# THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING November 2, 2023 Minutes

#### **Members Present**

Carolyn Hardy Corey Shearer Erica Hansinger Faheema Abdool-Ghany Fareida Rajkumar Luke Harrigan Narnike Pierre-Grant Nicole Murad Scarcella Rebecca Dahl Teresa Williams Victoria Bastidas

#### **Members Absent**

Andrew Tundidor Antonio Burgess Ashley Eubanks Camille Hansinger Chris Fuller Gloria Lewis Harve Brosten Jimmy Witherspoon Karen Fortman Landy Joseph Ram Tewari Rasheed K. Gray Sharon Kanter Shawn Sealy Yao Qi

**STUDENT SERVICES INITIATIVES DIVISION STAFF:** Veda Hudge, Executive Director, Student Services Initiatives; Sylvia Beevas, Assistant Director, Carlisa Russell, Instructional Facilitator, Kylle Summers, Instructional Facilitator, Marion M. Williams, Committee Liaison, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling

# **DISTRICT STAFF:** Idalina Orta, Maja Hamoui, Bilingual/ESOL Department

# CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Diversity Committee was held on Thursday, November 2, 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 not present.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Mrs. Washington's absence, Ms. Veda Hudge gave the director's report. She updated the committee on the School to Prison Pipeline meeting. She informed the committee of the upcoming Teen Summit, which consisted of peer counseling students across the district. **Ms. Williams** mentioned in addition the Human Relations Council Summit of high school students was held at the South Regional Library.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Pierre-Grant suggested a new structure for presentations. Discussion followed.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

A presentation by Sylvia Beevas, on Prevention, Behavior Intervention Committee (BIC) and the Positive Behavior Intervention (PBIC) and Supports Team followed by questions from the committee.

A presentation by Idalina Orta, on the Multilingual Advisory Committee (MAC)-Policy 1440. Ms. Orta provided the members with a draft copy of policy 1440 and asked for their input. Discussion followed.

**Ms. Fareida Rajkumar** shared the Diwali Festival of Lights celebration scheduled on November 18, 2023, at the Broward County Convention Center. **Ms. Williams** updated the members on revising the Diversity Committee Bylaws.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Dahl informed the committee of her concerns she had from the last school site visit she attended. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.