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

**SBAB Administration Building Conference Room 559**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 17, 2018**

**Members Present:** Ms. Evonne Alvarez, Mr. Gus Barreiro-Chair, Ms. Katie Butler, Ms. Shan’Tia Cobb, Ms. Lakeisha Cox, Ms. Laura Crenshaw-Philpot, Ms. Yanet Cruz, Ms. Cindy Harrah, Ms. Beverley Heller, Mr. Louis Irving, Dr. Nancy Lawther, Ms. Tiva Leser, Ms. Dannie McMillon, Ms. Rosa Maria Olsen-Barbara, Dr. Lisa Robertson, Ms. Eileen Segal, Ms. Lenora Stafford, Mr. Antonio White, Ms. Renee Williams

**Alternates:** Ms. Ariel Alston, Mr. John Leverston, Ms. Rhoda Louissaint, Mr. Ernie Martinez, Ms. Zoraida Serret, Ms. Meriel Seymore

**Members Excuse**d: Ms. Lovern Alleyne-Babb, Ms. Marlene Bastien, Ms. Izegbe Onyango, Ms. Vivienne Vicera, Ms. Sharon Watson

**Members Absent:** Ms. Nathalie Bell, Ms. Milly Davila, Dr. Sherian Demetrius, Ms. Alina Plasencia, Ms. Patricia Valerio

**Also Present:** Ms. Vanesa Cambridge-Grice, Ms. Deborah Gonzalez, Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Mr. Reinaldo Palacios, Ms. Lisa Thurber, Ms. Sara Walkup

**Guests:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Ms. Sara Walkup, Director, Office of Community Engagement.

Self-introductions were made by attendees.

Quorum was established.

The following were reviewed by Ms. Lisa Thurber, District Director, Office of Community Engagement:

FCIAC Purpose and Bylaws

The Sunshine Law and Advisory Committee Responsibilities

Non-Employee - Certification of Compliance with Florida’s Code of Ethics for Individuals serving on Advisory Committees of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Election of Officers was conducted by Ms. Sara Walkup.

Nominations:

Chair: Gus Barreiro

Motioned by Dr. Nancy Lawther, Seconded by Ms. Eileen Segal. Approved

Vice Chair: Eileen Segal

Motioned by Dr. Nancy Lawther, Seconded by Mr. Antonio White. Approved

Secretary: Dannie McMillon

Motioned by Ms. Beverly Heller, Seconded by Ms. Eileen Segal. Approved

Minutes: (April 23, 2018, May 21, 2018) there were questions regarding the attendance of some members. Minutes will be approved pending checking attendance by Ms. Walkup.

**Region Reports/Updates**:

**North Region:** Presented by Mr. Reinaldo Palacios.

**Hialeah Senior High School** – Culinary Arts Program has been certified as the only “Premier Level ProStart Program’ in Miami Dade County by the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association Education Fund. This designation brings a $750 stipend to the program along with other benefits. Congratulations to Ms. Katherine Gonzalez and the Culinary Arts Students.

**Hialeah Gardens Senior High School** – received the NAF’s (National Academy Foundation) Prestigious President’s Award for being the only school in the US to achieve the highest ranking of ‘Distinguished”

In all five career themed academies at the national conference in Washington D.C. this past summer.

**Central Region:** Presented by Ms. Deborah Gonzalez.

**Coral Gables Preparatory Academy –** awarded the “Merrick Legacy Award” @ the 11th Annual George E. Merrick Awards of Excellence Ceremony. The award was presented by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Allen Morris Company. This school was honored for its longevity in celebration of its 95th Anniversary.

**Silver Bluff Elementary School –** increased school letter grade from a “C” to an “A.”

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

The SouthRegion successfully opened the school year with enhanced security, new, renovated and updated school improvements. The openings were smooth without incidents.

Kendall Square K-8 Center located at 9325 SW 169th Place opened with grades K – 2. Open house was held at Cristina Eve Elementary on September 8. The new building will accommodate 750 students.

Ethel Koger Beckham K-8 added 6th grade students and will gradually phase in eight and ninth grade students over the next two years.

Removed or renovations in progress include the following schools:

Airbase K-8

Cutler Bay Middle

Dr. Carlos J. Finlay

Kenwood K-8

Bio-tech@ Richmond Heights

Ribbon cutting ceremony was held 8/23/18 for the Miami Arts Studio 6 – 12 @ Zelda Glazer Lennar Corporation funded mock courtroom.

Curriculum EXPOs for the 2018 – 2019 School Year will take place from October through November. Schools by Feeder Pattern will display program/activity offerings at designated dates, times and locations.

**MDCC PTA –** presented by Dr. Nancy Lawther, newly elected MDCC PTA/PTSA President.

Her slogan- “Every Child, Every School, Every Community” PTA training will be held September 22 at Southwest Senior High School.

**FCIAC Parent Budget Subcommittee**: Presented by Dr. Nancy Lawther. There are several vacancies on sub-committee, request for members or a recommendation of someone to join subcommittee.

**Superintendent’s Panel for Students with Disabilities** – presented by Ms. Rosa M. Olsen-Barbara

Next meeting will be September 27. Bylaws have been expanded to include students who are gifted.

Full committee will meet every other month to allow meeting time for subcommittees.

Family Forum & Resource Fair will be held October 27 @ Ponce de Leon Middle School – 5801 Auguste Street.

**Superintendent’s Report**: presented by Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration and Community Engagement.

Referendum for increase teacher salaries will be on November ballot. The Superintendent will be conducting Townhall meetings throughout the District to explain and encourage support from community on Election Day.

**Office of Community Engagement -**

**Presented by Lisa Thurber –** The diversity in MDCPS reflects what the future will look like. PowerPoint presented the District’s new innovations. Members can refer back to dadeschools.net website for more details.

Presented by Sara Walkup – Wednesday, September 25 is Statewide Observance for “Dads take Your Child to School Day.”

**Announcements:**

Gus Barreiro, Chair, requested that members bring ideas for this year’s initiatives to next meeting.

**Next meeting is October 15, 2018**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Dannie McMillon

FCIAC Secretary