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Broward County Public Schools

**Gifted Advisory Council-General Meeting**

Plantation Middle School

December 9, 2024 @ 6:30PM

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Recording Secretary: Kay Lewis Corresponding Secretary: Vacant

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1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Karla Figueroa at 6:34 PM
2. Introductions/Meeting Etiquette: The chair introduced GAC Board.
3. Approval of Minutes
4. November minutes approved as read. Motion made by Nadine Fern.
5. Old Business

* Calendar- The North Advisory DAC (District Advisory Council) passed a motion to have the school calendar be completed 2 yrs in advance rather than1 yr in advance. The motion was heard at the DAC (District Advisory Council) meeting, and it will be recommended to Broward County School board at the next scheduled meeting. Additionally, all parents should have received via email and/or text the ability to view the 3 options for the upcoming school year calendar, 2025-2026 to select a preferred option.

1. Chair report
2. DAC (District Advisory Council) Meeting Updates

* A presentation was provided at the general meeting of the DAC (District Advisory Council) related to the PM scores within the district, and difference in the PM1, PM2 and PM3 outcomes. There was additional drilling down of the numbers requested to further aggregate the difference specific to the 7th to 8th grade PM numbers.

1. Magnet Open Houses/Showcase

* The school choice window is now open. In October the GAC provided to those registered members via email the website that encompassed the open house information for the magnet programs for the respective schools.

1. New Business
2. School Choice Process Information- presentation completed by the Manager of School Choice, Tia Gayle.

The contact information for the school choice department is (754) 321-2480. The e-mail is [**schoolchoice@browardschools.com**](mailto:schoolchoice@browardschools.com)**.** See below highlights taken from the presentation.

* The process of applying was discussed and not particular programs offered at the respective schools. Parents will need to contact the schools to get further details.
* The school choice program guidelines are outlined in the 6400 policy. The school choice window began December 2, 2024, and ends on January 21, 2025. This is also known as Phase 1 of the school choice option. If you miss the choice window date of January 21, 2025, parents will be given the option to apply once again in March, thereby resulting in a possibility there may be no availability for the school choice option the parent may prefer.
* There are five available options that parents can select. Magnet- which applies to specific areas; NOVA- K-12, 4 separate schools on site to include 2 elementary, 1 middle and high school; They are the only school that is a continuation of education once enrolled in there program as you can remain until 12th grade. Reassignment- school selection is outside boundary based on address and subject to availability to be placed at the respective school. Innovative Programs and FES- UA- these are programs embedded in the respective schools, and you must apply for reassignment if not in your boundaries. Please note that transportation for either a Magnet or a Reassignment choice is not guaranteed, the parent would need to reach out to the magnet coordinator or registrar at the respective school for further details.
* Additional resources related to school choice can be found on the BCPS website, search resources, “Explore Your Options.” You will also have access to view FAQ’s and to drill down choices to include filtering schools that will be best suited for your student.
* To begin the process online you must have a BCPS issued student ID#. If one is needed, you can go to any local school in your area and request one from the registrar’s office. It will take 24 hours to generate.
* It’s a random selection process to get the choice selected. You can apply for no more than three choices in all, or multiple categories provided (Magnet, NOVA, Reassignment or Innovative Programs and FES- UA). You can also change the initial school you have chosen as well. You can check the status of the application online. The notifications/award letters are sent in March 2025 to the parents via e-mail advising them of the outcome of their choice. The parents then have 2 weeks to exercise the option to select the choice. There is no denial, nor waitlist but a wait pool for the school choice program.

1. The Gifted Academies- presentation completed by Zuelle Rodriguez, the Curriculum Supervisor for Gifted and Talented. See below highlights taken from the presentation.

* Gifted Academy is one of the school choice options that is NOT a magnet or innovative program it’s a gifted cluster offered at three schools in BCPS. The gifted programs are not owned by BCPS but are supported by BCPS.
* The two school locations are Parkway Middle School which services grades 3-5th and 6th- 8th grades; Plantation High School which serves 9th- 12th graders. These schools will be located under the school choice option “Reassignment.” The only prerequisite is that the student must be gifted eligible. The Parkway Middle School contact person is Patricia Wagner (754) 322-4000. The Planation High School contact person is Tracy Greenbaum (754) 322-1850.
* Plantation High School provides AP (advanced placement) classes, Dual enrollment, AICE and the IB (International Baccalaureate) program- this is the most academic rigorous program provided at the school.

1. Transportation- presentation completed by Zuelle Rodriguez, the Curriculum Supervisor for Gifted and Talented.

* The Transportation policy is governed by policy 5300.
* Those students who live 2 miles or more qualify for transportation via BCPS. Those who do not qualify can apply for empty spaces on the bus, if applicable.
* Students with IEP’s are provided accommodation for transportation.
* To obtain further information about transportation please go to **https://www.browardschools.com/page/74850**

1. Question and Answer

* None

Adjournment: The chair, Karla Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm and thanked everyone for attending. The chair reminded members the next scheduled meeting is January 13, 2025, and it will take place online via Microsoft Teams. To join go to: **https://tinyurl.com/GACjan25.** It can also be found by accessing the GAC website at [**https://giftedadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/**](https://giftedadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/)and registering for the site and signing in. The January meeting topic discussion will be testing to include resources to assist.

Approved \_\_\_ as written \_\_ as corrected on January 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



Kadiya “Kay” Lewis

Gifted Advisory Council Recording Secretary