

South Broward High School

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 25, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Innovative Learning Commons (Media Center)

Call to Order: Chair *Ryan Perez Rodrigues* called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Introduce Agenda & Establish Quorum: Mr. Alexander Francois moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Candice Bredwood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes: Ms. Janice Waite moved to approve the SAC Bylaws and the May 2025 meeting minutes. Ms. Jessica Sanchez seconded. The motion to approve the Bylaws carried, but Ms. Anne Garber requested a point of order. Ms. Garber requested that the May 2025 minutes be amended with the following changes:

- **Add:** Ms. Garber raised concerns about the district's procedure and lack of flexibility in creating the 2025–2026 school calendar. There was no option for a later start date, even though one had been available in previous years.
- **Strike:** 'She expressed frustration with the lack of flexibility and noted her unsuccessful attempts to contact Board Member Bulman, despite her prior campaign support.'
- **Retain:** Ms. Garber's concerns regarding the district's early calendar change and its impact on funding, which several SAC members echoed.

After these edits, the Chair called for a vote to approve the amended minutes. Ms. Waite so moved, and Ms. Sanchez seconded. The motion carried.

Member Vote: New Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary

A discussion was held regarding the continuation of Mr. Ryan Perez Rodrigues as Chair and Ms. Marina DeCicco as Co-Chair. Mr. Perez Rodrigues requested that a member assume the role of Secretary. Mr. Alexander Francois nominated Ms. Latasha Clarke-Marcelin. The SAC discussed the nomination and continuation. At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Candice Bredwood moved to approve the Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary positions as discussed. Mr. Bruce Couch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Principal's Report

Mr. Alexander Francois provided updates on several new changes at the school. He highlighted last week's football victory and encouraged parents to attend games to see the recent field upgrades. Mr. Francois announced that starting in August, a monthly newsletter will be sent to students for parents, offering an overview of upcoming events as a replacement for daily ParentLink announcements. However, he reaffirmed that students would still receive daily announcements and notifications via Canvas. He explained that this change aims to prevent parents from blocking ParentLink numbers, ensuring emergency notifications remain accessible at all times. The SAC requested that the newsletter include detailed information such as schoolwide testing dates (including SAT/ACT/CLT), BRACE and School Counseling updates, and items of significant community concern.

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School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR):

The Chair reported that SESIR data for August 2025 is not yet available, as the District posts updates at the end of each month. He noted that between April and May 2025, South Broward High School saw a decrease in reported events from 20 to 13. In May, the most frequent events were Drug Possession/Use (6 events), Tobacco (4 events), and Fighting (2 events). Mr. Francois reminded parents to address concerns about student altercations occurring off campus, particularly at the Wawa across the street. He noted that Wawa reserves the right to contact law enforcement, and students may be subject to arrest. He further explained that South Broward will classify such incidents as SESIR events if they disrupt dismissal, with consequences assigned accordingly. Mr. Francois concluded by noting his communication with the Wawa General Manager, encouraging the business to hire a City of Hollywood police detail during dismissal to prevent disruptions to business operations.

Mr. Waters added that campus security continues to strengthen as staff address coverage gaps, and students noticing changes that mitigate harmful and disruptive behaviors. He encouraged parents to reinforce positive behaviors at home and to reach out to him for support as needed.

School Accountability Funds (SAF): Mr. Perez Rodrigues reported that the SAF balance of \$5,760.20 rolled over from the previous year. Mr. Francois noted that the state or district allocated no additional funds. He advised that the current balance should be preserved or that SAC may consider business partnerships to support future capital expenditures and school initiatives.

School Improvement Plan/A+ Monies and Waiver Continuation Discussion: Mr. Perez Rodrigues reported that he and Mr. Baker will attend a District training on September 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The training will cover procedures for conducting the ballot and election processes required to distribute funds for the upcoming school year, as well as the continuation of waivers approved by staff two years ago.

Academic Department Updates: Ms. Williams reviewed the projections necessary for the school to achieve an 'A' rating. Data from PM 1 will be presented at the next meeting in September.

Future Meeting Dates: The SAC discussed potential dates for upcoming meetings. The upcoming meeting dates are as follows: September 29, October 27, November 17, January 26, February 23, April 27, and May 18.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Wisler Elias and seconded by Ms. Candice Bredwood. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.