

Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee

Call to Order

The Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC) meeting held via Zoom conference on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 9:32 AM.

Introduction

Sara Walkup, Director, Community Outreach, welcomed everyone back to the 20-21 school year and gave an overview of the Office of Community Engagement.

Lisa Thurber, Administrative Director, Office of Community Engagement, welcomed all members and gave an overview of the committee.

Attendance

Alina Plasencia, Angel Rodriguez, Annalisa Claps, Antonio White, Ashley Jones, Aundray Adams, Beverly Heller, Carmen Portela, Carolyn Nelson-Goedert, Cleo Chumiso, Dannie McMillon, Davindrel Sahotoo, Diana Santangelo, Eileen Segal, Enrique Escallon, Lenora Stafford, Maiky Perez de Corcho, Merial Seymore, Nadeige Theresias-Joisil, Nancy Lawther, Patricia Ortega, Reinaldo Palacios, Renata Merjam, Renee Williams, Rhoda Louissant, Sharon Watson, Sherian Demetrius

Excused

Evonne Alvarez, Vanessa Grice

Also Present:

Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Lisa Thurber, Maria Diaz-Almendral, Sara Walkup

Introduction

All in attendance introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

Sara Walkup

- Overview of meeting and purpose of the Committee
- Review of Bylaws and structure of the committee (Board Policy 2111)
- Goals for the year will be discussed in the October meeting

Lisa Thurber

- Overview of Florida's Sunshine Law
 1. History
 2. Meetings under the Sunshine Law

- a. Posting of meetings
- b. Notice of meetings
- c. Meeting minutes are public and will be posted on our website
- d. All communications including emails are public record
- e. Retention schedule
- f. Social gathering
- g. Penalties of Sunshine Law
- h. Code of Ethics form, must be signed by all non MDCPS employees
- Review of Roberts Rule

Sara Walkup

- Bylaws
- 37 voting members
- Parents, representatives from the community, representatives from MDCPS
- Responsibilities
- Committee reports to superintendent
- Communication with the organization represented
- Importance of attendance, must attend 6 of 8 meetings
- Election of officers
- 20-21 officers
 - a. Chair - Nancy Lawther
 - b. Vice Chair Dannie McMillon
 - c. Secretary – Beverly Heller

Sara turned meeting over to new Chair

Nancy Lawther

- Minutes from May 18, 2020 accepted as written
- 2020-2021 meeting dates accepted by consensus
 - Monday 10/19 at 9:30 am
 - Monday 11/16 at 9:30 am
 - Tuesday 1/19 at 9:30 am
 - Tuesday 2/16 at 9:30 am
 - Monday 3/15 at 9:30 am
 - Monday 4/19 at 9:30 am
 - Monday 5/17 at 9:30 am
- Bylaws were accepted by consensus
- The committee decided by consensus that meetings will continue remotely until further notice

Regional Reports

North

- Continue to facilitate virtual learning by giving hotspots and devices

- Processing student transfers

Central

- Continue to facilitate virtual learning
- Helping schools with Reopen Smart and Return Safe and requesting detailed plans from principals

South

- No report

Standing Committee Reports

Title 1

No report

Superintendents Panel for Students with Exceptionalities

No report

PTA

No report

Magnet

No report

Parent Budget Sub-Committee

Sara Walkup

- Meeting October 5, 2020, all members welcome to participate

Citizens Coalition

No report

District Updates

Lisa Thurber

Lisa reported on

- Census 2020 – Sara will forward flyers in three languages, to all members
- OCE Office functions overview
 - a. Internships
 - b. Volunteers
 - c. Blood drive
 - d. Recognition events

- Additional information at engagemiamidade.net

Sara Walkup added that anyone wanting to share information with the committee can email her at swalkup@dadeschools.net and she will forward to all members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am

Minutes submitted by: Maria Diaz-Almendra

Minutes Approved by: Beverly Heller