

**Pinellas County (FL) Schools
District Monitoring Advisory Committee (DMAC)
Minutes**

Thursday, November 19, 2020
Zoom Meeting

DMAC Members Present: Brinson Lewis, Trenia Cox, Ron White, Carol McNamee, Martin Shapiro, Diane Stephens, Frank Logan, Valerie Brim, Brittany Holmes.

Guests: David Koperski – School Board Attorney; Caprice Edmond – School Board member; Lewis Brinson – Minority Achievement Officer – (District Liaison); Dr. Dan Evans- Executive Director of Assessment; Shaune Ferguson - Talent Acquisition Recruiter

Meeting called to order at 6:04 by Trenia Cox, Chair. Quorum met.

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Frank Logan, seconded by Carol McNamee. All members present voted in favor of approving the minutes for November.

3. Old Business:

A.) Report on Out of School Suspensions presented by Dr. Dan Evans.

- Comments/Questions on causes for referrals at the elementary level and suspension breakdown by school.
- Committee requests Luke Williams attendance at next meeting to report on suspension and school arrest data.

B.) Election of New Officers

- Dr. Brim nominates Trenia Cox for Chairman. Committee supports nomination with majority rule. Trenia Cox maintains position as Chair
- Marty Shapiro nominates Brittany Holmes for Vice Chairman. Committee supports nomination with majority rule.
- Frank Logan nominates Kristina Garcia. Committee supports nomination with majority rule. This confirmation is pending approval as Kristina Garcia did not attend meeting.

4. New Business:

A.) Report on Minority Hiring presented by Shaune Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson presented information on counties efforts to recruit minority teachers and current barriers to recruitment efforts.

- School Board member Caprice Edmond inquired transition to teaching program and current recruitment efforts for high school students.

B.) Recommendation to Superintendent

- Carol McNamee inquired about discipline committees and requesting information regarding the impact discipline has on the quality of education.
- Trena Cox proposed making a recommendation to adopt PATHS curriculum for K-5 schools to superintendent Dr. Grego. Committee decided before recommendation is made, more information is needed on current practices as well as a review of proposed curriculum.
- Frank Logan offered to provide committee members an opportunity to visit his school to observe firsthand what takes place in elementary schools in Pinellas county.

C.) Meeting Dates

- Committee determined next three meetings will take place the last Thursday of every other month: (January 28th, March 25th, and May 27th).
- Motion to approve dates by Carol McNamee seconded by Brittany Holmes.

5. Open Agenda

No comments

6. Closing

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm