

1st MAC (Multilingual Advisory Committee) minutes

August 27th, 2024/6:30 pm/Riverglades Elementary

Committee members' attendance:

Chair	Danielle Hoffman	In person
Vice Chair	Joy Gomez-Hicks	In person
Recording Secretary	Amanda Almeida	In person
Middle School Parent	Sara Korol	In person
Elementary School Parent	Maria Catalina Rubio	In person
Elementary School Parent	Dacyany Ibarondo	virtual
Superintendent Designee	Stephanie Rodriguez	In person

Quorum: yes

Call to order: 6:31 pm – **Adjourned:** 8:03 pm

- Committee introductions, contact information ❖ Social media accounts forthcoming
 - IG
 - Twitter
- Bylaw edits motion Danielle, second Amanda ❖ Defined quorum for MAC
 - Need 5 out of 7 members physically present ○ Sara motioned, Danielle 2nd
 - Quorum definition changed to 60% of members in good standing ○ Danielle motioned, Sara 2nd ❖ Amend “good standing” for all members
 - Cannot miss more than 2 consecutive meetings in person ○ No more than 3 meetings in year ❖ Vacancies addressed
 - Member not in good standing will be replaced by dual language parent that has submitted interest to Chair and Vice Chair ○ Motioned by Danielle, Amanda 2nd
 - If parent of child moves from school with MAC during the school year, parent has 7 days to decide if they wish to remain on committee ○ Motioned by Danielle, Sara 2nd

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- Committee will announce at meeting if a vacancy needs to be filled
 - Chair and vice chair will take recommendations from any interested person, via resume, stated interest, letter, email, etc.
- Committee will take vote at following meeting for new member
 - Committee may call separate meeting to address vacancies as needed ❖ Clarification on site visits
- “MAC can make school visit”
 - 1 or multiple members at a time
- 3 site visits per school year, 1 mandatory for fall
 - Needed to remain in good standing
 - Danielle motion, Amanda 2nd
- Site visit request forms should be standardized, looking to other committees for a template
 - Site visit report should be submitted no later than 3 business days of visit
 - Danielle motion, Sara 2nd ❖

Semantics

- Section 2, Election Process change from “May” to “will” be removed
- Amend election process to be subject to all members and not just officers

❖ Danielle motion to approve edits, Maria 2nd

□ School visits

❖ Committee to visit 2 schools before next meeting in October.

- Members should invite friends of MAC on visit if there are any
- Must invite SAC/SAF chair

□ Committee would like district reports every 7th of every month to help identify trends with DL schools

❖ 5th grade study guides

❖ Schools with DLP

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- ❖ Schools with teacher needs
- ❖ Program Enrollment/Demographics
 - High – how many monolingual vs. multilingual homes?
 - Low – how many monolingual vs. multilingual homes?
- ❖ DLP teachers count per grade level
- ❖ Schools at risk of closing the program
- ❖ How many children leave from monolingual homes?
- ❖ Schools interested in DLP
- ❖ How many self-contained classes?
 - Total classes
 - Successes and concerns
- ❖ Schools with large student population with multilingual homes
- ❖ Historical data and trends on all of the above ❖ DL fast test scores vs non dual
 - School
 - DL schools
 - District
- ❖ JEDI Program
 - How much funds are left for this program?
 - Who is using
 - it ○ What grades
- ❖ Hard copy reports were given by Idalina district employee on Raz kids, Istation and JEDI with top 5 schools
 - Committee is requesting digital reports going forward

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- ❖ Danielle is requesting future available dates for MAC meeting with BCPS liaison to show the back end on how data is obtained □ Public comment

❖ Questions

- Teacher requirements for being DL teacher
- What are curriculum standards and processes for DL
- Does MAC cover other languages
- Can we get better compensation for teachers ○ Compensation can be more than monetary, CEUs for example
- Can we have a teacher pool regionally for helping with JEDI program if a school is lacking in interested or qualified teachers
- Can children test into DL program at Westglades ○ Danielle asking for study guide to place on MAC website
- Requesting data points on how many different MAC models there are and which are excelling
- Are there volunteering opportunities for multilingual parents for tutoring ❖

Concerns

- How to make argument to superintendent for better funding ○ Might help enrollment
- Eagle Ridge elementary 5th grade being taught by English only speaking substitute ○ MAC requesting meeting with principal
- Class sizes for DL across schools
- Westglades losing children in DL program going into 7th grade, concerns is children are not being properly prepared from 6th grade to 7th grade ❖ School site visit suggestions before next meeting
- Eagleridge and Westglades

- Danielle motion to close meeting, Sara 2nd