

OFFICE OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
School Board Administration Building, Room 916
Zoom Meeting ID: 530 806 1521
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AGENDA

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

In-Person:

Sherian Demetrius, Enrique Escallon, Deborah Gonzalez, Lina Hodgson, Patricia Ortega, Reinaldo Palacios, Maria Ratti, Mary Reeves, Angel Rodriguez, Eileen Segal, Zoraida Serret, Meriel Seymore, Lenora D. Stafford, Antonio White

Zoom:

Mina Hosseini
Maria Ratti
Chris Moreno
Tabitha Fazzino

Also Present:

Aillette A. Rodriguez-Diaz, Lisa Thurber

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC) meeting was called to order by Eileen Segal at 9:40 AM.

Lisa Thurber introduced and welcomed Ines Meras, Executive Director of Resource Development.

II. Old Business

Approval of November 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes: The committee reviewed and approved the minutes with two corrections. Include Lina Hodgson on the attendance and correct spelling of Mary Reeves.

III. Reports

A. Regional Updates and Announcements

North Region Update

NRO school's student population update.

Date:	Student Enrollment:
August 16, 2022	79,899
December 24, 2022	82,362
Increase of	2,463

This is due to new student registrations from charter/private schools, other counties, other states, and other countries.

2023-2024 Student Transfer Information.

Controlled Open Enrollment Transfers (FM-7646) start on January 31, 2023, and end on February 28, 2023. Parent must choose a school(s) that appears on the "COE list of schools available".

Parent Choice Student Transfers (FM-3281) start on March 1, 2023. FM-3281 must be submitted to the school that services the parents' residence.

Out-of-County Transfers (FM-7707) start on March 1, 2023. FM-7707 must be submitted to outofcountytransfers@dadeschool.net

Parents can get all the information (and forms) on the district webpage for Federal & State Compliance (FASCO). They go to MDCPS, district directories, click on "ATTENDANCE", then "Student Transfer" (drop-down menu) and Student Transfer Options.

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

Contact number: 305-572-2800

Schedule: Ms. Shirley Watson (M-F) 9:30 am to 2:30 pm Ext. 2174
Ms. Lidia Lechtman (M-F) 10:30 am to 3:30 pm Ext. 2214

South Region Update

- We at the South Region Office continue to serve our schools, students, and their parents with the spirit of excellence.
- Our Social Worker (Lina Hodgson,) works with schools and parents to ensure Parent Choice Transfers are processed in a timely manner and coordinates with the North and Central Regions to process requests 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 11:30 am -4:30 pm; the phone number is 305-251-4870

The 9th Annual South Region Schools Expo was held on January 11, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center, Arnold Hall. Was a great success with many parents with their children visiting the schools of interest and viewing the technology the schools have to offer.

Do the Right Thing Ceremony

Taniyah Frederick, Third Grade, Colonial Drive Elementary, despite academic struggles in the past, Taniyah has changed her attitude and effort and is now part of the Honor Roll and helps lead her peers in class and after school.

Mauro Valdes-Medina Second Grade, Bel-Aire Elementary (**Rapids Waterpark Trip Winner**) Recently, while riding the bus to school, Mauro and Jesus saw a student displaying a knife on the bus. Another student had told them not to tell anyone unless they were asked but both students decided they needed to come forward about what they saw. As soon as they got to school, Mauro and Jesus approached the security guard and told them about the student on the bus with the knife.

Jesus Rodriguez Fifth Grade, Bel-Aire Elementary (**Rapids Waterpark Trip Winner**) Recently, while riding the bus to school, Mauro and Jesus saw a student displaying a knife on the bus.

Jazmin Gibson Tenth Grade, Miami Killian Senior High Jazmin displayed compassion and care when she informed the counselor that a student in the class was threatening to harm herself. She acted swiftly and the

administration was notified immediately as well as the parent, who was grateful to have been contacted. As a result of Jazmin's action, the student at risk received the proper guidance and care needed.

Central Region Update

Deborah Gonzalez On behalf of Dr. Eric Acosta, CRO Director

West Miami Middle School: In collaboration with partners, West Miami Middle School opened a Verizon Innovative Learning Lab. This lab will ensure that students, educators, and staff can utilize technology to further enhance the learning environment.

The Allapattah Wynwood School: Private school abruptly closed after 30 years of operation leaving 150 students displaced. Central Region Schools has registered 13 students into MDCPS.

Registration: Central Region is having Increased number of registrations from incoming immigrants from Cuba, Venezuela, Haiti, and Nicaragua.

Total Population Central Region 77,476

Registrar Induction Support & Experiential (R.I.S.E.) Academy January 18, 2023, 8:30a-3:30pm

The Office of Professional Learning and Career Development along with The Federal & State Compliance Office (FASCO) have collaborated to implement the "Registrar Induction Support & Experiential (R.I.S.E.) Academy". The main objective of the Academy is to prepare newly hired Registrars to effectively assume the responsibilities of the position by providing direct instructions, best practices, valuable resources, and ongoing support.

Office of Intergovernmental Affairs & Family and Community Engagement

Tabita Fazzino presented on the Board's program and priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session. State legislative program priorities center funding. The state is in a position of historic sums of reserves. The governor's office and leadership are interested in providing tax relief to Florida's taxpayers. While relief is a priority, the district wants to make sure that does not harm funding for public education.

Standing Committees

The DAC general meeting was on December 8, 2022. Approximately 500 parents attended virtually. The next meeting is on February 9th at G Holmes Braddock. 2023 is an election year for DAC and PAC

Exceptional student committee meets next week—concerns include student regression.

PTA is gearing up for the 2023 legislative session. Florida PTA conference is March 27-28th. Sign up to voter voice for alerts on updates. All parents are encouraged to contact their legislators.

The Secure our Future committee has not yet met following the renewal of the referendum. The previous referendum expires in June 2023.

There will be no money left over from the 1st Referendum June 30th is the cutoff monies will be allocated until then the secure our future referendum will start after June 30 .25 mill will be allocated to Charter Schools

Parent Academy has resources available in 3 languages and families can visit parentacademymiami.com

January is national mentorship month. The District Teacher of the Year convening is on January 31, 2023. There are four finalists. Alumni Hall of Fame will be inducting 7 individuals in February including Ketanji Brown-Jackson and James Haj.

IV. Presentations

Office of Mental Health and Students Services

Sally Alayon, Assistant Superintendent
Department of Mental Health Services

Lianie Cuba, Executive Director
Department of Mental Health Services

The Office of Mental Health and Students Services office have merged. The department was launched in 2018. In year 5, they are enhancing training and working with families in the community. A presentation was delivered to provide context on the foundation of the work the department does (which is continuously evolving).

Priorities include:

- Train educators to assess risk
- Working with parents to remove stigma around mental health
- Educate and build awareness

1 in 5 students may experience mental health challenges. Mental health teams across the school district identify what students are Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. Services are free of charge.

Parent Helpline 305-995-7100, M-T 8-8 PM, F 8-4 PM

Student Diagnostic:

Tier 1 Universal Service

Tier 2 Display needs

Tier 3 Students that are showing the highest level of need

A copy of the presentation will be provided to the committee.

V. New Business

Committee Priorities:

- Mental Health
- Cyber Safety and Security
- Communications
- FAST and Progress Monitoring
- Addressing the needs of Tier 3 Schools
- Communications
- Teacher Staff/Recruitment and Retention
- Communications
- Miscellaneous
- Communications

Chris Moreno, Director of Financial Capability, shared information on the Future Bound Miami Children's Savings Account Program.

Future Bound Miami is the first universal Children's Savings Account (CSA) program in the state of Florida. They aim to improve financial readiness for postsecondary education for students and families in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The program is open to ALL Kindergarten students this year attending public elementary schools and K-8 centers in Miami-Dade County. Each public elementary school and K-8 Center has an assigned Future Bound Miami School Champion who is receiving a supplement to promote the program to kindergarten parents. All Kindergarten students are provided a financial education training day administered by Junior Achievement and we also provide free financial education workshops and one on one financial coaching to parents

Chris can be reached at chrism@catalystmiami.org and via phone at 786-414-1302. The website with all our information and FAQ's is futureboundmiami.org.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.