

**REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE
TITLE I DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)**

October 28, 2021

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**Meeting of the District Advisory Council
Thursday, June 3, 2021
Virtual**

I. WELCOME – DARRYL HALL

Darryl Hall welcomed all to the meeting. He instructed those who desired Spanish interpretation click the globe at the bottom of the screen for translation. Expectations for DAC virtual meetings

Enter name and school that you (DAC member) represent using sign-in link. If you are unable to do this, please enter your name and school in the chat area.

Enter all questions in the chat. The chat area will be monitored and questions will be addressed as soon as possible.

Any other questions and concerns about any aspect of the meeting should be sent to dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

II. CONSENT AGENDA/EXPECTATIONS – DARRYL HALL

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

This report was a part of the Consent Agenda sent to all DAC members prior to the meeting.

REVIEW MAY MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections.

Attendance 120

III. POSITIVE NOTES – CHRISTY STONE

(See Chat section)

IV. PRESENTATION(S)

PLAN TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK ON 2021-22 FALL REOPENING- DIRECTOR HENRY LEONARD

Asked to be the liaison for the DAC. Would like the DAC to have more influence towards the school board. From the 7th district. Answer to questions in the chat section. Both administration and board are ready to put together more comprehensive plan for the reopening in the fall. There will be a limited virtual option. Dr. Posely knows it's a heavy lift; doesn't want to hurt the district in enrollment but also offer parents that choose the virtual option a better one than happened last year.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES - CHAUNA PERRY FINCH/NICOLE JANZEN

Here to talk about Restorative Practices and connect it to racial injustices that have been happening. Session was done with 5 groups of staff equaling about 1000 participants. Want to share some of the things that came out of those sessions, but also want to capture the voice of the DAC. Want to acknowledge what people may be feeling as racial injustice is happening and how we can support our schools when it happens.

V. NEW BUSINESS – ANDY KILIMANN

Bylaws revision is happening and the revision will be distributed next year for there to be a vote.

VI. ADJOURN

Questions, Comments, and concerns from members (Zoom chat): Nice work on the Family Friday Newsletter. Very helpful resources. Postivie Notes:

Andrea Dougherty (Cooper) to Everyone : WCLL had a wonderful field day for the in person kids and a virtual field day for the virtual learners their last days of learning.

Valerie Piat-Stadler (MSoL) to Everyone : Hurray MSL 2021 Grads who just walked across the stage today!

Patricia Kline to Everyone : Two students from Rufus King IB Middle School have been accepted into the summer school program at Marquette University Law School It is rare for MU to accept 2 students from the same school

Jess Keyes Synergy to Everyone : Lad Lake Synergy had 24 At Risk Teens Graduate that is the highest amount of Graduates in our At risk Program:)

Amanda Dawabsheh, Grant School to Everyone : Tomorrow Grant School will be doing a pop-up enrollment fair at one of our community partners. This will include on-the-spot enrollment applications. We're excited!

Sharie Garcia - MHSA to Everyone : MHSA Graduation was yesterday - lovely ceremony. Very proud of the class of 21 - what a year!

Andrea Dougherty (Cooper) to Everyone : Cooper is having last day celebrations next week Friday for their students. Social distance of course.

Amanda Klett- Neeskara to Everyone : I emailed this earlier this week... Neeskara Elementary had had a virtual scavenger hunt with Mr. Owen (principal), teachers, and parent coord (Ms. Burris) in which parents and students did a scavenger hunt. everyone had a great time and it was a wonderful way to connect with those in-person and remote. Lots of laughs

Dr. Leonard presentation:

Q: Will class sizes continue to be limited to 18 students?

A: Class sizes will not remain at 18 per classroom and they will be reducing the social distancing from 6 ft to 3 ft. Board has voted on getting clear parameters about how that will work. Not in favor of overloading our classrooms, COVID or no COVID. Have heard from teachers who have classrooms sizes of 40 or 32 and that needs to be seriously looked at.

Q: Covid vaccines become available for younger students, will it become a standard requirement like MMR vaccines?

A: That would be a federal regulation. Until it comes off of the emergency status, nothing can be put into a law as a requirement. Then it is open to each state, as much as I understand without being a lawyer. This District wants to create incentives that the staff and students get vaccinated.

Q: When will the virtual start being advertised?

A: Need to be advertising it now. Don't know exactly what the parameters will be yet. One of my ideas is to make sure to offer to get rid of suspension and expulsions from MPS by giving them a virtual option, without an extra administrative actions.

Q: Students struggled with masks this past year what will happen next year when their are double the numbers and they don't keep masks on?

A: I've been to many of the schools in my district and I have not seen many problems in my district. It is an issue. We have not discussed how it will be handled and don't think disciplinary actions is the best way to handle it. Between now and September, if the vaccination rates go way up, the CDC may be changing their position on masking. I know MPS is going to follow the CDC because the Milwaukee Health Department follows the CDC, which DR. Posley and the board have said they will stay closely aligned with.

Q: I cannot imagine putting together plans for a district as large as MPS. Transparency is key and appreciate the open communication.

Questions from parents: 1. will remote remain an option for next year 2. Will some school items (such as parent teacher conferences) include a remote option?

A: Definitely thinking of a virtual option for parent/teacher conference. The virtual option is going to be a limited one. There will not be any concurrent instructions.

Q: Will Wednesdays still be virtual days for all?

A: No, it will be a 5 day a week.

Thank you!

Really appreciate you answering our questions!

Restorative Practice presentation followed