



Broward County Public Schools
Gifted Advisory Council- General Meeting
Plantation Middle School
October 10th, 2024, @ 6:30pm

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Chair: Karla Figueroa
Recording Secretary: **Vacant**

Vice Chair: Alan Bushkin
Corresponding Secretary: Diego Britto

Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order- Chair called meeting to order at 6:35pm

B. Introductions/ Meeting Etiquette- Chair introduced GAC Board and ESE department representatives and liaison

C. Approval of September Minutes- (*table until November*)- Minutes for September will be tabled for approval at the November GAC meeting

D. Old Business

1. Update: Motion passed from May & September= ACCEL
 - Chair provided an update regarding the motion made at the GAC May 2024 and GAC September 2024. Chair mention the motion (recommendation) is going to the school board for approval at the October 15th regular school board meeting. It was recommended that parents email the school board on their feedback on the recommendation.
2. Elections- Recording Secretary
 - Floor was opened for nominations for recording secretary. Kay Lewis volunteered. Seconded by Jessica Benner. Passed unanimously.
3. Technology Advisory Rep- 2nd Monday of Month 2:30pm (Virtual)
 - Floor was opened for parent volunteers to attend the TAC meeting and report back anything relevant for parents to be aware of.

E. Chair Report

1. Redefining Schools Update
 - Chair discusses the upcoming school board workshop on 10/11/24 where redefining schools will be discussed, including a recommendation for an all-gifted academy. The workshop will also discuss community feedback given at the differing community townhalls and is not for voting on schools to be repurposed.
2. Magnet Open House/ Magnet Showcase 10/10/24.
 - Chair mentions the cancellation of the magnet showcase due to weather. Alternatively, the availability of magnet open houses is on the BCPS Applied



Learning Website was discussed and Chair sent email to those signed up on the website.

3. 25-26 Proposed School Calendar (Calendar Committee)

- The proposed 2025-2026 calendar includes a change regarding the celebration of Diwali on Oct 20th, 2025. The BCPS board will vote on the calendar sometime in December.

F. ESE Department Updates

- No updates currently

G. New Business

1. Secondary Learning Department- Cambridge (AICE), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment, and International Baccalaureate (IB)

- The EMF program, which accelerates five years of math in three years and prepares students for college-level courses. The EMF program is self-study and online, while the GEM program has a teacher in the room, making it suitable for students who need more guidance.
- Advanced Placement (AP) program, which offers 40 courses and allows students to earn college credit by taking exams.
- The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is like Cambridge but has a smaller footprint in Broward County. IB students can join the program at any level and earn a diploma by completing courses and assessments.
- Dual Enrollment program, which allows students to earn college credit from partner universities while still in high school. The program is available to students in grades 6-12 and includes agreements with various colleges and universities, but parents should take note that starting a college transcript early can have long-term implications (middle school student that's 12 or 13yrs old sitting in a college classroom with 18 to 20+yrs old). Gifted students can access tutoring and support but must be adequately prepared.
- Dual enrollment courses are taught by university faculty and are free for students, providing a cost-effective way to earn college credits.
- The state of Florida incentivizes students in advanced programs like Cambridge, IB, and dual enrollment through the Bright Futures scholarship.
- Bright Futures scholarship requirements vary for different programs, but all advanced programs offer considerable benefits in terms of college credit and GPA.
- Students can transition between IB and Cambridge programs.
- Cambridge middle school courses are preparatory for high school, ensuring students are ready for the rigorous high school program.
- Presenters emphasized the importance of consulting with school counselors and making informed decisions based on individual student needs.

H. Q&A- questions addressed during presentation.



I. Adjourn

- Chair discussed next months topics will be Educational Plan (EP) training so parents aware of what should be on the EP and questions to ask during an EP meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Next General Meeting: November 4th, 2024, Plantation Middle

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