

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 13, 2015
MEETING SUMMARY**

| Member Name | Video | Phone | Person | Absent |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Vicki Rosenthal- Board Appointee | | | X | |
| Glennyce Kaul- Board Appointee | | | X | |
| Piero Falco- Board Appointee | | | | X |
| Al Xiques- Board Appointee | | | X | |
| Adina Baseman- Board Appointee | | | | X |
| Francesca Blanchard- Board Appointee | | | X | |
| Ghaza Salam- Board Appointee | | | X | |
| Jerry Pierre-Paul-Student Representative | | | | X |
| Edwing Medrano- Student Representative | | | | X |
| Jakeira McEntyre- Student Representative | | | | X |
| Christopher Ledgister- Student Representative | | | | X |
| Johanna Ramos- Student Representative | | | | X |
| Aida Siegel- Student Representative | | | | X |
| Luis Milton- Student Representative | X | | | |
| Monika Fero- Student Representative | X | | | |
| Carolyn Harvey-William Dandy M.S. | | | | X |
| Leandra Diaz-Jimenez-Park Springs E.S. | X | | | |
| Valerie Ruwe-Ft. Lauderdale H.S | X | | | |
| Lacresha Cooper-North Fork E.S. | | | | |

Diversity, Prevention & Intervention Staff: La-Toya Facey; Amalio Nieves, Director of Diversity, Prevention & Intervention

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Facey called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

ACTIVITIES

1. Welcome/Roll Call/ Acknowledgements of guests
2. **Patrick Sipple, Director of Demographics & Student Assignments**, introduced Policy 5004.1 (School Choice)
 - a. **Mr. Sipple** outlined the changes made to the policy
 - b. Verbiage updated to create a more comprehensive document easy for parents to interpret
 - c. Examples include: 1.updated language for magnet programs, testing procedures, and grade level requirements 2.revised the order of the

selection process, 3.revised the process of lottery, & 4.ensuring the document is consistent and concise.

3. Members asked **Mr. Sipple** questions regarding the changes and **Mr. Sipple** offered the appropriate responses. He concluded by stating the document goes before the School Board for general review on June 16th and encouraged the members to offer any suggestions. **Ms. Facey**, facilitator, will email all members the most recent draft of Policy 5004.1. Committee members can forward suggestions to **Ms. Facey** and she will compile them and send them to Mr. Sipple.
4. Selection of officers was the next item discussed. One of the members asked, “How was the committee formed?” **Amalio Nieves, Director of Diversity, Prevention, & Intervention**, referenced Policy 1.51 and identified the section, Committee Composition.
5. **Ms. Facey** briefly discussed the role of the officers and referenced Policy 1.7 Section A. number 7. **Mrs. Rosenthal** suggested a student office, Student Vice Chair, to assist with the role and responsibilities of the Chair from a student’s perspective. This will be outlined in the Bylaws. **Mrs. Salaam** suggested that quorum should be mandated to attend 1st meeting of next year in order to vote on new officers. **Amalio Nieves** reminded all committee members that all specifications should be detailed within the Bylaws.
6. Discussion began around nominating officers, requirement, and duties. It was decided that any member interested in becoming an officer should email **Ms. Facey** with their interest by July 31, 2015.
7. **Ms. Facey** will send an email with tentative August dates so that voting for officers can take place on that date and work can begin at the September meeting.
8. The next item on the agenda was the Bylaws. **Mrs. Blanchard**, identified sentences from Policy 1.7 to include in the purpose. All members agreed.
9. **Valerie Ruwe** asked if a parent signature line needed to be added to the acknowledgement forms for students who are members of the committee. **Amalio Nieves** will contact legal counsel and obtain an answer. **Ms. Facey** will email the answer to the committee.
10. The committee worked on completing the various sections of the Bylaws. The committee will continue working on completion of the Bylaws at the next meeting. A DRAFT of the Bylaws will be sent to all committee members reflecting what was discussed during the meeting.

11. **Mrs. Salaam** reiterated that Robert Rules of Order be used to maintain the order of all meetings and all members present agreed.
12. **Amalio Nieves** provided the committee with updates on Human Relations across the district.
 - a. Stonewall Education Conference-Bahia Mar
 - b. Hispanic Heritage
 - c. LGBTQ Month
 - d. Diversity Month
 - e. Haitian Heritage Month
 - f. Kids of Character Awards Ceremony
 - g. School of Character-Challenger Elementary School
13. Good of the order-no questions, comments, or concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The Agenda was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

**The next scheduled meeting is August 2015. The date and time is TBA.
Lauderdale Manors Early Learning & Family Resource Center**