

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 16, 2024

Summary

Members Present

Nathan Cherson
Sue Colton
Nancy Fry
Ram Tewari
Matt Walters

Members Absent

Jose Morera
Geanny Ruiz

Attendance: Tom Albano, Coordinator, Marion Williams, Committee Liaison, Lisa Eutsey, Instructional Facilitator, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

Guest(s): Rebecca Thompson (In person); **Via Teams:** Landyn Spellberg, Student Advisor;
Human Relations Student Members:
Chyenne Smith; Aidan Pounds; Kaelan Burges; Jaylen George; Amaya Henry

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Human Relations Committee was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lauderdale Manors Administration Center. Nancy Fry called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meetings for August 21, 2024, and September 18, 2024, were approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Albano shared that a Peer Counseling Summit for students was held at Broward College. The purpose of the summit was to build leadership and capacities within students among areas the Equity, Diversity & School Climate Department (EDSC) supports; he shared various initiatives that will be rolling out, ThinkB4U Post; Parent Night on Technology; Prevention for substance abuse; a town hall meeting is scheduled on October 29th at Monarch High School; the Broward Sheriff's Office will give a presentation on edibles and vaping; during Red Ribbon Week the EDSC department will send a list of all different organizations in the community as resources to support the schools; he shared that on October 25th the EDSC department will have a 5K Run fundraiser. The purpose of the run is to support the following programs: 5000 Role Models; Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders and Student-Athlete Mentoring.

ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR

Nancy Fry was elected Chair; Nathan Cherson was elected Vice-Chair.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Fry shared that a Muslim Federation requested to speak at one of the Human Relations Committee Meetings. Discussion followed. Ms. Fry shared her committee report she gave to the School Board: topics included calendar options; and comments from one of the Board Members on conspiracies of gender transitioning in the schools; she also mentioned that she attended the committee chairs' meeting regarding the communication process, mainly on submitting motions.

Calendar Committee Update: Ms. Eutsey updated the committee with the number of responses thus far from the Calendar Options survey. Discussion followed.

Human Relations Councils Update: Ms. Eutsey shared the current number of human relations councils. There are 26 high schools: 32 middle schools, and 10 non-traditional schools with a total student member count of 437 within the district. The high school student members will receive 20 service hours, a letter of recommendation from a school board member, and a member certificate; the middle school members will also receive a letter of recommendation from a School Board Member and a certificate. Ms. Eutsey shared a few concerns, and ideas from the student members regarding what their perspectives are from other students this year. Mr. Spellberg shared his role and responsibilities as a student advisor and mentioned the Speak Up, Speak Out sessions that engage students across the district. He suggested having a partnership through the HRCs that are on each campus. The Human Relations Council student members who attended the meeting through Teams introduced themselves and provided information on concerns, about and upcoming events at their school.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for
November 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at
the Lauderdale Manors Administration Center