

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 5, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present**

Alana Borrero	Narnike Pierre-Grant
Antonio Burgess	Nicole Murad Scarcella
Ashley Eubanks	Rasheed K. Gray
Erica Hansinger	Ruben Nesbitt
Faheema Abdool-Ghany	Windsor Ferguson
Lisa Yurkin	

**Members Absent**

Aedan Jones	Harve Brosten
Beau Simon	Marie Compas
Briana Jacques	Rebecca Dahl
Carolyn Hardy	Teresa Williams
Corey Shearer	Thomas Alberto Vasquez
Emilia Mackiewicz	Victoria Bastidas

**STUDENT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF:** Dr. Jodi Washington, Task-Assigned Executive Director, Tom Albano, Coordinator, Carlisa Russell, Instructional Facilitator, Marion M. Williams, Committee Liaison, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

**DISTRICT STAFF:** Veda L. Hudge, Assistant Superintendent, Jennifer Escandell, Director, School Transformation Office

**GUESTS** Naima Khan-Ghany, Kathy Koch, Lubria Hamad, Tiffany Post

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Diversity Committee was held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kathleen C. Wright Building. The meeting was called to order by Narnike Pierre-Grant at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was not present; an informational meeting proceeded.

**PRESENTATION**

A presentation by Veda Hudge on School Transformation was followed by questions from the committee.

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

Ms. Pierre-Grant gave a summary of the last few school site visits. She mentioned that Dr. Superintendent Hepburn may attend the Diversity Committee meeting in February. Ms. Grant mentioned a report that Latricia emailed to the members last month. The report was from the Broward County Equity Racially Task Force. The committee agreed to have a representative speak at their next Diversity Committee meeting.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Dr. Washington recognized Mr. Antonio Burgess for all his hard work in the mentoring programs within the Equity, Diversity & School Climate Department. She also recognized the mentors within the district. Mr. Albano shared that the department is currently working on the following: a course on Culturally Responsive for Assistant Principals and Principals; Inter-Faith Dialogue; Anti-Hate Diversity Summit. He shared the various clubs the department facilitates. He mentioned the Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Clubs, which is a collaboration with the Sandy Hook Foundation. The SAVE Promise is an anti-violence program that are currently in Broward schools. He shared that the district has the largest SAVE promise program in the country. Dr. Washington added that the SAVE Promise Program gives eighteen National Awards every year and Broward Schools received thirteen of the eighteen. Mr. Albano stated that in January, twenty high schools will have a Student Athlete Mentoring Program.

### **VICE CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Gray asked Marion to give a summary of an observation of a third-grade class during their walkthrough at Charles Drew Elementary. An Ad Hoc meeting will be scheduled to discuss the issue further.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION**

Ms. Williams discussed the subcommittees and shared the dates of each upcoming meetings that will be held via Teams. She requested the members to review the indicators for feedback for potential changes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is scheduled on  
Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.