



# Challenger Elementary

*Broward County Public Schools*

## SAC MINUTES VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Date: February 24, 2021

Time: 3:15 pm

Facilitator: Tia Holness

In Attendance :

SAC Chair – Tia Holness

Principal - Tara Zdanowicz

Assistant Principal - Christopher Brightman

SAF Designee – Shaheewa Jarrett

BTU Steward – Yvonne Moniz

ESOL Representative – Patricia Wagner

Equity Liason - Jenna Galbo

Non- Instructional – Wendi Tuttle

HRC Advisor – Marie Aime

Literacy Coach - Kelly Barbera

Title 1 Liason- Erica Sanders

Kerry Ann P. Tracey

Dakota Zavatt

Stephanie Elvira

Diego Abreu Reyes

Anthony DeGrace

Maria Mendoza Coello

### Call to order

A meeting of the Challenger Elementary School Advisory Council was held on Microsoft Teams on February 24, 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.

Strictly informational meeting

Call to order and welcome : SAC Chair - Tia Holness

Review January's Minutes – for spelling errors only. Not to be approved until there is an in-person meeting.

### **Equity and Diversity** – Equity Liason - Jenna Galbo

School-wide Compassion Project. Started with Ms. De la Torre. Projects and contest – 60 submitted posters. What do children see as compassion? What does it look like to be compassionate?

Holocaust Remembrance Day. Whole school participated.

Black History – Art Projects, on paper and using Sway.

Next month is Women's History Month.

### **Principal Report** – Challenger Elementary School Principal - Tara Zdanowicz

39-40% of students are back in building doing F2F learning. Keeping staff at home updated when there is a positive Covid case in school.

School is doing a good job to communicate at all times. We continue to use caution and quarantine entire class – take no risks. We have had no cases spread within our building. Began our Spring Learning Opportunity. Some are doing F2F. Some are

doing it at home. Mrs. Barbera and Mr. Briggs have been identifying who is doing which type of learning.

Get more kids every day. Calling parents to let them know that this is being offered. We are working very hard. Faculty is supporting students and families. Collecting data to find out where kids are – next meeting we will have more concrete data to share.

There are students doing well at home and some that need F2F.

Thank families who make time for this meeting.

### **Safety Updates – Assistant Principal – Mr. Brightman**

Thanks for being part of SAC. Covid-19 informaton is safety related.

Protocol and steps we are taking to stay safe.

Training for fire safety – focus for February.

Behavior leads to a safer learning environment.

Hallway and cafeteria: Spaced out and masks on.

Re-directing when needed.

BASIS tracks student behavior referrals and it has been minimal.

Positive – teachers and students are doing a good job.

### **Curriculum Updates**

Working on oratorical compact – students can record themselves on FligGrid.

Completed diagnostic I-ready which will guide reading and math instruction

### **Title 1 Report – Title 1 Liason - Erica Sanders**

Dad Chat – The Art of Self-reflection - March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm

2021 Fully Charged – Arts and Academics March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Flyers to be put on Challenger Web Page.

Promote ask BRIA – Remote instructional assistance.

Students can get one on one assistance from 3:15-7:15pm grades K-12.

Flyer posted on webpage. Go to single sign on and Canvas.

New info... Parent compact for 2021 school year.

Required to have 75% - this year we can set it up by phone survey or have QR codes. Need 10% based on amount of students enrolled in school.

### **SAF Updates** –SAF Designee - Shaheewa Jarrett

District accreditation Oct 2021

Chief Academic Officer – Mr. Oscar. Message to everyone was that teachers should be focused on learning and diagnostic tests – they will be given appropriate weight.

Discussion re: adding 2 weeks to each testing period.

April 5 thru June 9<sup>th</sup> Will allow for afternoon testing. Results will be delayed.

Broward has the lowest attendance in the state.

North Florida was the last to close and the first to open...

Elementary school 40%

HS attendance at 20% rate

Message from CAO -Broward will give students a safe place to take the test.

Each school will release their own testing schedule.

Students will be able to take the test and then return home and return to remote learning. Accommodation for buses has not been made.

Promotion is a question.

Policy 6.1 Good cause promotion basis. FSA is not the only factor for promotion. BCSB position on grading. Grades should not be calculated. Voice your concerns as to policy determinations made by the governor.

Specific school issues. Call district if anyone wants more information.

There are questions about how the test will be used.

There will be forthcoming info/memos/FAQ so questions can be addressed.

Upcoming school year – options schools will offer. No answers about whether remote learning will be available next year.

Full testing calendar will be online.

If you want more detailed info – last Tues of every month is dedicated to student  
Online workshops available as a resource.

[Browardcountyschools.com/page/39035](https://www.browardcountyschools.com/page/39035) - info put into chat

Mask discipline

Interim report –

SAC Funds – vote for basic accounting data – so there will be transparency.

Question – If parents are opting out of testing, can that affect a student moving on and what kind of classes they get?

Principal Tara Z – Info changes day by day. We will offer options for taking tests. Use of cafeteria. We can accommodate and make it work. Make it safe. Parents may want to see where their kids are according to the FSA. What could the outcome be? When we get the information, it will be shared.

Parents will not be forced to send students – what can we do to make parents comfortable – so students can take tests.

Some parents may not want their children to take the tests. We are looking at already data – comparing scores.

### **Human Relations Council Presentation –**

Human Relations Council Advisor - Marie Aime

First year that this has been brought to our school.

Council consists of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Last Monday of every month meeting on MS Teams.

Leadership, Teamwork, Good study habits and finding strength during difficult times.

Mr. Brightman and Ms. Z are both valuable to these meeting and their leadership is great for kids to see. Videos shown on different topics.

Lifeskills – Teamwork – Working together. We get more work done as a team.

February life skills are *effective study habits*.

Can help prepare them if they do take the FSA.

HRC – Schoolwide oratorical/poetry Black History – It is done using the app FlipGrid. It is being promoted in Class Dojo and morning announcements.

It can be accessed from Ms. De la Torre's page in Media.

Everyone in the school will be able to access other presentations.

Purpose of HRC – To promote diversity. Build leadership skills, work with Equity and Diversity Liason, SAC Chair, SEL Liason.

Info on this has to be given to community.

Learn, collaborate and grow. That is what we are going to provide our schools.

Adjourn - 4:05pm

Date for next meeting TBD