



Broward County Public Schools
Gifted Advisory Council- General Meeting
Discovery Elementary School
November 13, 2023, 7:00pm

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Chair: Karla Figueroa, Vice Chair: Alan Bushkin, Recording Secretary: Erin Kirkland,
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Meeting Minutes

- A. Call to Order- 7:03pm
- B. Introductions
- C. Meeting Etiquette
- D. Approval of October Minutes- motion to approve minutes 1st Jessica Benner, 2nd Elizabeth Hogan- all in favor- October minutes approved
- E. Chair Report- Karla Figueroa- Please register on Facebook and also on our website with the QR codes provided on the agenda. We email all parents registered on website various information related to GAC
 1. NAGC Parent Day/ Resources- Gifted 101 flyer available for you to pick up or you can email GAC and we will send it out
 2. District Updates- Magnet open house was last week. Information is on our website. Last month the school board has approved the reproductive health curriculum. It is at the state level now and could come to our kids by the end of the year. We have access to the curriculum we can share if you would like. District is trying to start its own police force. It is important to listen to these school board meetings to be informed.
 3. Technology Advisory Rep (meets 2nd Mon of month 2:30pm, virtual)- Allan Bushkin attended virtually- The school district is testing out with the college board for the PSAT and bring your own devices- there were a number of problems and it did not go well. Software was to be downloaded prior to testing. SATs will go digital this spring. FOCUS has delays, complaints about how much more it will cost and will it be done in time.
- F. Innovative Learning Department Updates- Dual Language Team- Idalina Orta presented- Multilingual Advisory Committee looping policy (see handouts) Email feedback to Idalina.Orta@browardschools.com
- G. Announcements

1. Follow us on Facebook
2. Register on Website
3. Magnet Open Houses
4. School Choice opens 12/01/23

H. Old Business

1. Policy & Bylaws Review and Approval- Last meeting we went over bylaw and policy changes to gifted bylaws and policy. This is the 2nd time we are going over these changes so we can move forward with these new bylaws. Reviewed proposed changes briefly. Motion to approve new GAC bylaws and policy- 1st Ninotchka Robinson, 2nd Scott Gorde- all in favor none opposed. These bylaws are now in effect.

I. New Business

1. Presentation: AP, Dual Enrollment, AICE, IB, Cambridge-(see power point presentation for details on this presentation) Secondary Learning Department- Hope Tardiff, Bob Mckinney, Kelly

J. Q & A

Question- Credits with dual enrollment will not transfer out of state, but if they matriculate with an associates degree under dual enrollment by high school then it is transferrable? If the student does earn an associate degree while in high school, depending upon the other institutions policies, it could give them credit when transferring out of state.

Question- Are we allowed to pick an accredited college or university to do dual enrollment with if we are willing to pay out of pocket? No, we are limited to the schools we have an agreement with because they would need to meet eligibility requirements for those schools which would require a high school diploma.

Question- The IB program is in 4 high schools, what if we are not zoned for those schools? These high schools are magnet programs, so you would go to the school choice website and see which high school is in your transportation zone and apply. They would be provided transportation to these schools in their areas. This school would now be their new high school. (North area- Deerfield Beach High School, Central area- Plantation High School and Boyd Anderson and the South area- Miramar High School)

Question- If my child goes to IB elementary school, are they automatically in that program? Yes, for Wilton Manors Elementary that is the entire schools pedagogy.

Question- Do Charter Schools have IB? There is Franklin Academy Charter School which is an all IB Charter School, the only one in the county.

Question- AICE is college course or isn't it just the second level of a course they are taking? There are 2 levels of courses with AICE- AS (1 year course) and A (2nd level of that course), both are college level courses but are better received by colleges at the A level.

Question- Cambridge program at middle school and high school levels- there are many schools that offer this program, is there a difference in the programs at each school? It depends on the school and what classes they chose to offer and what teachers they have to teach those courses. It depends on the school and how they want to implement it.

Question- If I were to take 3 Cambridge courses in middle school, can I continue taking Cambridge in High School? Yes, you do not need to take Cambridge at middle or elementary to take it in High School, it can be at any level.

Question- We are in the Cambridge program in 8th grade, and trying to decide between Cambridge in high school or a magnet program, what is the benefit? The major benefit is that with a Cambridge diploma you get the Bright Futures 100% free full scholarship. You do not get college credits, however you are taking college level courses so when you apply for college they will look at the courses you took and decide what credits they will apply as college credits like a transfer. With dual enrollment you get an actual college transcript from the college and attend college classes.

Question- Cambridge- A level and AS level courses, what are they? They are both 1 year courses, but the A level is the 2nd year of that course so it goes more in depth and is the advance level of that course. Not all schools offer A level yet, but we are working on getting them to offer at least English level A courses.

Question- Can we get this PowerPoint? Yes, it will be on our websites and emailed out so please make sure to register.

December & January meetings will be virtual.

K. Adjourn- 8:25pm



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