



# Challenger Elementary

Broward County Public Schools

## SAC MINUTES VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Date: January 27, 2021

Time: 3:15 pm

Facilitator: Tia Holness

In Attendance :

1. Erica Sanders
2. Kelly Barbera
3. Yasmin Cubas
4. Mariella P. Mendoza
5. Tara Zdanowicz
6. Wendi Tuttle
7. Joy Solomon
8. Gigi Mcintire
10. Christopher Brightman
11. Shaheewa Jarrett
12. Jenna Galbo

SAC Chair – Tia Holness

BTU Steward – Yvonne Moniz

SAF Designee – Shaheewa Jarrett

Non- Instructional – Wendi Tuttle

ESOL Representative – Mariella P. Mendoza

### Call to order

A meeting of the Challenger Elementary School Advisory Council was held on Microsoft Teams on January 27, 2021 at 3:15 pm.

Chair Tia Holness called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

Melissa Firdman will record the minutes for this meeting.

### Minutes

Share school's mission and vision statement.

Meeting for informational purposes only. No voting.

Old business: Will not be approving last month's minutes.

Welcome –

MentiMeter: What words come to mind when you think about SEL

Link to answer in chat.

Attendees given a moment to look at last month's minutes. Scrolled on-screen.

Tara Zdanowicz - Principal report. Thanks everyone for joining.

308 face to face students. 1/3 kids are at school.

We received 22 new cameras that track teacher movement around the room and make e-learning students see much better. It will be a process to train on them.

How to reach all kids. Online and in school. Child at school should be able to participate in person and not be expected to do all responses on Teams – we don't want students at home to miss out.

Question of testing. Will be testing some ELL's in the building.

Waiting to see about FSA - There will be no testing at home. How will we do this?

Survey has been sent out to staff – extended learning opportunity. Organizing how to put this puzzle together. Face to face groups? Online or a combination of the two?

Mr. Brightman – Safety Updates. Monthly safety drills. Code red as well as fire drills. Have been completing the drills while adhering to CDC safety guidelines. January through March school will review protocol and procedures. District wide tornado drill will be a priority. Student and teacher preparedness.

Erica Sanders – Title 1 Update . Opportunity for scholarship. Will send links of offerings. Title 1 Parent registration open. Access to ideas and to better assistance. On Challenger Homepage – Registration open for seminar- Annual Title 1 Parent Seminar on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 8am to 3pm. Seminar will be all virtual. Offered in other languages for access. Breakout rooms and motivational speakers.

Kelly Barbera – Curriculum Updates. Celebrate Literacy Week has seen a lot of participation. Today is an essential topic – Holocaust Remembrance.

There is a link on the website to a read-aloud.

See what is posted by the district so that we are covering everything we need to in order to meet curriculum guidelines.

Close the gap – Using IReady data that is coming in.

Shaheewa Jarrett – SAF Meeting Update

Phil Shafer gave the attendance update. We will have a school attendance policy but need to strike a balance.

Publicity re: regard to different numbers about truancy.

National trend to re-engage the family and the kids. Don't be punitive. Amy Wood from School Climate and Discipline. Anti-bullying reviewed. Every three years.

Hope Scholarship: Children who are bullied can go to another school.

Discussion about standardized testing. In person? Virtually?

District officials were encouraging parents to be in touch with the governor and Secretary of Education – lobbying to have virtual testing available or cancel the tests.

Other states have delayed testing. For example, Texas. There is assessment but not to be used to grade students, schools or teachers.

Browardschools.com Go to legislative page. See info re: Vaccine distribution, standardized testing.

Tia Holness thanks Shaheewa for being informative.

Look at results of Mentimeter poll. What words come to mind when you think about SEL. They were self-care, mindfulness, kindness, empathy, listening and feelings.

Ms. Solomon – School Counselor and Ms. McIntire – Counseling support from district.

Interest in finding more about SEL and what it means. Powerpoint Slides re:

SEL – a critical element in child development. It is about helping students understand more about their emotions. Why they behave the way they do.

Developing coping mechanisms. It is a pathway to good mental health.

Our mental health is critically important. Kids are learning how important this is.

How can we influence our thoughts, responses, and encourage developing these skills – so they can successfully navigate through their lives.

Building on their core so that they are able to fall back on their strengths. It will ultimately support academic performance/success.

If a child is emotionally stable, they will be more focused and more receptive to the learning process.

5 Core Competencies: Self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship skills, social awareness.

Develop and build on these five core strengths – critical to holistic development of confident self-assured students.

Cloud9World – Character education that teacher literacy to support SEL skills.

Home connection activities are important. Have access to program's online activities.

Plant the seeds of character development. Pre and post assessments available for each trait. Science and social studies connections. Word puzzles. Tools and assessments, guided practice. Want to get reinforcement at home. See resources on website.

GiGi McIntire – Comes to Challenger twice weekly. WeThinkEd – Part of district SEL Initiative. Breathing and mindful moments. Recorded and left for teachers to share with their class.

Stretching exercise. Use guided yoga and breathing. Use body and mind. It is all SEL. Teach Power Breathing: Breathe in power, breathe out doubt.

Connection between school and community. Bridge the gap and share with families what they can do to support student learning.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

There will be a presentation by the Equity Liaison.

Remember to Breathe Everybody!!! 😊

Meeting adjourned.