Note – for all motions below, the member who made the motion and the member who seconded the motion are indicated in parentheses following the motion.

Meeting called to order at 9:34.
Introductions were done. A quorum was established.
Motion to approve May 2022 minutes with one correction. (Tarlow, Clark) Unanimous approval

New legislation and Procedural Safeguards  (Laura Pincus)
- HB173 – added a requirement for an Individual Seizure Action Plan for students diagnosed with seizure disorder. Specifies training that anyone who comes in contact with the student will need to have.
- HB 235 – Restraints and seclusion – our school board policy was updated to reflect the change. Schools can no longer use mechanical restraints. That has always been SDPBC policy.
- 1003.572 – Update to Private Personnel coming into schools. Now allowing registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) to come into school. The RBT must be enrolled as Medicaid provider. SDPBC was already allowing RBTs.
- FL Mental Health Act of 1971 (Baker Act) – law enforcement officers transporting students must restrain in the least restrictive manner appropriate.
- Parental Rights in Education – Parents have a right to decline Health Care services. Students without a signed consent cannot access the nurse services at school. This includes minor first aid such as a band aid, ice pack, or temperature taken.

By-laws proposed changes (Carla Donaldson)
The proposed bylaws were shared. There was a discussion about whether the Chair needs to be the parent of a current student (as opposed to a former student)  Motion to approve the bylaws changes presented (Davis-Killian, Pappas) Approved with 14 Years and 1 Nay.

Membership for 2022/2023  (Carla Donaldson)
- Agencies – 4 openings
  - FAU CARD - Mary Ellen Quin-Lunny is stepping down. Motion to keep FAU CARD as an agency member with Suzanne Launder as its representative (Spire-Oh, Estevaz) Unanimous approval.
  - Motion to change membership of Sue Davis-Killian from Parent to the representative of the Gold Coast Down Syndrome Org agency (Davis-Killian, Shenker) Unanimous approval.
Sharon Tarlow is retiring. She will be sorely missed! Motion to keep JFK as an agency with Michelle Beatty as its representative. (Shenker, Estevez) Unanimous approval.

Motion to add Andrew’s Place as agency with Veronica Pappas as rep (Pappas, Tarlow) After discussion, Veronica Pappas withdrew her motion.

- 3 Graduated Parents – we have three
- Current Parents
  - Motion to add Jacki Walsh as a parent (Davis-Killian, Spire-Oh) Unanimous approval.
  - Motion to add Aimee Thompkins as a parent (Davis-Killian, Gabriel) Unanimous approval.
  - 2 more vacancies
- Teachers
  - Motion to add Lisa Harrison as a teacher. (Davis-Killian, Gabriel) Unanimous approval
- Former ESE student (over the age of 22) – Vacancy

Interventions Vertical Planning Updates (Kevin McCormick)
- Diana Fetterman was leading this initiative. She is no longer in that position. Kevin will follow up with new personnel

Academic Advisory Committee (Randee Gabriel)
- The AAC talked about books because of the new legislation. The district reviewed hundreds of thousands of books and spotted only 13 books that would be moved to 4th/5th grade area of library.

District Diversity and Equity Committee (Kimberly Spire-Oh)
- The DDEC has a subcommittee to review district trainings. They are having trouble getting trainings from police. They have been reviewing mental health trainings.
- Discussed membership of the DDEC. Voted to propose that representatives from the Haitian and homeless and foster communities be added.

Boundary Committee (Carla Donaldson)
- They have not yet met this school year.

Transportation (Joseph Sanches)
- Mr. Sanches did not come today. We have had trouble getting Transportation to come address our concerns.
Director’s Report  (Kevin McCormick)

- There are many challenges with the new legislative changes with little to no guidance from FDOE.
- They are in the middle of the 11-day count to determine resources.
- We have vacancies in all positions – paras, teachers, bus drivers, etc. These shortages are occurring nationally.
- Transportation – many students were put on private transport. There are lots of issues because of the driver shortage. They are continuing to try to solve this.
- Lisette in Parent Services – just completed a Parent View. 114 parents attended. the topic was the Impact of Trauma on our children. It was so popular that they may schedule a follow-up. FDLRs and SEDNET worked together to do this presentation.
- Implementation of FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking) assessment – Florida’s new “reduction” of testing. The new test is all virtual. The test can have accommodations, but they do NOT have paper-based tests. For students that need paper based, FDOE has given other progress monitoring assessments. PM1 Is happening now, PM 2 will be mid-year and PM 3 will be the end of year high-stakes testing. The state has said that the district can determine how to do a paper-based test. The FSAA will remain the same.
- Medicaid is now requiring a diagnosis for treatment for schools to charge for services. When schools charge Medicaid, it does not affect student’s Medicaid. This may cause us up $5 million.
- We have new standards for ELA and Math for grades 6-12. We have a new curriculum for 3-5 grade. K-2 was implemented last year.
- The state visited last year to address Drop-out coding for ESE students. If the right code was not put in, the system automatically marked them as a drop-out.
- The district teamed up with CARD to do a “Peace for Parents” series for parents of children ages 3-6.

Member Comments

- The Exceptional Educators training for teachers who have a student with Down syndrome will be September 21.
- The Downright Extraordinary Walk for Down Syndrome will be October 23 in John Prince Park.
- Kevin thanked Sharon Tarlow for all she has done over the years.

Guest Comments

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:28