

Riverglades Elementary School
School Advisory Forum
December 16, 2024

Welcome: A meeting of the Riverglades Elementary School Advisory Forum was called to order by Stephanie Rodriguez at 9:09am. Secretary Kathleen Judd recorded the minutes. Attendance attached.

Approval of October Minutes: Rodriguez sent via email and summarized the November 18, 2024 minutes. Shasha Hilbon made a motion to approve. Trisha Feldman seconded. Motion outcome: the minutes from November 18, 2024, were approved.

Principal's Report: Please see newsletter for a lot of detailed information. Lox road is now open. On January 14, the district is hosting a district wide showcase of our BCPS elementary schools. Schools in Broward county public schools will be at Amerant Bank Arena. Every school gets a booth to showcase the great things they are doing. Starts at 5pm. The goal is to bring kids back to Broward and keep kids from leaving Broward.

PTA Report: Trisha Feldman reported Holiday shop is underway until Friday, December 20. Park Ridge Holiday Toy Drive is being organized right now. Goal is to deliver the gifts tomorrow. The goal is 500 gifts. PTA gift wrapping committee is finished wrapping gifts- thank you! Next even is Lunar New Year on January 24, 2025.

Safety/SRO Report: Gerry Volpe reported that Deputy Danielle Wolf did a great shop with "Shop with a Sheriff". He also reported that there are no safety concerns at this time.

SAF Chair Reports: The superintendent spoke at the last meeting. He spoke about hard conversations with students regarding suicide prevention. Discussion came up about perfect scores and really low scores and what can be done to address enrichment and gaps. Schools should be very student centered. What are the kids doing? Spoke about expo regarding all Broward elementary schools at Amerant Arena. There is a teacher shortage everywhere, not just Broward. 20 low performing schools and 3 in the north area- those schools are getting many walkthroughs and on the spot notes/support. iReady discussion- some schools are giving grades for iReady. **Please see detailed notes (attached) from Shasha Hilbon.**

Questions, concerns, ideas: None

Motion to adjourn Kathleen Judd made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:26am

Next meeting: January 27, 2024 @ 9am

Broward County Public Schools
North Area Advisory Council
General Meeting Agenda

Monarch High School 5050 Wiles Road Coconut Creek, FL 33073
November 21, 2024, 6:15-9:00pm



Website

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Chair- Cynthia Dominique Vice Chair- Karla Figueroa Recording Secretary- Danielle Dunfee
Corresponding Secretary- Lucie Dicapua Communications Chair- Nicole Kearney

Ask Questions During the Meeting:

<https://forms.gle/29BCuvXHTwTnYw296>



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- A. Call to Order
- B. House Keeping- Ensure that you sign in so that your attendance is counted, Member are required to attend meetings to remain in good standing. One question or comment per person until we have allowed all members to speak at least once. Guest may speak if time permits. Please be respectful.
- C. Approval of Minutes- October 2024
- D. Call to Action! – Get comfortable with asking the hard questions – have conversations with your child, don't leave it up to TikTok and Instagram – do prevention talk with them– Staff member Lori Ramsey – Suicide Prevention Specialist, offers support to students across schools in Broward.
- E. Broward Schools Superintendent- Dr. Howard Hepburn -**EVERYONE** contributes to the A District – from the custodian, bus driver, cafeteria worker, to the teacher, student, parent, and volunteers. – How to close gaps, student centered!!! Focus on the students! Focus on the kids – you will see the magic happen! All kids can learn.

Operational efficiencies – wants to make sure customer service is great and make improvements in real time. QR codes in the front office – use them and the principal should make adjustments based off feedback.

STUDENTS FIRST- What are we doing for our kids, what are we seeing our kids do? If what we see in the classroom is not working, then we follow the trail back and see why it's not working.

All schools expo - Date TBA – possibly January 13th at Panther Arena

Teacher shortage! It's not just Broward, it's everywhere.

- F. School Transformation Office- Purpose and Strategies -**Ms. Veda Hudge** – 20 schools North –3 schools – The goal is to stabilize the schools. All of the schools in the transformation office have gone up. Working with the leaders to build a culture and network. Strategies to help the students succeed and how to keep those on target to keep improving. They do walk throughs in the schools and provide on the spot feedback. They are also working with FAU on programs to help students succeed. Varsity Tutoring – tutor comes into the classroom and the teacher provides the content that should be covered.
- G. District Attendance Office- Brief Summary of North Region Data, BTIP, Attendance Incentives – **District Coordinator of Attendance** – SIP Plan – 4 goals for attendance. They would like to develop a public facing dashboard for the daily attendance rate. Poor attendance is symptom of a problem.

- H. Policy 4900 Policy 4900 Audio and Visual Recording of Self-Contained ESE Classrooms -PreK-12 Cameras in Classrooms – Cameras will be able to bring equity for students who are non-verbal. ESE Advisory – continue the program from the pilot. School Board said they would look into continuing the program in the classrooms. Procedure and policy in place to view the footage.
- I. North Region Administrative Updates
- J. Old Business
1. 2025-2026 Calendar [Option 1](#) , [Option 2](#); [Option 3](#); Calendar Survey Results
 2. School Choice- Window Open Dec 2nd at 8am
 3. Academics- Are schools getting grades for iReady? Middle Schools are giving grades for iReady – it's not consistent across the board.
- Boundary Committee Meeting – December 2nd – Coconut Creek – making it a K-8
- K. Committee Reports
1. Chair District Report- IG Oversight Pass, New School Board Members/Chair, SAF Training, Motion Updates, Redefining Updates, School Recognition Funds
 2. Grade Level Subcommittees- Drug and Alcohol Prevention Event
- L. Open Forum- Share what you'd like!
1. Problem/Potential, 2. Probe/Policy, 3. Proposed Solution

M. Announcements

Future Meeting Dates:

COMMITTEE	DATE
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON TEAMS	December 2 nd 9:30-11:30am
BOUNDARY COMMITTEE AT NOVA MIDDLE SCHOOL	December 2nd 6pm-8pm
NORTH AREA STEERING MEETING ON TEAMS	December 3 rd 8:30pm-9:30pm
SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP	December 10th 8am- Until
DISTRICT ADVISORY GENERAL MEETING AT KCW	December 11 th 6:15pm- 8:45pm
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING ON TEAMS	December 9 th 8:00pm-9:30pm
***NORTH AREA GENERAL MEETING AT MONARCH HIGH	December 19th 6:15pm-8:45pm
MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPO AT POMPANO BEACH HIGH	January???? TBA

N. Adjourn

We wish you a joyful Thanksgiving!!!!

Links and Resources Discussed During Meeting

- Ethics Training: <http://browardschools.com/Page/41329>
- Advisories and Committees: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32049>;

Broward Schools Policies: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37754>

- **School Board and Leadership Staff Directory:** [School Board & Leadership Staff Directory / School Board Members \(browardschools.com\)](#)
- **Board Meeting Public Comment:** [Broward County Public Schools \(granicusideas.com\)](#)
- **BCPS Attendance:** <https://www.browardschools.com/attendance>
- **FLDOE Attendance and Enrollment:** <https://www.fldoe.org/how-do-i/attendance-enrollment.stml>
- **FLDOE Truancy Program:** <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7506/urlt/DPTTI.pdf>
- **School Transformation Office:** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/75636>
- **Draft of Policy 4900:** [Draft Policy 4900 with comments.pdf](#)
- **ESE Camera Matrix:** [ESECameraMatrix.pdf](#)