

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

November 9, 2017

6:00 pm

Pinellas Central Elementary  
10501 58th St. N, Pinellas Park, FL 33782

**DMAC Members Present:** Lawrence Clermont, Dr. Valerie Brimm, Marty Shapiro, Ron White, Thomas Bradwell, Lynne Tucker, Cara Walsh, Rick Bose, and Diane Stephens (quorum present).

**Guests:** David Koperski, School Board Attorney; Joanne Lentino, School Board Member; and Paula Texel, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Services.

Meeting was called to order by Lawrence Clermont at 6:06 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. October 12, 2017 Approved
4. Old Business
  - a. A recorder was provided for the meeting.
  - b. Jodi Ruzewski, District staff member will be the minute taker.
5. New Business
  - a. Election of new officers: Elected will be a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and a secretary. We will nominate one at a time, you may nominate yourself, and nominee must be willing to serve.
    - o Chairperson – Marty Shapiro nominated Lawrence Clermont and Mr. Clermont expressed an interest in continuing to serve as chairperson. Dr. Brimm nominated Thomas Bradwell, Mr. Bradwell declined. All voted with 7-yes and 1-abstaining. Mr. Clermont is elected Chairperson.
    - o Vice Chair – Marty Shapiro nominated Thomas Bradwell, all voted with 7-yes and 1-abstaining. Mr. Bradwell is elected Vice Chair.
    - o Secretary – Marty nominated Diane Stephens, Paula Texel explained the duties of the Secretary. All voted with 7-yes and 1-abstaining. Ms. Stephens is elected Secretary.
  - b. David Koperski gave an overview of how DMAC was formed due to a settlement in the Bradley case. He also reviewed the recommendation submitting timeline.
6. Meeting Topics Discussion – There was much discussion regarding the topics. Marty Shapiro read the Transformation Zone report. He mentioned that in the report it states the district provided additional resources and he would like detailed information. Paula Texel stated she will take this question back to the Director, Tzaporaw Sahadeo. Committee members identified two areas of focus to discuss and make recommendations:
  - o Discipline
  - o Summer LearningThe committee members were asked to review the Bridging the Gap Plan (BTG). Discipline is Goal 4 in the BTG Plan. The committee members will then send input to Paula Texel electronically by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Texel will compile the information and send it to Mr. Clermont for next steps.
7. Sub-Committee Discussion – the committee decided to table this topic till next meeting, possibly have a sub-committee meeting.

8. Bridging the Gap Presentation: Dr. Lewis Brinson was to present. He was unable to attend.

Mary Schoonover - suggested adding another organization, League of Women Voters. David Koperski stated there might be a concern on adding another organization.

Lynn Tucker – might be a good move to push our meetings out onto social media, possibly add it to the upcoming events on our website.

Meeting Adjourn        7:55p.m.