

Students can research and plan for college. CAP advisors, counselors, and parents (students must invite them) have access.

SCOIR gives us reports and data about where students are applying, get accepted, and where they end up going.

Currently 89% of our students have accounts.

GradTrack on student and parent portal includes unofficial transcripts.

Q&A

Is participation in SCOIR mandatory? We are asking all students to register.

Superintendent Dr. Jose Dotres

Thanked the committee

This committee is important to me because I want to hear the pulse of our community

Personal Background

Priorities

Learning losses or catch-up

Adult Education-Technical

Enrollment and Promotion of our schools

How do we attract and recruit?

HR: how do we position ourselves as an employer of choice

Education programs are graduating 40-46% less educators

We need to market ourselves

Next Meeting: April 18, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am