

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

Thursday, July 30, 2020
Zoom Meeting

DMAC Members Present: Greg Logan, Dr. Martin Shapiro, Dr. Valerie Brimm, Rick Bose, Trenia Cox, Carol McNamee, Ron White, Diane Stephens, Martin Shapiro, Kristina Garcia, Tharius Bethel (quorum present).

Guests: David Koperski – School Board Attorney; Eileen Long – School Board member; Lewis Brinson – Minority Achievement Officer – (District Liaison); Chief Luke Williams (Chief of Security); Kevin Hendrick (Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning); Tracy Webley (Transformation Zone Chief), Daniel Evans - Executive Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Research

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Trenia Cox, Chair

1. Welcome

2. Approval of Minutes

6:35 pm quorum reached. Motion to approve the minutes by Martin Shapiro, seconded by Ron White. All 9 members voted in favor of approving the minutes for the July

3. Old Business:

Chief Luke Williams provided a presentation on 2019-2020 Arrest Demographics and supplied three handouts detailing arrest data by month, gender, race, and charge along with number arrests by school year. See attached for reference. The following observations and highlights were shared by presenter and Committee members:

- **Student Arrest Rates**

- a. Data shows we are doing “outstanding” in comparison to previous years.
- b. For SY 2019-2020: 273 total arrests in comparison to 411 for SY 2018-2019.

c. Arrest rates are trending downward.

d. Further investigation is necessary in the categories of Disorderly Conduct and School Disruption. Determination for the reason for those interactions requires attention and if there is consistency in identification and recording by North and South schools.

- i. Questions followed pertaining to utilization of school site personnel for school misconduct as opposed juvenile court referral.

- ii. Chief Williams emphasized one arrest is too many and prefers mentoring programs.

- ii. Data requests followed including arrest data by school if the student’s identity was protected and the role of school social workers.

iv. Inquiry on the number of homeless students arrested and support, as well as action needed to reduce the number of students being referred and arrested by law enforcement.

4. New Business:

- **Summer Bridge Report: Mr. Kevin Hendrick (See attached PowerPoint)**
 - i) Program was virtual; there were no state assessment due to COVID –19; therefore, outcome data was not available.
 - ii) Enrollment was close to last year with Black students overrepresented at 30-35%
 - iii) Literacy component in partnership with University of Florida Lassister Program was offered. Literacy audit were conducted.
 - iv) Small group instruction was provided with two hours of instruction for the next grade level.
- **Reopening of PCSB Schools**
 - i. Presenter Kevin Hendrick continued by sharing that 60% of parents have chosen to send their children to traditional school.
 - ii. For parents who have not indicated a choice, by default their children will be assigned to the traditional school.
 - iii. Two other choices are available: a hybrid and the virtual school.
 - iv. Grant money will be utilized to provide the necessary computers and hardware to support virtual choices along with technological support.
 - v. Questions followed regarding challenges faced in transformations zone schools and parent involvement in Summer Bridge.

Recommended topic suggestions for next meeting

- Update on School Reopening
- School Arrests by Schools
- Graduation data request that disaggregate data on ACT/SAT/FSA (from January 2020 meeting)
- Review goal #6 of the BTG plan (Minority Hiring).
- Review data for possible recommendations to address school arrest

5. Open Agenda

No items.

6. Closing

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

