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

**SBAB Administration Building Conference Room 559**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 16, 2017**

**Members Present:** Ms. Lovern Alleyne-Babb, Ms. Maria Gabriela Ballesteros, Mr. Gus Barreiro, Ms. Zoraida Blanco, Ms. Winifred Browne, Ms. Beverly Heller, Dr. Nancy Lawther, Ms. Teresa Martin-Major, Ms. Dannie McMillon, Ms. Cindy Odige, Ms. Jacqueline M. Perez- Chair, Ms. Laura Philpot Ms. Eileen Segal, Ms. Gloria Simmons, Ms. Lenora Stafford, Ms. Vivienne Vicera, Ms. Sharon Watson, Ms. Marliene Simon

**Alternates:** Ms.Normy Azcuy, Ms. Mindy Goulds, Ms. Rhoda Louissaint, Ms. Laura Metka, Ms. Elyse Marrero, Dr. Lisa Robertson, Ms. Zoraida Serret, Ms. Meriel Seymore

**Members Excused:** Ms. Marlene Bastien, Ms. Jeanne Darc LaHoud, Dr. Sherian Demetrius, Ms. Linda Dwyer, Ms. Lani Ferro, Ms. Anita Fuller, Mr. Alvin Gainey, Ms. Tracy Jackson, Ms. Farah Johnson, Ms. Rosa Olsen-Barbara. Ms. Izegbe Onyango, Ms. Alina Placsencia

**Also Present:** Ms. Vanesa Cambridge-Grice, Mr. Luis Garcia, Ms. Deborah Gonzalez, Ms. Angela Lozano, Mr. Reinaldo Palacios, Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Ms. Lisa Thurber

**Guests:** Ms. Carolyn Nelson-Goedert, Ms. Marie Prince

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ms. Jacqueline Perez, Chairperson. Self-introductions were made by attendees.

**Basic Parliamentary Information**: Luis Garcia, School Board Attorney – distributed a handout to attendees regarding meeting protocol from Robert’s Rule of Order.

**Approval of Minutes**: Motion to approve the September 25, 2017 minutes with corrections by Ms. Muriel Seymore. Seconded by Ms. Beverly Heller. Motion was carried.

**2017 – 2018 Meeting schedule:**

The following dates were proposed:

Monday, November 13, 2017

Monday, January 22, 2018

Monday, February 26, 2018

Monday, March 19, 2018

Monday, April 23, 2018

Monday, May 21, 2018

Motion to approve the 2017-2018 FCIAC meeting schedule by Dr. Nancy Lawther. Seconded by Ms. Eileen Segal. Motion was carried.

**Strategic Planning:** committee members and alternates identified a list of topics to be addressed during the academic year. A survey will be sent by the Office of Community Engagement to rank the identified topics to be ranked in priority order. The topics included:

* How DACA is affecting families and what assistance can be provided
* Content and effectiveness of bullying programs throughout the district
* Examination of possible changes to schools’ hours; particularly, later hours for high schools
* Qualifications of Teachers, substitutes and probationary status teachers
* Communication gap with parents pertaining to access to student test scores and knowledge of necessary examinations for graduation and post-secondary education
* Overview of school security staffing, policies and procedures
* Uniformity of school staff training on mandatory reporting procedures for child abuse
* Recognition of celebratory months not occurring within all schools on a consistent basis regardless of ethnicities of student population
* Access for students to internet and devises
* Universal design in school learning environment as it pertains to instructional materials, assistive technology and user-friendly access to facilities
* Dropout re-entry and options for GED completion or adult education
* Evaluation of current gifted services and the level of differentiation in the curriculum

Motion by Dr. Nancy Lawther that the FCIAC host a maximum of one presentation per meeting ending by 11:00 a.m. to leave time for discussion, debate, and recommendations. Seconded by Cindy Odige. Motion was carried

Motion by Dr. Nancy Lawther that FCIAC devote consideration during the 2017 – 2018 year to the question of who is staffing our classrooms in the district as part of a larger dialogue regarding teacher recruitment and retention as well as the qualifications and use of substitute teachers. Motion was carried.

**Region Reports/Updates**:

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

North Region Schools were well represented based on the release from the Division of Academics STEM and STEAM designations. On September 27, 2017 our schools participated in “Dads Take Your Child to School Day.” Dad’s, grandfathers, male guardians and male role models participated in this event. They enjoyed coffee, doughnuts, refreshments, takings pictures and doing fun activities with their child(ren). They also connected with teachers and staff members as they were provided with opportunities to learn how to help their children with their education needs. Daniel, a student from Jose Marti MAST 6 – 12 Academy, became the first student ever to be recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalist. He competed with 1.6 million juniors throughout the country who took the PSAT Test.

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

Mr. Gus Ferreria has the Title of Super Teacher in Agricultural Science and Technology at Miami Jackson SHS.

Latin Grammy Foundation and Ford Motor Company donated $20,000.00 worth of musical instruments to Miami SHS. Coral Gables Senior High will be competing for the State Baseball Title. The Junior League of Miami is sponsoring a scholarship program for 3 female students for community service involvement and/or high academic achievement. Apply at [scholarship@jlmiami.org](mailto:scholarship@jlmiami.org). Deadline December 7, 2017

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

Magnet Schools of Excellence were acknowledged at the October School Board Meeting. The following South Region Schools were recognized

Air Base K-8

Coral Reef Senior

MAST @ Homestead

Herbert A. Ammons Middle

Frank C. Martin K-8 Center

South Region Schools by Feeder Pattern will host Curriculum Expos at the following designated locations (6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Homestead /Southridge /South Dade Feeder Pattern 10/12/17 Southland Mall

G. Holmes Braddock feeder Pattern 11/ 01/17 \*

Miami Palmetto Sr Feeder Pattern 11/07/17 \*

Southwest Miami Sr. Feeder Pattern 11/07/17 \*

Miami Killian Sr. Feeder Pattern 11/07/17 \*

Miami Sunset Sr. Feeder Pattern 11/ 09/17 \*

John A. Ferguson Sr. Feeder Pattern 11/16/17 \*

Felix Varela Senior Feeder Pattern 11/29/17 \*

\* Hosted at Senior School Site.

The United Way Campaign is successfully operating in all locations. We are looking forward to a record breaking year for contributions.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Ms. Lenora Stafford, Title I, shared information about the location of the Parent Resource Center and the ongoing programs that are available to Parents at 7900 NW 27th Avenue, Miami.

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

Ms. Jeanette Nunez is coordinating a Special Committee on Hurricane Preparedness. Among many concerns there is a great need to have someone who is medically trained at each school shelter. There was an increase in shelters because many were in flood zones.

Fifteen School Districts are preparing to file lawsuits with the State on HB 7069.

MDCPS School will be traveling to Tallahassee next week with Superintendent Carvalho.

Five eligible MDCP Schools will submit applications for the Schools of HOPE Grant. District has six days to apply.

**Office of Community Engagement**: Presented by Ms. Angela Lozano. “Dads Take Your Child to School Day” was very successful with the participation of149 schools.

North Region 35 Schools

Central Region 61 Schools

South Region 53 Schools

**Announcements:**

MDCC PTA Fall Leadership Training @ Westland Hialeah Senior High on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

FPTA Children’s Summit @ Miami Senior High School on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

**Next meeting is November 13, 2017.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.