

SOUTH AREA ADVISORY MEETING  
September 18, 2024  
Minutes

WELCOME:

- New Board Member Rebecca Thompson welcomed the group.

STRAUSS UPDATE:

- Introduced Khandia to group
- Update on metal detectors – working; only one item discovered (box cutter left from student’s workplace)

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- I. Student Services Initiatives:
  - a. Feedback/recommendations from Advisories given to District. Trying to get approved by State by October so it can be taught second semester. Conversation on topic with members present.
- II. School Safety:
  - a. AC not working – is this checked prior to school opening
  - b. Carbon monoxide detectors- not required at every school depending on year built
  - c. Strauss remarks – HFS checks campus on daily basis; schools are open year-round and maintained but things happen. School Board approved process of purchasing CM sensors for all schools. Fire system goes off & automatically shuts off AC.
- III. Recess (lengthy discussion)
  - a. Reports that teachers not providing full 20 minute recess or doing laps rather than non-structured activity or using as punishment if classwork not completed or teachers grading work while students are on computer

GUEST SPEAKER: From Equity, Diversity Curriculum (lengthy discussion)

- Curriculum has to be approved yearly by State & School Board.
- State said changes had to be made (these were reviewed with members)
- In process of making changes & then goes back to State & School Board.
- Broward aligned curriculum with State Health Standards

TITLE I FUNDS:

- Concern regarding parents filling out FRL application – not just so child gets free/reduced lunch. There are other benefits

REDEFINING SCHOOLS:

- Reviewed flyer & dates

OIG OFFICE- On November ballot

- Investigates complaints & provides additional oversight for BCPS