

Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
School Board Administration Building, Room 559
Meeting ID: 886 1297 1291
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Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendance/Members Present

In-Person:

Aundray Adams, Laura Crenshaw-Philpot, Enrique Escallon, Lynette Gonzalez, Beverly Heller, Lina Hodgson, Mina Hosseini, Shiela Jackson, Rolinda McCarthy, Tyler O'dneal, Reinaldo Palacios, Maria Ratti Jakoniuk, Mary Reeves, Zoraida Serret, Eileen Segal, Lenora Stafford, Sharon Watson, Renee Williams

Excused:

Zoom:

Sherian Demetrius, Angel Rodriguez, Antoino White, Caroline Wilhelms

Also Present In-Person:

Maria Paula De Carolis, Ines Meras, Lisa Thurber

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Eileen Segal at 9:35 a.m.

II. Old Business

- Approval of Meeting Minutes: The committee reviewed the November 13, 2023 meeting minutes. The minutes were adopted as corrected.
- The 2023-2024 Priorities were discussed, and the following were approved and selected for presentations or to request updates from the corresponding bureau:

Fiscal Viability of MDCPS

- Fiscal Viability: Impact of Low Enrollment and Vouchers by CFO Presented
- Repurposing of schools and impact on students (**HIGH Priority - Presentation ABC Committee** – school operations)
 - What does the district define as school closure?
 - How is the repurposing or closure reported to the community?
 - How many schools are being repurposed, and what are the locations?

- What are the factors that deter the recommendations for repurposing?
- What choices are parents given for sending their students to another location?

Highly effective teacher leaders and staff

- *Teacher Retention Addressed (receive updates)*
 - *Provide updates as to the progress of strategies for retention and recruitment.*

Rigorous, relevant, and innovative curriculum

- Academic Regression in Math and Reading (addressed 2022-2023)
- Tier 3 Schools support **HIGH PRIORITY** –request updates)
 - How is the grant implemented?
 - What schools are selected for the grant?
 - How many students are impacted?
 - Does data support progress?
- Impact of Technology on students in terms of AI (**HIGH PRIORITY- Presentation**)
 - Digital Citizenship
 - What are the rules?
 - How are we using it in education?
 - Computer Assessments for Kindergartners
 - What evidence-based approaches to the science of reading are being implemented?

Safe, Healthy, and Supportive Learning Environment

- Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness Training **HIGH Priority-Presentation**
- Social Emotional Wellbeing of Students (request updates from Mental Health)
- Discuss mental health resources - share the link with the committee. (request updates from Mental Health)

III. Reports

A. South Region

- The South Region Office Feeder Pattern Schools participated in toy drives and ensured toys reached our region's student population.
- Michelle Bush, mother of NFL player (Devin Bush) gifted twenty (20) students a \$150 shopping spree at Target.

B. North Region

- Parent choice applications will open on January 31, 2024
- Parent advocates are available at the region offices to assist the parents and address concerns.

C. Title I DAC

- The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2024, at Booker T. Washington Senior High. The topics to be presented will include mental health, ChatMDCPS, and Fathers in Education.
- The Central Region Chess to Think Tournament will take place on January 27, 2024, at Miami Jackson Senior High
- A new Project UP-START Resource Center was opened at Toussaint L'Ouverture

D. Superintendent's Panel for Exceptional Student Education

- There is a bill addressing children drowning and implementing a drowning prevention program. There is a high number of autistic students affected.

E. Miami-Dade PTA

- The Founder's Day Event is in Coral Gables on February 24, 2024. The funds support the student scholarship program. They are celebrating 100 years of advocacy.
- Sign up for voters' voice alerts to get Tallahassee news.

F. Parent Academy

- Hubs are open at Hialeah, Parkway, and Northside.

IV. Office of Family and Community Engagement

- The Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony will be held on January 23, 2024.
- The Foundation Gala will occur at the JW Marriott on February 10, 2024. The Alumni Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at the gala.
- CPR day will be hosted at ten locations throughout the district on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

V. New Business

- The County and the Children's Trust are working on a learn-to-swim program.
- There is a grant available that Title 1 can apply for through the county that is coming from HUD.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.