

South Broward High School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

Monday, March 30, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
Location: Innovative Learning Commons (Media Center)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. A motion to begin the meeting was made by Ms. Felicia Roach and seconded by Mr. Bruce Couch.

Introduce Agenda & Establish Quorum:

The agenda was introduced and a roll call was conducted. At the start of the meeting, 23 committee members were present, ensuring quorum was achieved. Co-Chair, Mrs. Olga L. Franklin Russ conducted a second roll call to confirm attendance for the voting process. During the count, quorum was reaffirmed with 27 SAC committee members present, only 20 were required.

Minutes:

Approval of the previous meeting minutes was not discussed. Mrs. Olga L. Franklin Russ addressed old business, noting that the March 9th emergency meeting did not meet quorum and therefore served only as an informational session.

Open Forum:

- Committee member Mrs. Annie Garber questioned whether data exists showing the effectiveness of tutoring programs such as Saturday camp. Assistant Principal Ms. Jonell Williams addressed the inquiry regarding effectiveness, stating that sign-in sheets and performance tracking are used to monitor student improvement.
- Committee member Eden Greenberg asked about the focus of tutoring, suggesting that student-led tutoring might be more cost-effective.
- Co-Chair, Mrs. Olga L. Franklin Russ explained that funds would pay school counselors to work after hours due to time constraints during the school day.
- Guest Jea'cier Leon suggested focusing more on lower-level students than AICE students; Principal, Alexander Francois agreed but stressed providing support for all students.
- Committee member Ms. Valerie Rolle shared a positive experience with AICE History tutoring, reporting strong turnout and improved test scores.

New Business:

- Leadership Change: Effective March 25, 2026, Mr. Ryan Perez-Rodriguez stepped down as SAC chair and committee member.
- Chair Vacancy: The by-laws require two chairs; interested members should contact Co-Chair Mrs. Olga L. Franklin Russ to be included on the April 27th agenda.

Member Vote: Use of Funds

Unlike the previous session where items were tabled, quorum was met and the following funding requests were officially approved:

- a. Funding Request 03-001: After School Tutoring (\$4,830.00); passed, 26 for, 1 against.
- b. Funding Request 03-002: Acceleration Saturday Camps (\$3,360.00); passed, 21 for, 5 against.
- c. Funding Request 03-003: School Counselor Walk-In Hours (\$3,360.00); passed, 23 for, 2 against.
- d. Funding Request 03-004: SAT/ACT/CLT Waivers (\$3,000.00); passed, 24 for, 2 against.
- e. Funding Request 03-005: Supplies for Teachers (\$3,662.09); passed, 23 for, 3 against.
- f. Funding Request 03-006: Fine Arts Epson Photo Printer + Ink Refills (\$1,096.00); passed, 23 for, 3 against.

School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR):

No updates or reports were presented.

School Accountability Funds: *Proposals to use Funds*

Principal, Alexander Francois reviewed proposals for the use of funds, explaining that the goal is to support "acceleration". Mr. Francois explained that "acceleration" encompasses AP, AICE, and district goals, emphasizing the importance of supporting these initiatives. He mentioned Ms. Braun, who currently tutors students after school without compensation, as an example, noting that under his proposal, individuals in similar roles would receive payment. Additionally, he plans to survey teachers regarding departmental supply needs.

School Improvement Plan progress:

Co-Chair, Mrs. Olga L. Franklin Russ distributed copies of the SIP plan to members who requested them, with the assistance of committee member Imronbek Elumurdov. Committee member, Ms. Jennifer Shapiro noted that proposals must align with the SIP plan; Mrs. Franklin Russ stated that all funding proposals should be aligned with the school's overall goals.

Academic Department Updates

Principal, Mr. Francois reported that projections indicate a decline of approximately 130–135 students in the upcoming academic year. He further expressed an aspiration to transition the school into a performing arts magnet institution, emphasizing that all expenditures are intended to support and benefit the school.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Alisa Volkova and seconded by Ms. Ayeliz Perez. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.