

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

November 18, 2021

Submitted by Director Henry Leonard

**Meeting of the District Advisory Council
Thursday, October 7, 2021
Virtual**

I. WELCOME - DARRYL HALL

Mr. Hall welcomed all participants and asked the interpreter to say a few words and gave instructions for those using the services of the interpreter. Instructions for sign-in, questions and comments were given for all participants. Participants are asked to please put their name and school in the chat with comments. If your question or concern is not addressed at this meeting, please feel free to contact the Executive Committee at dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us. The Executive Committee has vacancies that hopefully will be filled by some of those participating in tonight's meeting.

II. PRESENTATION(S)

A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR HENRY LEONARD - CHRISTY STONE, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

"Welcome DAC Members, Executive Committee, Parent Coordinators and all interested parties. I am so sorry that I am not able to be on our virtual meeting and I'm really hoping that we can meet in person by the end of the school year. I'm excited and looking forward to sharing our ideas, concerns, and plans for this new school year. I'm also leaving my email as a reminder that any and all of you can send me questions at any time. I hope that your group and parents in this district know that they are the most important aspect of generating success at MPS. Success for your children and the community as a whole must always start with parents and the relationship that they have with us. Building that relationship is essential to me, and I believe that it always starts with upfront, open, and honest communications. We may not always agree or be as successful as we want, but I will do my part to make sure that your concerns and ideas get presented to administration and the Board of Directors. Have a great and productive year."

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CONSENT AGENDA/EXPECTATIONS – DARRYL HALL

Mr. Hall touched on the family and community engagement reports and the five priorities of success which can be found on the MPS website.

Some wonderful things are happening in the district, including Spanish Heritage Month that MPS is proud to promote. From September 15 to October 15, you can go on the MPS alumni page and look at some of the great stories that celebrate the heritage of Hispanic individuals in our city. Parents should sign up for Parent Portal to keep informed about your child's progress and what is going on at your school.

EARLY ADMISSIONS

Early admissions started on September 25th and is ongoing through October 31st. This is an opportunity for parents to enroll their students in specialty schools for the coming school year. There is information available on the MPs homepage.

Parents interested in joining a community conversation, MPS again, is hosting quarterly virtual meetings to facilitate discussions around student conduct and classroom management. Families and community members are certainly invited to join. The meetings are December 1st, February 9, 2022, and May 4, 2022. The meetings are from 6 to 7:00 pm. For more information go to mps@mke.com/discipline.

EMPOWERMENT TOUR

High school seniors are encouraged to attend the Empowerment Tour to learn about the college admission process, scholarship grant dollars, financial aid, and much more. The tour starts on Friday, October 15, from 3-7 pm. Contact your school counselor for more information or login into empowermetour.org.

MPS FAMILY GUIDE

MPS Family Guide assists parents about in-person learning: MPS Roadmap to Readiness website.

SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Special Education Council Fall Public Forum begins October 13. Parent feedback is requested on October 15, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Go to the VIP Special Education Council Public forum on the webpage to register and find more information.

MILWAUKEE PARENT INSTITUTE

Learn more about the value of post-secondary education, how to improve your student's performance, and discuss other information about this issue. Talk to your child's school counselor.

Participants are encouraged to review information about the MPS Board of Directors, meeting dates ,topics, how to stream, as well as steps to protest.

Participants are encouraged to download the MPS app for access to the entire website.

The minutes from the June meeting are available on your consent agenda that was sent to your email. If you are not receiving the emails, please contact us through dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us and update your information.

June meeting attendance: 77

III. POSITIVE NOTES – CACY MASTERS

BAY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL - BRIDGET BROWN

Our school yard greening project was completed just in time for the kick-off of our 2021-22 school year. It is an amazing space with lots of new trees, green landscaping, water drainage, and outdoor classrooms.

BETHUNE ACADEMY - Ms. JOHNSON

471 families attended our 1st Open House Game Carnival. Our staff and specialists were out to assist parents and run the games. Our teachers met and greeted the students and parents. There were games, food trucks, health vendors for mental and physical awareness, treats, and music from 98.3 radio station. We also had a give-away table for the families. Our families had a great time and we are proud to say that we are the home of the Wildcats!

TROWBRIDGE ST. SCHOOL - BETH HIGGINS

Celene Mueller continues to inspire students through community connections related to Great Lakes Studies. After a successful virtual "shipwreck program" with the Wisconsin Historical Society's Maritime Archaeologist, next week students will have an in-person opportunity to explore the mechanics of scuba gear!

HOLMES ELEMENTARY - W. AITCH

Student attendance is rising. Students are quickly adjusting to in-person learning. The first PBIS assembly was an awards program and students got awards for attendance and other PBIS acknowledgments. The Open House was a success. There were food trucks and parents of the students who owned restaurants served their food to families. Students in various grade levels are engaged in sports and enjoying the experience. Attendance is improving and students are enjoying Art, Phys Ed, and Library time.

MILWAKEE FRENCH IMMERSION - G. HEIL

Transition back to school went fairly smooth, considering we have a brand-new principal and office staff! Kids seem to be glad to be back and are doing a good job of following safety protocol!

MARYLAND AVENUE - JENNI HOFSCHULTE

Maryland Avenue School has had a spooky and cool historical note to kick off the year! You can read more here: <https://onmilwaukee.com/articles/maryland-avenue-bones>

IV. ORIENTATION VIDEO – JENNI HOFSCHULTE

Jenni discussed the DAC Orientation video. Questions and concerns can be put in the chat and she will be happy to address them. The council is open to discussing ways that the virtual meetings can be more interactive to encourage more sharing from the membership.

V. NEW BUSINESS

DAC will remain conducting virtual meetings for safety.

Attendance today: 125.

Andy encouraged participants to invite others to apply for DAC Executive Committee positions.

Positions open for DAC Executive Board:

Chairman: Direct link from DAC to School Board.

Vice Chairman: Step in when Chairman is not available.

Communication Secretary: Maintain the webpage and distribute information.

Recording Secretary: Takes notes and keep minutes of each DAC meeting.

Members-at-Large: Representation of membership.

There is a form to fill out if you are interested in any positions. The elections are in November. We need all voices engaged, more diversity, and more perspectives.

If you are interested in attending the DAC Executive Committee, contact DAC@milwaukee.k12.wi.us and you will be emailed an invite.

Subcommittees: An opportunity for parents to meet on issues that are important to them. These committees are usually proactive and bring issues to the board for action.

VI. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS

OBAMA HS

Lea Kyle- Lewis: What can be done to make these meetings more interactive?

Lin: Maybe we can introduce Jamboards? Kahoots?

81ST STREET

Sydney Schoenhals: Can we take the Grow and Glow back to our school population. It will be open for another week.

Where can the video be accessed?

Sydney Schoenhals: What is the FACE team? Family and Community Engagement.

Rhonda Powell: Are these paid positions? No

MARYLAND AVENUE

Jennie Hofschulte: On facebook: search DAC_MKE

Are we getting a new Family Interest Survey?

Tevin Humphrey: Is there any way you can share the transcripts?

CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS - BREAKFASTS, LUNCHES; YOUTH VIOLENCE AND RECKLESS DRIVING; AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (LYFT, UBER CONTRACTS)

Kate De Lutio: I think small break out rooms would be helpful - more people have a chance to share then. Also, a two to three-minute ice-breaker, getting to know each other/our schools would make this less of a "lecture" approach and more of a community.

Tevin Humphrey: I think reaching out to the parents to specifically see what you can do for them to help keep them engaged or involved would be well.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 pm