

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 20, 2023

Summary

Members Present

Geanny Ruiz Nathan Cherson
Matt Walters Nancy Fry
Maya Gordon

Members Absent

Liza Erazo
Ram Tewari
Nethel Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Albano, Coordinator (via TEAMS), Marion Williams, Committee Liaison, Carlisa Russell, Human Relations Council Liaison, Lisa Eutsey, Instructional Facilitator, Equity, Diversity & School Climate; Latricia Lauture, Office Manager, School Counseling.

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCILS: Jayla Clement, Natalie Guy, Diamond Howard, Valerie Rolle, Lukas Vicovan

GUEST: LaQueda Lewis, Hanley Foundation

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Broward County, Florida Human Relations Committee was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lauderdale Manors Administration Site. The meeting was called to order by Nancy Fry at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was not present.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: **Mr. Albano** reported that the Superintendent requested that the Equity, Diversity & School Climate Department do an assembly on No Place for Hate for all high schools and complete it before February 28th. The department presented at South Broward High School to ninth graders. The department has also been addressing some of the issues regarding substance abuse in some of the schools. **Mr. Albano** stated the department had an anti-vaping presentation on parent night at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

POLICY 1.51

Ms. Williams informed the members they needed to convert their current policy 1.51 to align with policy 1070. She also stated that after policy 1.51 has been completed, the members will work on their Bylaws. Ms. Williams reviewed and explained the potential changes. A link to Policy 1070 will be emailed to the members. An AD Hoc meeting was suggested for the members to continue revising the policy.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

A quorum having been established, the meeting continued with the business requiring committee approval.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nancy Fry was the only member who had submitted their name for Chair. By unanimous vote, Nancy Fry was elected Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Maya Gordon was the only member who had submitted their name for Vice Chair. By unanimous vote, Maya Gordon was elected Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By unanimous consent with a minor change, all Diversity Committee minutes listed below were approved by the Committee; 8/16/23; 9/20/23; 10/18/23; 11/15/23 (correct member’s last name)

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Ms. Russell shared information on various HRC presentations; **Ms. Eutsey** shared how students could provide feedback from attending summits. **Ms. Lewis** shared information on the Marijuana and Vaping program. **Mr. Albano** thanked the Hanley Foundation for their contribution. He also mentioned that the Broward Sheriff's Office gave a presentation on the Dangers of Fentanyl to the parents of Boyd Anderson High School. **Ms. Rolle** stated that her human relations council student emailed Board Member Hixon regarding issues at their school. Discussion followed.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Ms. Fry informed the committee that she met with the Superintendent and shared her concerns with him and the outcome of the meeting. She asked if a member was interested in sitting on the District Advisory Council. Discussion followed.

A motion passed, by consent, to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Ms. Gordon was inquiring about if there will be a follow-up summit. Discussion followed. The members agreed to meet on January 10, 2024, via Teams to review and make revisions to Policy 1.51.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for
January 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at
the Lauderdale Manors Administration Site