

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

September 13, 2018

6:00 pm

Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association Building
650 Seminole Blvd., Largo, FL 33770

DMAC Members Present: Lawrence Clermont, Marty Shapiro, Diane Stephens, Lynne Tucker, Ronnie White, Greg Logan, Valerie Brimm

Guests: David Koperski, School Board Attorney; Eileen Long, School Board Member; Carol McNamee, St. Petersburg NAACP, Paula Texel, Assistant Supt HR; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA President; Sheena Lofton, Pasco County

Meeting was called to order by Lawrence Clermont at 6:04 p.m.

1. Introductions we made
2. Approval of Agenda – Marty moved to approve, Lynne seconded, approved 6-0
3. Approval of Minutes – Marty moved to approve minutes from May 2018, Lynne seconded, approved 6-0
4. New Business
 - a. Determine meeting dates for 2018/2019 school year – Discussion was held and the following dates and locations were determined.

November 8	African American Museum
January 10	Gibbs High School
March 7	Pinellas County Schools Admin Building
May 9	CAP Center, Tarpon Springs*
July 11	Pinellas County Schools Admin Building
September 12	Pinellas County Schools Admin Building

- b. Discuss nominations for officers
Committee discussed the process and timeline for selecting officers for 2018/2019. Nominations will be taken at the next meeting and voting will occur at that meeting as well. Mr. Koperski reviewed the process with the group:

Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary

Elected annually

1 officer from each of the following 3 groups of organizations:

NAACP North
PCCPTA
Board/PCTA/PASA

5. Old Business
 - a. Subcommittee Report Outs
 - o Discipline Committee-Marty Shapiro reported that the committee continues to work on reviewing the data shared. Discussion was held on the SEL standards and questions were asked if there were SEL standards for the county or state? Trena shared information with the committee. They weren't sure how this information compliments the work being done in Restorative Practices. As the group reviewed the discipline data the highest ones were reviewed. It was noted that the district has made significant decreases in suspensions since 2015, although some schools have increased. There are a handful of reasons for this. It was shared that Restorative Practices has reduced the escalations and the district appears to have done a good job with this.

Mrs. Stephens shared that she wasn't sure about that statement. There are a lot of transient students and it is important that we train our staffs, to be able to handle the students, need more social workers, need to give the staff some additional help and assistance. There are new teachers who need assistance.

Mrs. Long stated that the district is working closely with outside agencies to address the mental health services that are needed. They are focusing on students who would not get the treatment otherwise.

Mrs. Stephens asked about any type of curriculum guide that is available for teachers. Another question that arises is, when are teachers going to provide this instruction with a day that is already full of academics.

- Summer Learning Committee – Lynne Tucker shared that the committee had gotten the data requested last week and they did not have enough people show up to their recent committee meeting. This committee is ready to put a proposal together and anticipates bringing a proposal to the next meeting. One area they seem to notice is that participation in summer learning opportunities seem to drop off as the summer goes on.
- Family Engagement/Communication – Dr. Brimm shared that the committee will be meeting soon. She shared with DMAC the Parent Academy Workshops Calendar and it was well received. She also shared information about the Family Resource Fair.
- Mr. Koperski reviewed the process for holding committee meetings and making recommendations. Committees should get their meeting dates to Paula Texel at least 7 days in advance and she will get those on the website. Once a recommendation is agreed upon by DMAC, Ms. Texel will take the recommendation to Dr. Grego, who will make a recommendation to the School Board within 30 days.

6. Open Agenda

- Mrs. Long shared information from the School Board including that all schools are participating in 12 hours of Restorative Practices training by mid October. The district has also entered into a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise and doing a lot of work on mental health issues and bullying.
- Marty Shapiro moved to recommend to School Board to reinstate NAACP-South as a member of DMAC. Marty made the motion, Lynne Tucker seconded the motion. Vote held and passed 7-0. Reinstatement would also move the number needed for a quorum to 7. Paula will take the recommendation to staff to move forward on this process. Discussion was held to add NAACP-South to the list of organizations available for officers. We will go back to original language used when NAACP-South was a member.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.