

South Broward High School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

Monday, April 27, 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 Mr. Bruce Couch and seconded by Ms. Deaneth Gordon.

Introduce Agenda & Establish Quorum:

The agenda was introduced and a quorum was established with 20 members present. 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 20 SAC committee members present.

Minutes:

Approval of prior meeting minutes was postponed; all pending minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting scheduled for May 18, 2026.

Open Forum:

- Committee member Mrs. Annie Garber raised concerns about agenda transparency, specifically whether voting items had been properly communicated in advance.
- Assistant principal, Mr. Darryl Baker and Chair Franklin Russ clarified that the items had been previously communicated, although Mrs. Garber indicated she did not recall receiving that information.
- Committee member Sandara Nelson raised additional concerns regarding testing dates, senior exam schedules, and future budget transparency, all of which were addressed by Assistant principal, Darryl Baker.

New Business:

Two amendments to the bylaws were presented during the meeting. The first proposed changing from a co-chair model to a single chairperson, while the second proposed extending member terms from one year to two years.

Member Vote: Use of Funds

Changing from a co-chair structure to a single chair structure

- Single chairperson passed: 14 for, 6 against.

Member Term Limit

- Extend member term to 2 years failed: 2 for, 18 against.

Principal's Report:

Principal, Mr. Alexander Francois reported the out-of-school tutoring and academic support programs were successfully launched following approval, including weekday tutoring (Monday–Thursday) and Saturday acceleration camps held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. He informed members that the final Saturday session will focus on key subjects, including AP courses, Biology, and Math. To address members previous concerns about the effectiveness of the tutoring programs, Principal Francois shared that while initial sessions showed strong

attendance, participation data is still being collected through sign-in sheets to better assess effectiveness.

Principal Francois shared information about the upcoming Senior Glow Up (formerly Academic Signing Day), scheduled for April 30, which will recognize students' post-graduation plans across college, military, and career pathways. He also highlighted recent school events and achievements, including Special Olympics Day led by Chair Franklin Russ - noted that 11 seniors committed to collegiate sports during recent athletic signings, and recognized student participation in extracurricular programs such as marine science field experiences and SkillsUSA competitions.

Additionally, Principal Francois reported on an upcoming incentive event scheduled for May 28 for End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. The event will feature an ice cream social to recognize students who demonstrate proficiency or learning gains on their exams. Learning gains are defined as measurable academic improvement, even if full proficiency is not achieved, and qualifying students will be invited to participate in this recognition.

School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR):

Assistant principal, Therese Hollis provided the discipline data. She reported that the data shows 77% of students had 0-1 referrals, 23% had 2-5 referrals, and a smaller group exceeded 5 referrals, identifying them as at-risk. The most frequent incidents were unruly/disruptive behavior, followed by class cutting/skipping, disobedience, defiance/insubordination, and lower instances of tobacco use/possession. To address these trends, the school continues to use the HERO tracking system to monitor behavior, attendance, and tardies, alongside increased parent communication through outreach and conferences to better support student needs, including those facing socioeconomic challenges. Additional supports include the social worker and Student Support Instructional Specialist (SSIS), who provide mentoring, academic and attendance monitoring, and family engagement, as well as targeted mentoring groups and reinforcement of school-wide expectations such as respect, punctuality, and preparedness.

Additionally, Ms. Hollis shared that the plan would place emphasis on strengthening school culture through initiatives like Professional Attire Wednesdays and consistent behavioral expectations across campus. Recognition systems will include "Secure the Bag" (which rewards behavior, attendance, and grades), a positive behavior points system with incentives such as a "Pop-Up Shop," and student recognitions including Bulldog of the Month, Kids of Character, A/B Honor Roll celebrations, and Perfect Attendance awards. These combined strategies are intended to improve behavior, engagement, and overall school climate while supporting student success.

School Accountability Funds:

Principal Francois stated that the reported balance remains at approximately \$19,309.90. No significant change was reflected due to pending payroll expenditures. A more detailed budget breakdown and projections will be presented at the next meeting.

School Improvement Plan progress:

The committee reported no updates at this meeting.

Academic Department Updates

No formal academic department updates were presented at this meeting.

Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026, where key items will include approval of minutes and budget presentation.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Principal Alexander Francois and seconded by Ms. Candice Bredwood. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Not Approved