

# Family Life Advisory Committee (FLAC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 9/25/25, 5:00-6:30pm

## 1. Welcome and Introductions: Steve Wernick began the meeting as the facilitator

- a. Attendance: David Booth, Ashley Boumel, Brittany Chaapel, Isabel Cabrera, Abigail Cobb, Caitlin Edmondson, Sara Ferraro, Cleveland Friday, Alyson Guerra, Matthew Hempstead, Shannon Hinkhaus, Kellie Hurst, Chris Hynes, Jessica Keeney, Eve Koehler, Greg Malveaux, Colette Moorman, Melissa Rectanus, Catina Russell-Helton, Krista Schultz, April Sigmon, Erin Sipes, Andrea St. Clair, Jim Stull, Alexandria Tielle, Bill Vandegrift, Kerrie Wagaman, Abby Weinrub, Steven Wernick, Stephen Whisler, Tiffany Yetman.
- b. Member Responsibilities:
  - i. Membership to the committee is a two-year commitment, if you are unable to serve the two-year commitment, please let the committee know by spring.
  - ii. Members of the committee may not communicate with the public for the committee, this is subsidiary for the board.
  - iii. All information goes to the board for their approval, even though we will have officers, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

## 2. Family Life Meeting Norms:

- a. Be prompt at meeting as votes need to have a quorum.
- b. Monitor sidebar conversations and distractions.
- c. Actively participate and listen and allow for everyone to share.
- d. Be professional and respectful and remain confidential.
- e. Any votes should not go out to the community as they are confidential
  - i. *Special Note:* Meetings are open to the public, but they are not able to participate in discussion, but they could record. Meetings can be videotaped or audio recorded.

## 3. Committee Purpose: Review Instructional materials, to provide parental feedback for the approval process.

- a. Minutes to be posted on CCPS website.
  - i. *Directions to the Minutes:*
    1. [Carrollk12.org](http://Carrollk12.org) Under Board of Education.
    2. Go to the committees tab.
    3. Find the Family life tab.
    4. Information available: Notes for Meetings
- b. *Special Note:* The minutes will not be printed in future meetings and will be sent electronically by Bill Vandegrift.

- 4. SRA (sexual risk avoidance) representative-** Kellie Hurst (Certified County Rep.)
- a. Explained the difference between SRA and SRR (sexual risk reduction).
  - b. For more information go to the website [weascend.org](http://weascend.org)
  - c. *Special Note:* Comprehensive sex education SRR supported by Rutgers and Planned Parenthood, SRA very conservative and professional and sticks to Biology

**5. Accomplishments of last few years of the committee**

- a. Led the way to provide an alternative to the state curriculum, other counties are looking to use the CCPS model.
- b. The committee has looked out for parents and teachers and accommodates concerns.
- c. Extended electronic form until October, to give parents more time to make the decision.
- d. The three choices let parents chose what's best for their child.
- e. The explanation flyer was very informative.

**6. Committee positions vote**

- a. Chair of the committee.
  - i. Runs the meeting.
  - ii. Call the agenda and call the votes.
  - iii. Counts the votes accordingly.
- b. Vice Chair
  - i. Steps in if the Chair cannot attend.
  - ii. Supports the Chair/Secretary.
- c. Secretary
  - i. Creates the meeting minutes.
  - ii. The Vice Chair becomes the secretary when the secretary is not present.
- d. Caitlin Edmondson was nominated for Chair by Brittany Chaapel.
  - i. Vote: For-24, Against-0, Abstain-0
- e. Shannon Hinkhaus was nominated for Vice Chair by Alyson Guerra.
  - i. Vote: For-24, Against-0, Abstain-0
- f. Secretary Melissa Rectanus was nominated by Krista Schultz.

- i. Vote: For-24, Against-0, Abstain-0

**7. The Meeting minutes were reviewed from 4/10/25**

- a. Approved.

**8. Share Parent Notification Percentages – Steve Wernick**

**a. Total Percentages *shared countywide***

- i. CCPS 42%
- ii. MSDE 34%
- iii. Opt. out 6%
- iv. No response 19%

**b. Elementary School *countywide***

- i. CCPS 44%
- ii. MSDE 30%
- iii. Opt. out 8%
- iv. No response 18%

**c. Middle School *countywide***

- i. CCPS 40%
- ii. MSDE 38%
- iii. Opt. out 4%
- iv. No response 18%

**d. High School *countywide***

- i. CCPS 38%
- ii. MSDE 38%
- iii. Opt. out 3%
- iv. No response 20%

**e. Parent Form closes the week of the October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

- f. *Special Note:* If no response is received from a parent, the teachers must also send one email, then one paper permission slip, with the third contact being either a phone call or an announcement in a school newsletter.

- g. Parents can change their mind through an email or call the school

**9. Future Meeting Topics:**

- a. The committee will have to consider preschool and Special Needs materials, with collaboration with the Special Needs Committee.
- b. More lessons on social media and pornography and their impact on relationships.
- c. Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned.