



Blanche Ely High School

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 21, 2025

Location: Media Center

Chair: Mrs. Carolyn Smith

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:05 p.m.** by Chair **Mrs. Carolyn Smith**. Mrs. Smith noted that quorum was **not met**; therefore, this meeting would serve for **informational purposes only**.

2. Roll Call / Attendance

SAC Members Present:

- Mrs. Carolyn Smith – SAC Chair
- Deanna Lobban – Student Representative
- Connie McGirt – Teacher
- Djuna Robinson – BTU Representative
- Lacresha Williams – SAF Chair
- La Jill Holloway – Teacher

Non-SAC Members / Guests:

- Dr. Jenny Thelwell – Assistant Principal
 - Ms. Shenee Rowe – Assistant Principal
 - Andrea Smith – Literacy Coach
 - Tawanna Rowe
 - Beverly Crawford
 - Patricia Grant
 - Tamala Thompson
 - Tammy Rozier
 - Estie Holsworth
 - Delvin King
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3. Reading and Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were made available for review.

Ms. La Jill Holloway volunteered to take minutes for the October 21, 2025 meeting.

It was noted that the SAC Committee is still in need of:

- (1) Parent of an ESE student (currently only Ms. Jonky serves in this role)
 - (1) ELL parent representative
 - (1) General Education parent representative
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4. Reports of Officers and Committees

A. ELA Department Presentation

Presenter: Andrea Smith, Literacy Coach

Ms. Smith provided a review of past and current department goals and presented **PM1 data** and **SMART goals** as follows:

- **9th & 10th Grade ELA:**
 - Proficiency: Increase from **50% to 60%**
 - Learning Gains: Increase from **58% to 70%**
 - Lowest Quartile Gains: Increase from **56% to 70%**
(Measured by FAST Assessment by May 2026)
 - **11th Grade ELA:**
 - Proficiency: Increase from **49% to 90%**
(Measured by FAST Assessment by May 2026)
 - **12th Grade ELA:**
 - Proficiency: Increase from **79% to 100%**
(Measured by FAST Assessment by May 2026)
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B. Community Concerns

Presenter: Mr. Delvin M. King

Mr. King raised several concerns regarding school operations and transparency:

1. **Chorus Instruction:** Questioned the validity of a ROTC substitute teaching chorus and requested clarification on staff assignments.
2. **ROTC Program:** Asked why BEHS currently does not have an ROTC instructor.
3. **Safety & Incident Reports:** Requested the number and type of incidents (weapons, drugs, fights), noting an increase from 14 to 16 to date.
4. **Principal's Status:** Questioned Principal Mr. Williams' presence and whether he was on personal leave.
5. **Chain of Command:** Requested clarity on administrative hierarchy and duties among Assistant Principals, especially in Mr. Spence's absence.
6. **Criminal Investigation Allegation:** Mentioned a potential investigation and expressed concern over communication from the district.

Response:

Dr. Thelwell stated that **Mr. Williams remains the Principal of Blanche Ely High School** and no official communication from the district has indicated otherwise. Ms. Rowe clarified the difference between "second-in-command" and "intern principal," noting that such designations are determined by the principal.

5. Principal's Report

Presenter: Dr. Jenny Thelwell, Assistant Principal

Academics:

- Math Symposium successfully completed.
- All core disciplines have completed **Quarter 1 exams**.
- **Report cards** are now available in Focus.
- **Data reviews** are ongoing for all core and support areas.

Extracurricular Highlights:

- Celebrated **Teachers and Staff** in the newly renovated **GVO Lounge**.
- **Local College Tour** completed successfully; **Central Florida College Tour** scheduled for later this month (payments available via eStore).
- **FAFSA Night** held on campus in the amphitheater.
- Continued **Parent Power Hour** sessions for family engagement.

- Upcoming **Quarter 2 Newsletter** to highlight recent achievements.
 - **Campus mural** nearing completion, with a **grand reveal** planned later this month.
 - **NCAA Night** scheduled next month for student-athletes.
 - **Partnership Breakfast** planned for November.
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6. Adjournment

The meeting was **adjourned at 6:48 p.m.** by Chair Mrs. Smith.

Minutes Prepared By:



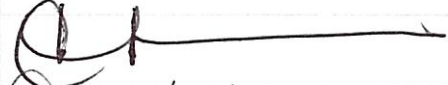
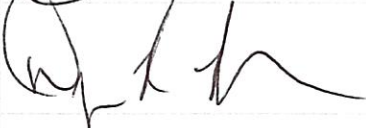

Ms. La Jill Holloway

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☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Blanche Ely HS (0361)

Date: 10/21/25






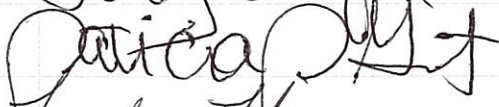

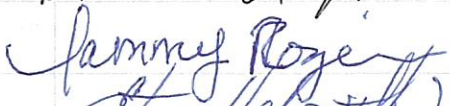
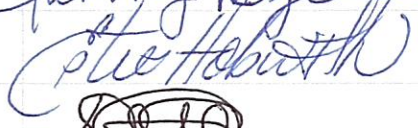

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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Alfred, Dieussal	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
2	Herbas-Soliz, Reina	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
3	Holloway, Lejill	Teacher	Yes	No	
4	Irving, Britney	Parent	No	Yes	
5	Johnson, Kysha	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	Yes	Yes	
6	Kambobe, Courtney	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
7	Lobban, Deanna	Students (required for HS & Centers)	No	No	
8	McGirt, Connie	Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
9	Robinson, Djuna	BTU Steward (or designee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
10	Smith, Carolyn	SAC Chair	Yes	No	
11	Soliz-Cawido, Matilde	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
12	Williams, Lacresha	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	

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Time: 5:57

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	LACRESHA Williams		YES		
2	Andrea Smith Yes				
3	Deanna Loban				
4	Tawanna [unclear] Yes Yes				
5	Bev Crowford				
6	Patricia Grant				
7	Tamala Thompson				
8	Tammy Rozier				
9	Estie Holsworth				
10	DENN King				
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