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

**SBAB Administration Building Conference Room 559**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 26, 2018**

**Members Present:** Mr. Gus Barreiro, Ms. Winifred Browne, Dr. Sherian Demetrius, Ms. Cindy Harrah, Ms. Beverly Heller, Ms. Dannie McMillon, Ms. Carolyn Nelson-Goedert, Ms. Jacqueline M. Perez, Chair, Ms. Laura Philpot, Ms. Alina Plasencia, Ms. Gloria Simmons, Ms. Lenora Stafford, Ms. Vivienne Vicera, Ms. Sharon Watson,

**Alternates:** Ms. Mindy Grimes-Festge, Ms. Elyse Marrero, Ms. Zoraida Serret, Ms. Meriel Seymore

**Members Excused:** Ms. Lovern Alleyne-Babb, Ms. Anita Fullmer, Dr. Lisa Robertson, Ms. Eileen Segal, Mr. Alvin Gainey

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

**Guests**: Ms. Mina Hosseini, Ms. Valarie Lomax, Ms. Vivian Nunez

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Chairperson. Self-introductions were made by attendees. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes**: Motion to approve the January 22, 2018 minutes with corrections by Ms. Winifred Brown. Seconded by Mr. Gus Barreiro. Motion was carried.

Speakers for the presentations had not arrived yet; it was moved by Ms. Sharon Watson to move up the Region Reports on the Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Gloria Simmons. Motion was carried.

**Region Reports/Updates**:

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

Zion M. won the Mae M. Walters Elementary School Spelling Bee using sign language. Officer Macias from MDCPS Police taught students violence prevention and gun safety.

Ernest R. Graham K -8 students participated in the “Third Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Walk” hosted by Florida National University and the Dr. Jose Regueiro Foundation to raise awareness among their peers.

Henry W. Filer Middle School won First Place again in the District Black History and Cultural Brain Bowl. They also won Second Place overall among all Middle and Senior High Schools.

Henry Filer was recognized by the American School Counseling Association of American for implementing a comprehensive school counseling program. Filer was one of four schools to be recognized in Florida. Congratulations Ms. Estrada, School Counselor, and her students for their hard work.

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

Townhall meeting held to discuss boundaries for new high school opening in Doral’s existing Central Region Office located at 5005 NW 112th Avenue. Currently there are 500 students from Ronald Regan Senior High and 500 students from John I. Smith K-8 Center in this building.

5000 Role Model Program hosted a session with City of Miami Police Officers and Students to open communications and promote safety in the schools.

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

Palmetto Elementary received recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence for its leadership in Family Engagement at the January school board meeting.

Federick and Gabriel Gonzalez from TERRA Environmental Research Institute were recognized for academic achievement, volunteerism and leadership roles in the school and the community. Both are 2018 Silver Knight Nominees and National Merit Scholar semifinalists among other honors.

2018 Best Public High Schools in Florida include the following from the South Region:

#3 School for Advanced Studies – South, #12 Coral Reef Senior High, #20 School for Advanced Studies – Wolfson, #25 TERRA Environmental Research Institute, #27 School for Advanced Studies – North, #37 School for Advanced Studies – Homestead, #54 MAST @ Homestead Senior.

2018 – 2019 School Year:

Felix Varela Senior High will open a Dental Aide/Dental Technical Academy. Contact school for details, 305-752-7900

Ethel Koger Beckham Elementary will add grade (6) and in two years will become a K-8 Center.

Ground breaking held for a new K-8 Center in the Felix Varela Feeder Pattern in West Kendall.

Due to the recent tragedy in Parkland, our neighboring community, MDCPS schools are on high alert to ensure a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment for students, staff and faculty. Measures taken include, but are not limited to the following: Security assessments were conducted at each school site; Classroom doors remain locked during school hours; Single designated school entrance, where feasible; and Safety protocol reviewed with all staff etc.

**Presentations**:

**Priority Four: Student testing** – Dr. Sally A Shay, District Director, Assessment. Research and Data Analysis

Several topics discussed:

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) this test provides an authentic assessment of the Florida Standards, because it includes more than multiple choice questions. All tests on computer, grades 3 – 6 will return to paper next year. All students have access to helpful tools.

3rd grade promotion opportunities are in place – includes Grade 3 Reading Student Portfolio, FSA ELA, Alternative Assessment for Grade 3 Promotion.

**Brightline bsafe Campaign:** Ms. Allison Soulé, Director, Public Relations, Brightline.

Brightline, the Florida high speed passenger trains that will travel to Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando and Tampa has formed a partnership with Florida Operation Lifesaver. This partnership addresses safety on the railroad tracks. “bsafe and stay off the tracks” is a campaign to help children and adults to be aware of the dangers of a fast-moving train. There will be training for school bus drivers and workshops for schools that are located near railroad tracks.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Title I DAC**: Presented by Ms. Dannie McMillon and Ms. Lenore Stafford.

Dr. Marvin Dunn will be guest speaker at the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC), 7900 NW 27th Avenue on February 27 at 10:00 a.m. The March 2018 NRC Activities Calendar will be available for distribution shortly pending approval.

March 8 – Title I DAC second General meeting will be held at Miami Jackson Senior High (1751 NW 36 Street) at 7:00 p.m. 2018 – 2020 DAC Elected Officers and Executive Board will be introduced. Also, Businesses and Organizations will be recognized for participating in Community Awareness Days.

March 14 – Parents Helping Parents Webinar in Spanish (available in three languages)

March 1 – 20 - Peer Educators meet every Thursday at NRC (10 a.m.)

**Superintendents Panel for Students with Disabilitie**s: No report.

**MDCC PTA –** No report

**FCIAC Parent Budget Subcommittee**: Report submitted for Dr. Nancy Lawther by Chair, Jacqueline Perez.

Budget Subcommittee received updates on the District’s 2017 – 2018 Legislative Priorities and their progress through the Legislative Committees at the December 4 & January 29 meetings from Associate Superintendent Iraida Mendez-Cartaya.

CFO Mr. Ron Steiger briefed Subcommittee on the expected Budget Timeline, followed by a detailed explanation of how District funds are being spent in 2017 – 2018.

Ms. Lisa Martinez, Chief Strategy Officer, explained the District Strategic Plan to which the Subcommittee has linked its budget recommendations in previous years.

**Citizens Coalition – Dr. Lawther is in Tallahassee attending Florida Legislative Session.**

**Superintendent’s Report**: Presented by Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent

Ms. Mendez-Cartaya provided a handout and discussed MDCPS Budget Recommendations that were compared to the House and Senate Budget Conference Recommendations. Three new recommendations were added from the District: (1) Restore the $91 million school district distributed to charter schools using new non-recurring funds. When charter schools NOT paid, appropriate to charters; (2) Allocate $78 million from non-recurring GR funds for school districts to harden infrastructure to protect students and staff from intruders. Expenditures to include: cameras, impact windows, self-locking interior doors; (3) Appropriate $14.8 million from sale of Sec 16 lands in MD to MDCPS.

Governor Scott does not support teachers with guns.

It was moved to extend the meeting for ten minutes by Ms. Beverly Heller. Seconded by Mr. Gus Barreiro. Motion was carried.

**New Business**

Budget Subcommittee members are being recruited from FCIAC members due to the resignation of several members at the beginning of the school year and repeated absences of several other members. Next meeting will be on March 12 at 5:30 p.m.

**Announcements:**

Family of the Year Ceremony will not be held at Jungle Island because it has not reopened yet. However, families will be provided tickets to use anytime during the year at Jungle Island.

**Next meeting is March 19. 2018.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.