# Pinellas County (FL) Schools District Monitoring Advisory Committee (DMAC) Minutes Thursday, September 10, 2020 Zoom Meeting

**DMAC Members Present:** Brinson Lewis, Trenia Cox, Ariel Ringo, Kristina Garcia, Tharius Bethel, Ron White, Carol McNamee, Martin Shapiro,

**Guests:** David Koperski – School Board Attorney; Dr. Nicole Carr – School Board member; Lewis Brinson – Minority Achievement Officer – (District Liaison); Kevin Hendrick (Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning); Tracy Webley (Transformation Zone Chief), Beth Herendeen

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Trenia Cox, Chair. Quorum met.

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Ariel Ringo, seconded by Brittany Holmes. All members present voted in favor of approving the minutes for September.

## 3. Old Business:

#### A.) Reports on Student Arrests by School

Chief Luke Williams was unable to attend meeting. In his stead, the committee reviewed arrest data by school.

- Committee discussed mentoring programs for students. Dr. Brimm mentioned that 5,000 role models is still going strong and it is the hope that because mentoring is being offered online more people will participate.
- Board Member Dr. Nicole Carr questioned the variability in different police forces. Committee expressed an interest in seeing data on variability on different police forces.
- Discussion on school to prison pipeline.
- *B.)* Report on College Readiness Based on Students ACT, SAT, and FSA Scores presented by Keving Hendrick in Dan Evans stead.
  - Comment/Questions regarding assistance for students who fail testing and the amount of testing expected of students.

## 4. New Business:

- A.) Update on Status of Bradley vs Pinellas School Board Case presented by David Koperski
  - Mr. Koperski reiterated DMAC role in relation to Bradley case. Comments/Questions followed regarding case.
- B.) Updates on Re-Opening of Schools and Learning presented by Kevin Hendrix
  - Members expressed concern regarding simultaneously teaching and providing

students with technology in schools.

• Status of reading recovery inquired

## C.) Re-establishing Procedures for Members Requesting Data

• Madam Chair discussed expectations for requesting data for meetings.

# 5. Open Agenda

- Committee agreed to hold next meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>. During this meeting, elections will be held.
- Trenia Cox requested to look at the hiring of minority teachers for next meeting.

# 6. Closing

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm