

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

January 11, 2018

6:00 pm

Gibbs High School

850 34th St. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

**DMAC Members Present:** Lawrence Clermont, Dr. Valerie Brimm, Marty Shapiro, Ron White, Lynne Tucker, Rick Bose, and Diane Stephens (quorum present)

**Guests:** David Koperski, School Board Attorney; Terry Krassner, School Board Member; and Paula Texel, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Services

Meeting was called to order by Lawrence Clermont at 6:10 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November 9, 2017 Approved
4. Old Business
  - a. Tzeporaw Sahadeo was unable to attend – we will table Marty Shapiro’s request for additional resources for the TZ schools.
  - b. Bridging the Gap review and update – Summer Learning - Paula Texel gave an update on Summer Bridge, enrollment data, attendance numbers, demographic percentages. Summer Bridge has become a lot more focused on enrichment as well as intervention. Last year Summer Bridge had a few changes hoping to get more attendance. Dr. Shana Rafalski, Executive Director of Elementary Education presented at the Concerned Organization for Quality Education for Black Students, Inc. (COQEBS) meeting to educate the community leaders to promote summer learning.
  - c. Dr. Brinson will attend the next meeting on March 8 to discuss Bridging the Gap.
5. New Business
  - a. We don’t have enough feedback/information to make a decision on subcommittees. We will extend the deadline.
  - b. Dr. Brimm asked if the first quarter Bridging the Gap report can be sent to everyone on the committee. Ms. Texel stated she will send it to everyone. The second quarter report will be available mid-February as it was delayed due to Hurricane Irma.
  - c. There was a brief discussion about getting the District’s successes/plans out to the various communities. Suggestions include; a short snippet on Bay News, school newsletters, and social media outlets.
  - d. Lynne Tucker asked how we may better support communicating to the communities. Dr. Brimm suggested we have someone from Strategic Communications attend our next meeting.
  - e. Paula Texel shared the District’s most recent published high school graduation rates. Diane Stephens suggested getting every high school black/non-black graduation rate and send it to the DMAC committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55p.m.