

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

Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attendance/Members Present

In-Person:

Aundray Adams, Enrique Escallon, Deborah Gonzalez, Lynnette Gonzalez, Beverly Heller, Lina Hodgson, Mina Hosseini, Maria Jakoniuk, Mary Reeves, Rolinda McCarthy, Angel Rodriguez, Eileen Segal, Meriel Seymore, Lenora Stafford, Antonio White, Renee Williams

Zoom:

Reinaldo Palacios, Shiela Jackson, Sedney Taylor, Nadiege Theresias-Joisil, Brittany Lambert, Patrick Salmasi

Also Present In-Person:

Sally Alayon, Dawn Baglos, Jose Dotres, Tricia Fernandez, Ines Meras, Martha Montiel, Rosa Novo, Omar Riaz, Larisa Svechin, Lisa Thurber

I. Welcome and Introductions

The Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC) meeting was called to order by Lisa Thurber at 2:05 p.m.

II. Presentation: Overview of Committee

Lisa Thurber provided an overview of the FCIAC purpose and bylaws.

Ines Meras provided sunshine laws for citizen participation groups, and the certification of compliance with Florida's Code of Ethics for Individuals Serving on Advisory Committees (Non-Employee) of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Bylaw revisions proposed as follows:

- (FCIAC) and use abbreviation throughout the remainder of the document
- Office of Family and Community Engagement
- M-DCPS Parent Academy
- Roman numeral I under Title I
- Remove all "the's"
- Family Action Network FAN
- P.S. 305

MOTIONS:

- TERMS: Serve for two years or longer at the discretion of the office or organization
- Remove the date of By-laws and list when they were amended
- Other revisions per Angel's document – need to check Board Policy for Purpose

III. Elections of Officers

Beverly Heller made a motion to nominate Eileen Segal as Chair of the FCIAC. Antonio White seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion carried.

Mary Reeves nominated Aundrey Adams for Chair – Mr. Adams respectfully declined.

Rolinda McCarthy made a motion to nominate Aundray Adams as Vice Chair of the FCIAC. Beverly Heller seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion carried.

Aundray Adams nominated Mina Hosseini to recoding secretary –Ms. Hosseini respectfully declined.

Eileen Segal nominated Enrique Escallon for Vice Chair, Mr. Escallon respectfully declined.

Mina Hosseini made a motion to nominate Enrique Escallon as Recording Secretary of the FCIAC. Aundray Adams seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion carried.

IV. Old Business

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The committee reviewed the May 15, 2023 meeting minutes with minor additions. Beverly Heller made a motion to approve the May 15, 2023 minutes. Eileen Segal seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion carried.
- B. The 2022-2023 Committee Recommendations to the Superintendent were reviewed. Superintendent Jose Dotres gave feedback in addition to speaking points by Lisa Thurber.

Priority 1 – Fiscal Viability of M-DCPS

The district is addressing this priority as follows:

- Adding magnet transportation for students with disabilities
- Stabilizing staffing in our most fragile schools \$7M for 2023-24
- Project TOPS program for students with disabilities in Adult Technical

Priority 2 – Teacher/Support Personnel Recruitment and Retention

The district is addressing this priority as follows:

- Teacher residency programs have been established
 - a. 12-16-week internship without pay - partnership with MDC and start getting paid
 - b. State has created a Teacher Apprentice Model Program (Washington and Tennessee)
- AA degree candidate - placed with mentor/experienced teacher for two years
- Paid a little less than a teacher
- Full certification and their bachelors degree at no cost
 - a. First employer for our high school students - lowered the age to 18 for elementary schools
 - b. Increased teaching academies with dual enrollment from 16 to 26?
- ESE teachers are receiving supplements

Priority 3 – Mental Health

The district is addressing this priority as follows:

- Mental Health Line open to families seven days a week, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Pilot for telehealth for physical and mental health 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; working with TCT for a study.
- Vision is for all students and families to have telehealth.

Priority 4 -Communication

The district is addressing this priority as follows:

- More and more teachers that are career changers.
- Human Capital conducts multi-year surveys with teachers
- Empowering mentor teachers

Priority 5 – F.A.S.T. Assessment and Support to Tier 3 Schools and Students

The district is addressing this priority as follows:

- Parent Academy Watch Parties
- Tier 3 Schools are provided academic support, social/emotional services for students, wrap-around services as part of the extended day, as well as interventions during the day and after school tutorials
 - a. One example is TALENTS, which provides enrichment for students after school
- The district secured a grant for over \$1M for high-dose tutorial programs through the University of Chicago
 - a. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be one of four school districts with implementation in 2nd or 3rd grading period
- Families need more information to better understand progress monitoring as it relates to F.A.S.T.

The Committee wants the Superintendent to return for an interim update – possibly in January 2024

V. New Business

- A. Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Beverly Heller to schedule committee meetings on the third Monday of every month. Mary Reeves seconded the motion. With no opposition, the motion carried.

Meeting Schedule:

October 16, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 18, 2023

January 16, 2024, instead of January 8, 2024

February 12, 2024

March 18, 2024

April 15, 2024

May 20, 2024

Meeting Times: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

B. Region Announcements

South Region

- Summer 305 was wonderful for students to do credit recovery
- Choice programs will be going into an online system in January

Central Region

- September 13 -18 - Brag about your school #bragaboutmys

North Region

- Construction at Miami Beach Senior High is underway
- iAttend - Attendance intervention program, including virtual school

C. Community Announcements

- Mina Hosseini announced that P.S. 305 is launching a Parent Fellowship -will be sharing information
- Beverly Heller announced Advocates PTA is selling 2023-2024 Calendars for \$4

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.