

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

Thursday, November 19, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

**DMAC Members Present:** Brinson Lewis, Trenia Cox, Ron White, Carol McNamee, Martin Shapiro, Diane Stephens, Frank Logan, Valerie Brim, Brittany Holmes.

**Guests:** David Koperski – School Board Attorney; Caprice Edmond – School Board member; Lewis Brinson – Minority Achievement Officer – (District Liaison); Dr. Dan Evans- Executive Director of Assessment; Shaune Ferguson - Talent Acquisition Recruiter

Meeting called to order at 6:04 by Trenia Cox, Chair. Quorum met.

**1. Welcome**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes by Frank Logan, seconded by Carol McNamee. All members present voted in favor of approving the minutes for November.

**3. Old Business:**

*A.) Report on Out of School Suspensions presented by Dr. Dan Evans.*

- Comments/Questions on causes for referrals at the elementary level and suspension breakdown by school.
- Committee requests Luke Williams attendance at next meeting to report on suspension and school arrest data.

*B.) Election of New Officers*

- Dr. Brim nominates Trenia Cox for Chairman. Committee supports nomination with majority rule. Trenia Cox maintains position as Chair
- Marty Shapiro nominates Brittany Holmes for Vice Chairman. Committee supports nomination with majority rule.
- Frank Logan nominates Kristina Garcia. Committee supports nomination with majority rule. This confirmation is pending approval as Kristina Garcia did not attend meeting.

**4. New Business:**

*A.) Report on Minority Hiring presented by Shaune Ferguson. Mrs. Ferguson presented information on counties efforts to recruit minority teachers and current barriers to recruitment efforts.*

- School Board member Caprice Edmond inquired transition to teaching program and current recruitment efforts for high school students.

*B.) Recommendation to Superintendent*

- Carol McNamee inquired about discipline committees and requesting information regarding the impact discipline has on the quality of education.
- Trena Cox proposed making a recommendation to adopt PATHS curriculum for K-5 schools to superintendent Dr. Grego. Committee decided before recommendation is made, more information is needed on current practices as well as a review of proposed curriculum.
- Frank Logan offered to provide committee members an opportunity to visit his school to observe firsthand what takes place in elementary schools in Pinellas county.

*C.) Meeting Dates*

- Committee determined next three meetings will take place the last Thursday of every other month: (January 28<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and May 27<sup>th</sup>).
- Motion to approve dates by Carol McNamee seconded by Brittany Holmes.

**5. Open Agenda**

No comments

**6. Closing**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm