



## Blanche Ely High School

### School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 21, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 PM (Virtual via Teams)

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Shenee Rowe.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 24, 2026 meeting were reviewed. There were no revisions or omissions.

#### **III. Staff Advisory (DAC/SAF) Update**

Ms. Lacrosha provided an update from the District Advisory Council (DAC). Key topics included attendance, budget considerations, and upcoming leadership nominations for the 2026–2027 school year.

Attendance was emphasized as a critical priority, with stakeholders encouraged to ensure students attend school daily and on time. Budget discussions highlighted the connection between student enrollment and school funding. Members were also encouraged to consider leadership roles for the upcoming school year.

#### **IV. Principal's Report**

##### **A. Academic & Testing Updates**

Mr. Williams provided updates on academic progress and upcoming state testing. FAST ELA testing will begin May 5, followed by Biology and U.S. History on May 7, and Algebra/Geometry on May 13.

The school continues to focus on achieving a 100% graduation rate for the Class of 2026, while also proactively preparing for the Class of 2027.

##### **B. Graduation & Student Success Initiatives**

Graduation is scheduled for May 29 at 7:00 PM at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Senior events include Grad Bash (April 30), Prom (May 16), Senior Awards Night (May 21), and the Top 10% Banquet.

A new process for requesting additional graduation tickets will be implemented to ensure equity and prevent misuse.

### **C. School Recognition & Programs**

Blanche Ely High School was recognized as a Magnet School of Distinction at the national level.

The Academy of Finance earned national model status, with students receiving certifications in areas such as QuickBooks and entrepreneurship.

Students are also gaining national recognition through NAF and NFTY initiatives.

### **D. Athletics & Student Activities**

The girls' basketball team was recognized as state runner-up, and Coach Green received Coach of the Year honors at the county level and is a state finalist.

An end-of-year athletic awards ceremony will be held, modeled after the ESPY Awards.

Additional student incentives and celebrations are planned throughout May.

### **E. Recruitment & Community Engagement**

Administration continues active recruitment efforts across feeder schools and community events to increase enrollment.

Families and stakeholders were encouraged to promote Blanche Ely High School within the community.

### **F. Budget & Advocacy**

Budget constraints were discussed, including the impact of declining enrollment and Florida's low per-pupil funding.

Stakeholders were encouraged to advocate for increased funding and resources for public education.

### **G. Facilities & Projects**

Updates were provided regarding the culinary food truck project (approved, pending board action) and the turf field grant (approved).

## **V. Public Comment & Discussion**

### **A. Health Hub Concerns**

A community member expressed concerns regarding delays and lack of communication related to the school-based health provider.

Administration acknowledged the concern and committed to following up with district leadership for updates.

### **B. Facilities – School Painting**

Discussion occurred regarding painting over existing murals.

Administration noted that stakeholder input will be gathered before making final decisions, as not all graduating classes are represented.

### **C. Enrollment & Graduation Data**

Current senior enrollment is approximately 416 students. Enrollment has remained relatively stable, with some students returning from alternative placements such as OCLC.

### **D. Safety & Security**

Discussion focused on security staffing, metal detector procedures, and student entry points. Administration explained staffing allocations, staggered schedules, and district requirements impacting operations.

Two security vacancies were noted, with hiring in progress.

## **VI. Announcements**

Stakeholders were reminded of upcoming testing dates, senior events, and the importance of continued student attendance and engagement through the end of the school year.

## **VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## 1. Summary

Meeting title	School Advisory Forum (SAF)
Attended participants	10
Start time	4/21/26, 4:54:25 PM
End time	4/21/26, 5:50:52 PM
Meeting duration	56m 27s
Average attendance time	38m 49s

## 2. Participants

Name	First Join	Last Leave In-Meeting
Jenny Thelwell	4/21/26, 4:54:28 PM	4/21/26, 5:50m 28s
Tavures R. Williams	4/21/26, 4:55:31 PM	4/21/26, 5:55m 21s
MS Lacresha (Unverified)	4/21/26, 4:56:08 PM	4/21/26, 5:48m 19s
Shenee T. Rowe	4/21/26, 4:58:25 PM	4/21/26, 5:47m 17s
Mr. King (Unverified)	4/21/26, 5:01:16 PM	4/21/26, 5:42m 43s
Britz (Unverified)	4/21/26, 5:03:59 PM	4/21/26, 5:40m 16s
Limancia Mareus (Unverified)	4/21/26, 5:04:40 PM	4/21/26, 5:2s
Phillippa Clarke (Unverified)	4/21/26, 5:08:32 PM	4/21/26, 5:35m 42s
Mesha (Unverified)	4/21/26, 5:08:49 PM	4/21/26, 5:36m 32s
Joshua Jonky (Unverified)	4/21/26, 5:12:33 PM	4/21/26, 5:31m 32s