

Broward County Public Schools
North Area Advisory Council
General Meeting Agenda

Monarch High School 5050 Wiles Road Coconut Creek, FL 33073
January 16, 2025 at 6:15-9:00pm



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A. Call to Order Time: 6:25 PM

By: Chair, Cynthia Dominique

B. House Keeping

- Sign-in required for attendance to be counted. Members missing 3 consecutive or 4 total meetings lose good standing.
- Please ask one question or make one comment at a time until we have allowed all members to speak at least once. Guests may speak if time permits.
- Respectful conduct is mandatory.

C. Approval of Minutes Motion to Approve December Minutes

- First: Nancy Fry
- Second: Sasha Hillman
- Outcome: Unanimous approval

D. Presentation and Discussion Highlights

1. Academics Update

• **Upcoming February Meeting:**

Melissa Holt (Elementary) and Richie Vaughn (Over Testing) will be presenting.

2. Updates from the North Region

• **Mr. Santana (for Dr. Fleming):**

- Mid-year testing is wrapping up; principals are encouraged to bring comparisons with initial tests to SAC meetings.
- The Middle School Expo, proposed by Cynthia last year, led to the District's first showcase this year, with positive early feedback.

• **Dr. Fleming:**

- Emphasized the increased support for schools with high numbers of new teachers (70% of teachers in some schools are in their first 3 years). The regional office is providing additional coaching.

3. Feedback from the All-School Showcase:

- **Positive:** Great participation from various schools, including technical programs and a well-executed event.
- **Areas for Improvement:**
 - Tight spaces upstairs (Middle/High Schools).

- Directions were unclear; better guidance needed.
- Schools should be arranged by zones or regions for clarity.
- Focus on marketing to people outside of Broward Schools.
- **Next Year:** Consider QR codes for attendance tracking and feedback collection.
- 4. **Testing Best Practices**
- **Principal Suggestions:**
 - Mimic high-stakes testing in classroom assessments.
 - Ensure support staff check in with students with 504 plans.
 - Ensure breakfast options are available for latecomers.
- **Incentives:** Encouraged use of community partners for testing incentives, such as free prom tickets for proficient students.
- **Policy Changes for EOC Waivers:** Graduation requirement grades are unlikely to be waived.
- 5. **Local School Experience**
- **Rewards and Incentives:**
 - Schools using game rooms, craft rooms, or science rooms for incentives.
 - Parking spots awarded for student nominations.
 - PTA-run school store open Tuesday/Thursday mornings.
- **Parents are encouraged to volunteer** at high school stores and programs.
- 6. **Food and Nutrition Updates**
- **Community Eligibility Program:** Requires completion of waivers for students receiving free lunch.
- **Share Table:** Unused food from the cafeteria can be donated to families in need. Review scheduled for March.
- **Medical Statement:** Required annually to request special meal accommodations.
- 7. **Policy Changes**
- **1020 Policy:**
 - Public speaking time limited to 10 minutes per person.
 - Chair reports count towards speaking time.
- **1070 Policy:**
 - Chair terms reduced to 2 years. A chair cannot serve on more than one board.
- 8. **Academic and Grading Updates**
- **School Improvement Plans (SIPs):** Encourage SAC/SAF chairs to request academic data from school administrators during meetings.
- 9. **State-Mandated Instruction:**
- Focus on mental health and other mandates, including tools like Laurie's Kids. Discussion on the Broward Mental Health Allocation Plan for 2024-2025.
- Upcoming Mental Health Fair or Expo to provide resources and parent/student sessions.
- Potential subcommittee meeting in the last week of February/early March.
- 10. **Social Worker Program:**
- SAC/SAF chairs encouraged to inquire about social worker staffing and availability at schools. Many social workers cover multiple schools.
- 11. **SEDNET Updates:**
- Efforts are underway to invite SEDNET representatives to speak at a future meeting.
- 12. **Graduation 2025 Information:**
- Link provided in the agenda with detailed graduation requirements and rates.
- 13. **School Counseling and Life Skills Wellness:**
- Link provided for those interested in learning more about life skills programs and wellness initiatives.
- 14. **School Software List and Link:**
- Shared in the agenda for reference.
- 15. **Open Discussion - ESE Support Facilitators Shortage:**

- Discussion on the shortage of ESE support facilitators in the North Area. Dr. Fleming will provide more details in the next meeting.

16. **Upcoming Events:**

- **PTA Health Fair:** March 15, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Trade Winds.

E. Old Business

1. **Broward Estates:** Vote to be presented to the Board on January 22, 2025.
2. **iReady Access:** Ongoing discussions about grading inconsistencies and the use of common formative assessments.

F. Open Forum

- **Testing Incentives:** Continued discussion on best practices for testing days and how to support students in high-stakes assessments.

G. Announcements

- DAC Meeting: February 12, 2025
- North Area Advisory Meeting: February 20, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49 PM

Minutes Taken By: Michael Pezzicola