

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 3, 2016

Minutes

Members Present

Harve Brosten	Doug Harrison
Rebecca Dahl	Naima Khan-Ghany
Susan Edwards	Esther Mizell
Carolyn Hardy	Major Diljit Panu
Lillie Harris	Ernestine Price
Reverend Luc Harrigan	

Members Absent

Gaspar Garcia
Ronnie Gordon-Brown
Henry Graham
Andrea Gundersen
Charlie King
Beverly Perkins
Rev. Dr. Ben Sorensen
Bryan Wilson

Student Support Initiatives Staff: Terri Jones; Latricia Lauture

Diversity, Prevention & Intervention Staff: Carolyn Salters; Marion Williams

District Staff: Patrick Sipple, Director, Demographics & Student Assignments

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

BOUNDARIES PRESENTATION

Patrick Sipple, Director, Demographics & Student Assignments gave a presentation regarding various aspects of the boundary process and student assignment. He discussed scenarios for Heron Heights, Park Tails and Riverglades elementary schools in relation to overcrowding. **Mr. Sipple** and the Committee discussed the proposal of Millennium Middle becoming a 6th-12th grade Collegiate Academy and as it relates to equity for all students. **Ms. Price** said, "The Committee requests hand-outs to follow along during presentations. Not all students and parents have internet access at home. I need paper so I can read it at home and share with my parents." **Ms. Dahl** said, "In all fairness, there is an extensive amount of proposals and data, it is difficult to have handouts in this case." **Mr. Sipple** said, "There are 15 proposals and 63 pages of community input. After the discussion I will go and print copies of proposals." Other schools that were mentioned are: Silver Lakes and Lauderdale Lakes Middle, Stoneman Douglas and Coral Glades High Schools and Gulfstream Middle programming. He mentioned there is a School Boundary Committee community meeting on November 18th. The Boundary Committee will meet on November 28th to deliberate on all proposed boundary changes. The School Board will review all proposals on January 24, 2017 at a Board Workshop. Discussion followed on over-enrollment, under-enrollment, equity in getting into programs, innovative learning, getting students engaged and the various program marketing options the District utilizes. It was noted that **Ms. Mizell** represents the Committee on the School Boundary Committee. Information on the Boundaries process and timelines can be found at the following website: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/dsa/index.shtml>

Returning member **Ms. Carolyn Hardy** introduced herself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 1, 2016 Minutes were approved as distributed.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

Marion Williams reviewed the Diversity Committee Orientation Packet that was distributed to members which includes Policy 1.7, Policy 1.5, By-Laws, Code of Ethics, Sunshine Law, etc. It was noted that the Committee is following the original By-Laws approved in 2006, not the draft By-Laws the Committee has submitted to **Mr. Moquin**'s office, those are pending approval. **Ms. Mizell** said, "The Diversity Committee is not governed like any other advisory committee, no by-laws supersede the court order the Committee is governed by." **Ms. Williams** suggested, if the Committee believes that Policy 1.7 inhibits their function and work, as a committee, to outline the issues in writing and "put them on the table." **Ms. Williams** read and reviewed a memorandum from General Counsel to Board Members regarding School Board Established Advisory Committees, as distributed to Committee members. In particular, number eight of the memo states in part, "I do not recommend Committee members and staff proceed to have an informal meeting and/or discuss any information that might come before the Committee and/or Board as it could be construed that staff participated in an improper meeting." Discussion followed. The last paragraph indicates a follow-up action, by December 1, 2016, if the Committee is out of compliance. Members are asked to review the memorandum carefully and come to the next general meeting prepared to discuss the item.

Members were asked to visit the link below, view the videos regarding *Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees*, *Sunshine Law* and *Roberts Rules of Order* and complete the quiz.

Text from previous Diversity Committee meeting communication:

"Pursuant to the requirements set forth in School Board Policy 1.7, all Board Appointees to advisory committees will be provided training on the Sunshine rules and Ethics. To facilitate this training requirement, staff has developed an online training module. The following link will allow you to access the information and view the training:

http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/talentdevelopment/html/committee_training-new.html

Kindly, view the video on Sunshine Rules and Ethics. If you have access to a printer, please print and sign the acknowledgement form and bring it to the November's [next general] meeting."

Ms. Dahl shared that the first Thursday of January falls during winter break. After discussion members agreed to meet on either first choice, January 12th or second choice January 19th, depending on availability of the Board room. (Follow-up: The meeting will be held January 12, 2017)

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.,
in the Board Room, Kathleen C. Wright Administration Building.**

<p>These minutes are summarized and were recorded at the November 3, 2016, Diversity Committee meeting. For more information a Public Records Request may be submitted by contacting Public Relations & Government Affairs Department, SBBC, at 754-321-2300.</p>
