

Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)
School Board Administration Building, Room 559
Meeting ID: 886 1297 1291
Passcode: FCIAC

Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Attendance/Members Present

In-Person:

Laura Crenshaw-Philpot, Enrique Escallon, Deborah Gonzalez, Lynette Gonzalez, Beverly Heller, Lina Hodgson, Maria Ratti Jakoniuk, Reinaldo Palacios, Mary Reeves, Zoraida Serret, Meriel Seymore, Lenora Stafford, Sharon Watson, Antonio White

Excused:

Zoom:

Sherian Demetrius, Mina Hosseini, Brittany Lambert Brown, Staycie Gabelus, Manuella Metellus (Sant La), Eileen Segal, Nadiège Theresias-Joisil, Renee Williams

Also Present In-Person:

Maria Paula De Carolis, Tabitha Fazzino, Ines Meras, Ron Steiger, Lisa Thurber

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Old Business

- Approval of Meeting Minutes: The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from October 16, 2023. The minutes were adjusted as corrected.

III. Reports

A. South Region

- 10th Annual School Expo on November 1st was a success.
- South Region schools Magnet Night will occur on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at various school sites.
- Dr. Henry E. Perrine Academy, Howard McMillan Middle School, Lamar Louis Curry Middle School, and Southwood Middle are National Magnet Certified Schools.

- Magnet Program Enrollment will be open until January 15, 2024; parents can apply online.
- South Region Schools from South Dade and Ferguson Feeder Pattern will be hosting Thanksgiving activities to assist families in the community.
- 2024-2025 school year Open Controlled enrollment will open on January 31, 2024 – February 29, 2024
- 2024 – 2025 school year Parent Choice Transfers will open on March 1, 2024.
- Future Ready Miami-Dade Scholarship is available to Miami-Dade County residents. This covers costs not covered through other grants
<https://www.mdc.edu/future-ready/>

B. Central Region

- November is Homeless Awareness Month. The kick-off was held at St. Thomas University in collaboration with the Homeless Trust and Project Up-start.
- Ponce De Leon Middle School and South Miami K-8 Center are nationally certified and have a Magnet School of Excellence designation.
- The Opioid Alliance District-wide Fentanyl Awareness campaign with 62 district high schools is this month
- The building at South Miami Prep will be completed this year (2024)

C. North Region

- Miami Carol City Law Magnet students went to Washington D.C. They met the President, First Lady, and Vice President and participated in the State Arrival Ceremony for the Prime Minister of Australia.
- The “Say No to Fentanyl” campaign was launched in November at high schools throughout the district.

D. Title I DAC

- 2023 – 2025 DAC Impact Officers were installed
 - Members include parents that represent North, South, and Central regions.
 - First general meeting will be held virtually on December 7, 2023; topics covered include:
 - Title 1 Budget Overview
 - Project Up-Start
 - Post-secondary Planning
 - Pop and Prep
 - Resources of Miami-Dade Public Library System. A representative will present.
 - Title 1 CIS training meetings in November will cover community partnerships, and the December meeting will cover financial literacy.
 - All information is available on our website.

E. Superintendent’s Panel for Exceptional Student Education

- Special October meeting addressed legislative priorities and the impact of HB1.
- Subcommittee met regarding the transition of ESE students with other agencies.
- The Mental Health goal to improve the services being provided to the students was also addressed.
- All are invited to attend meetings.

F. FCIAC Parent Budget Subcommittee

- The biggest concern is HB1 and capital improvements.

G. Miami-Dade PTA

- The PTA will put out an alert to contact the senate committee to ask them to support the PTA.

H. Citizens Coalition

- Selecting legislative priorities from the state and federal initiatives.
- Next meeting is today, following FCIAC.
- They are looking into the intent of the Miami Educational Coalition.

I. Superintendent's Report

- Deregulation related to HB1 - repealing or revising regulations for public schools that are not applied to private and charter schools to level the playing field.
- The Senate has taken a significantly more aggressive approach.
 - SB7000 – Senator Calatayud - administrative and personnel
 - SB7002 – Senator Hudson - facilities; eliminating cost per student station; more flexibility in spaces.
 - SB7004 – Senator Simon - assessment and accountability; eliminating ELA 10 and Algebra I EOC as a graduation requirement.
- First drafts should be on Wednesday afternoon in the Senate K-20 Committee - send links.
- All three senators are well-positioned for future leadership.
- Bills will need vocal support from the community to Dade Delegation.
- HB109 Representative Andrade/SB249 Senator Harrell - Some are calling it the Parent Trigger 2.0
 - Allow municipalities to convert schools within their jurisdiction to charters in one application.
 - Strikes the language for 50% of teachers.
 - Removes the voice of the faculty.
 - Possible disenfranchisement of parents in terms of School Board.
 - Will impact the parent choice portfolio.

IV. Presentation

Fiscal Viability - Ron Stieger

- All students are public school students.
- Concern about private schools keeping tuition levels and expanding seats.
- The district has 3-5 years to consider a fully competitive environment.
- We need to better understand how parents make decisions for their children.
- If revenues decline, we will operate with related expenses; economies of scale will disappear.
- Dr. Dotres and Cabinet understand that enrollment is the key.
- This is a fight over governance; regardless of the governance, there is a need for teachers.
- Public schools will ensure students and employees are not treated unfairly/unequally.

- We need to sell how our ethics benefit the community.
- We need to influence our community rather than try to influence Tallahassee.
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools means something bigger and positive for the entire community.
- We need to market the things that we have better than private/charters:
 - Certified teachers.
 - Every school has a library.
 - Early childhood programs.
 - ESE Services.
 - Transportation.
- We need to find the right seat for every student.

V. Office of Family and Community Engagement

- District-wide Leadership Conference – October 27 at Miami Lakes Educational Center was attended by over 400 employees and 100 parents.
 - Presentations from various agencies, including Mental Health, Leadership, and PTSA.
 - The Miami Lakes Tech culinary students provided BBQ for lunch.
- November is Family Engagement Month. The calendar of activities for schools and families is available on our website.
- Principal TODAY Kick-Off Breakfast is November 30th, and school visits are scheduled for the following week.
- The Marketplace and Parent Academy Community Resource Hub will launch on December 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

VI. New Business

- Finalization of 2023-2024 Committee Priorities
 - Moved to December as old business.
- Beverly Heller announced that the Diversity and Equity Committee is selecting priorities and requesting speakers. Last month's topic was transportation. Beverly will send the minutes to share with the committee.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.