**Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee (FCIAC)**

**SBAB Administration Building Conference Room 559**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2019**

**Members Present**: Mr. Gus Barreiro, Chair, Ms. Katie Butler, Ms. Laura Crenshaw-Philpot, Ms. Shan’Tia Cobb, Ms. La Keisha Cox, Dr. Sherian Demetrius, Ms. France Francois, Ms. Cindy Harrah, Ms. Beverley Heller, Ms. Tiva Leser, Ms. Yalili Low, Ms. Dannie McMillon, Ms. Alina Plasencia, Ms. Lisa Robertson, Ms. Vivienne Vicera, Mr. Antonio White, Ms. Renee Williams

**Alternates**: Ms. Rhoda Louissaint, Ms. Zoraida Serret, Ms. Gloria Simmons

**Members Excused**: Ms. Evonne Alvarez, Ms. Marlene Bastien, Ms. Yanet Cruz, Mr. Joseph Gebara, Dr. Nancy Lawther, Ms. Eileen Segal, Ms. Rosa Maria Olsen-Barbara, Ms. Sharon Watson

**Members Absent:** Ms. Lovern Alleyne-Babb, Ms. Nathalie Bell, Ms. Milly Davila, Mr. Louis Irving, Ms. Patricia Valerio

**Also Present**: Ms. Vanessa Cambridge Grice, Ms. Maria Diaz-Almendral, Ms. Deborah Gonzalez, Mr. Reinaldo Palacios, Ms. Lisa Thurber, Ms. Sara Walkup

**Guests:** Ms. Sally Alayon, Ms. Robin Morrison

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Gus Barreiro, Chair.

Self-introductions were made by attendees.

A quorum was established.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes for November 19, 2018 with necessary corrections by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Motion was carried.

**2018 – 2019 FCIAC Priority** items were reviewed:

Mental Health

Safety & Security

Teacher Recruitment/Retention

Homelessness/Foster Care

Ms. Sara Walkup gave update on the following concerns:

Raptor System – new person assigned – details expected to be available soon.

ESE – there is a 40-hour mandatory course for School Resource Officer

Active Shooter Training – details still being clarified.

Hardening of the schools – getting details from Mr. Jamie Torrens.

Mr. Ian Moffett – role is still being defined.

Question – Active shooter – what is role MDCPS Police? Who is authorized to move Forward?

Comment – Guardian Program – funds have been reallocated for the second time – needs to be monitored.

Department of Mental Health Services – presented by Ms. Sally Alayon, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services and Ms. Robin Morrison.

Due to the passage of SB 7026 allocated approximately $6.2 million to the District, the Department of Mental Health Services was created by Mr. Carvalho. We are the only School District to make this a stand-alone department. Currently there are 30 mental health coordinators who have each been assigned five of the neediest schools in the District (a request was made for a list of the assigned schools). An RFP is out for Mental Wellness Organizations to help with expansion of services.

School site personnel must have (6 hours) Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. The training is designed to help recognize the risk factors and warning signs of mental health challenges in students.

All schools will have a Threat Assessment Team and a Mental Health Team to help identified students get necessary assistance as soon as possible.

Challenge: getting parental consent and getting parents acceptance of what is going on in their child’s life.

Suggestion: offering this awareness training to clergy and youth ministers.

**Region Reports/Updates**:

**North Region:** Presented by Mr. Reinaldo Palacios, LCSW-I:

**Virginia A. Boone Highland Oakes Elem** – February 3 - 16th Annual Family Fun Day & Carnival featuring new and exciting inflatables, family activities, games, and amazing raffle prizes. February 4 – picture book author David Ira Rottenberg will be visiting school to read to students. Author of: Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig; Gwendolyn Goes Hollywood and Margarita’s Star.

**Hialeah Senior High**: selected as the location for motion picture “CRITICAL THINKING’. Movie tells story of Miami Jackson Sr. Highs Chess Team, which in 1998 became the first inner city school to win the U.S. National Chess Championship. The movie stars and is directed by John Leguizamo; should be out in the fall of 2019.

**Central Region:** Presented by Ms. Deborah Gonzalez representing Mr. Michael Lewis:

**New World School of the Arts:** Young Arts Finalists Awards was established in 1981 to identify emerging artists during their year in high school. Seven students received the Young Arts Finalists Award; seven students won the Merit Award and three won the Honorable Mentions Award.

**Coral Gables Senior High**: Ladies Golf Team brought home the District Championship! Ladies Cavaliers Golf Team won Class #A District Championship. Gables first ever District title.

**ABC** Meeting: Mr. Michael Lewis; CRO Director, is hosting ABC meetings on January 22 and 23 in Doral Schools. Meetings are held to formally present the Attendance Boundary Changes that will be forth coming to the Doral Area. One high school and two K-8 Centers will be opening in the City of Doral.

**South Region**: Presented by Ms. Vanessa Cambridge Grice:

The South Region student population has increased to 102,681 (47% of District Population). South Region Schools are ensuring that parents aware of the revised “Code of Student Conduct.” Correspondence with parents provided instruction on how to access the codes via e-handbooks and/or download to access the codes via e-handbooks and/or download from the parent portal.

LifeWater Incorporated extended invitations to local Artist to exercise their creative talents to display vibrant murals on select walls on site at Florida City Elementary. The before and after effects of the murals on the learning environment not only brightened walls, but the spirits of students and staff. LifeWater also contributed a $1,000 grant to the School’s Art Program.

**Title I**

**Superintendent’s Panel for Students with Exceptionalities**

**MDCC PTA**

**FCIAC Budget Sub-committee**: next meeting January 28 @ 5:30 pm, room 916.

**Citizen’s Coalition** – next meeting today @ 11:30 am on the second floor of Credit Union.

**Superintendent’s Report**: presented by Ms. Lisa Thurber: State Legislative Session Starts March 5 ends May 3, 2019. MDCPS Legislative Priorities will focus on funding distribution and school safety.

**Office of Community Engagement:** presented by Ms. Lisa Thurber: District Teacher of the Year will be held January 31.

Ms. Sara Walkup will email pdf flyers of activities to committee.

**Next meeting February 12, 2019.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Dannie McMillon

FCIAC Secretary