

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 5, 2023
Minutes

Members Present

Andrew Tundidor	Rasheed K. Gray
Antonio Burgess	Rebecca Dahl
Ashley Eubanks	Teresa Williams
Carolyn Hardy	Victoria Bastidas
Erica Hansinger	
Fareida Rajkumar	
Harve Brosten	
Karen Fortman	
Luke Harrigan	
Narnike Pierre-Grant	
Nicole Murad Scarcella	

Members Absent

Camille Hansinger
Chris Fuller
Corey Shearer
Faheema Abdool-Ghany
Gloria Lewis
Jimmy Witherspoon
Ram Tewari
Sharon Kanter
Shawn Sealy
Yao Qi

STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF: Sylvia Beevas, Assistant Director, Equity, Diversity & School Climate, Carlisa Russell, Instructional Facilitator, Kyle Summers, Instructional Facilitator, Lisa Eutsey, Instructional Facilitator, Marion M. Williams, Committee Liaison, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling

DISTRICT STAFF: Guy Barmoha, Director, Bob McKinney, Secondary Learning

GUEST(s): Lara Gutzmore, Nadia McLeon

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Diversity Committee was held on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kathleen C. Wright Bldg. The meeting was called to order by Narnike Pierre-Grant at 6:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting for September 7, 2023, was approved by unanimous consent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Mrs. Washington's absence, Sylvia Beevas gave the director's report. She stated that the majority of her work deals with prevention; she manages the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Team; and helps to coordinate the Behavior Intervention Committee. Ms. Beevas briefly shared information on the Promise Program, School to Prison Pipeline, Sex Ed Health Curriculum, and the Stronger Connections Grant that the department has applied for. Questions followed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Pierre-Grant shared that she attended two Town Hall meetings. She also shared her concerns regarding the College Fair to be held on October 12th at the Broward County Convention Center. She mentioned there were not ample opportunities for all students to attend the college fair. Ms. Pierre-Grant requests that the Diversity Committee webpage be updated; and also a presentation on the Disciplinary Matrix. She reminded the

committee that the Technology Committee needs a representative from the Diversity Committee. She shared that there is a Disparity Study Community Forum on October 11th at Plantation High School. Ms. Pierre-Grant shared her concerns about members who have missed three consecutive meetings. She stated that she will be implementing the 1070 rule and the Diversity Committee's Bylaws and that they are no longer a part of the committee. Discussion followed.

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT:

Mr. Gray shared that he attended the last calendar committee meeting and he brought forward the Diversity Committee's motion regarding Diwali.

PRESENTATION:

A presentation by Guy Barmoha and Bob McKinney, on Advanced Academics was followed by questions from the committee.

SITE VISIT:

Ms. Williams shared the dates for this year's school site visits and briefly gave an overview of what is entailed in a site visit and the follow-up procedure. Ms. Dahl encouraged members to attend at least two to three visits. Ms. Williams shared the history of the Diversity Committee members receiving SBBC badges. Discussion followed.

AD HOC INDICATORS COMMITTEE

Ms. Williams provided the committee with copies of the nine conditions along with the current indicators. She asked the members to review and make recommended changes

MOTIONS:

A motion was made by Narnike Pierre-Grant, seconded by Rebecca Dahl, to have the Department of Behavioral Threat Assessment Management provide the Diversity Committee with any and all training manuals and or material that demonstrates implicit bias training. If there is NO implicit bias training then the department needs to provide the Diversity Committee with an explanation. Motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Narnike Pierre-Grant, seconded by Karen Fortman, that the School Counseling Department in charge of Xello provide the Diversity Committee with information about Xello as well as how the transition to it will happen and information will be transferred fully. Motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Rebecca Dahl, seconded by Rasheed Gray, that all members of District Committees have the same information given to parents about events which are county or area events. Motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Luke Harrigan, seconded by Antonio Burgess, to have the district reinstate the committee members' I.D. badges to enter schools. Motion failed.

Motion passed, by consent, to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.