Hallandale Magnet High School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Date: September 29, 2025
Location: Room 305
Time: 4:00 PM

Welcome and Recognition

- The meeting opened with Mrs. Peters, Principal, recognizing two outstanding staff members.
- Ms. Castro was celebrated as Hallandale's School-Related Employee of the Year for her dedication to both the school and student services, as well as her contributions as a parent.
- Ms. Freeman was honored as Teacher of the Year for her passion for student growth and commitment to academics and athletics.

Program Highlights and Campus Updates

- Harvest Drive: Led by the Student Government Association (SGA) to collect non-perishable food donations for families in need across Broward County.
- Band Program: Under the new director, Mr. Taylor, the program has expanded to 40 performing students participating in football games and university halftime events.
- Club Rush: Held during lunch to promote student involvement in extracurricular activities.
- Teacher Wellness Center: Developed in partnership with Aetna to provide staff relaxation space; a similar initiative is in progress for students.

Academic Updates

- Curriculum Support: Targeted pullouts based on student data began earlier this year, with a noted positive district review of classroom instruction.
- School Performance: The school maintained a "B" grade, reflecting continued academic growth.
- Redefining Schools: Hallandale Magnet High is part of an ongoing district discussion to implement selective magnet-style programs modeled after Pompano Beach High. No school closure discussions are taking place.

Parking Decals

- Spearheaded by Behavior Specialist Ms. Hill, decals will cost $30. Students must provide a valid license, insurance, and registration. Attendance and behavior will impact eligibility.

SAC Membership and Governance

- Quorum was not met, so no voting occurred.
- The School Advisory Forum is seeking Vice Chair and Secretary positions.

- SAC accountability funds are pending rollover updates.
- Discipline report showed no August incidents—credited to the strong administrative and security team.

Department Updates

- Literacy: 9th–10th grade proficiency increased from 18% to 24–25%. Retake scores and after-school reading interventions continue to improve outcomes. Parents are encouraged to promote daily reading habits.
- Science: Over 50% of students passed biology CFAs. Monthly assessments and exam preparation for the May EOC are ongoing.
- Social Studies: Student proficiency up to 40%, with another 31% nearing proficiency. Benchmark assessments scheduled for October 8–9.
- Mathematics: Focus on real-world problem-solving in Algebra and Geometry. Parents are encouraged to reinforce concepts at home.
- ESE: Continued focus on IEP goals; parental collaboration requested.
- CTACE: 53 students pursuing certifications in Entrepreneurship, EKG, and Adobe programs. Certifications align with Bright Futures scholarships.
- Guidance: Dual enrollment opportunities through Broward College; applications are due October 20.
- ELA: Teachers are emphasizing stamina-building and reading comprehension. Parents are advised to read with their students.
- Gifted Program: Enrollment interest is rising; focus remains on maintaining magnet program visibility and community engagement.

Parent Empowerment and Resources

- Florida DOE practice tests and resources will be distributed through ParentLink to assist families in supporting student academic preparation.

Upcoming Events

- Homecoming Dance: October 18 at 7:00 PM. Theme: "Thriller." Tickets are $65.
- Senior Night: October 17 during the final home football game.
- Next SAC Meeting: Monday, October 27, same time and location. Refreshments will be provided.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Brandon Forbes, SAC Co-Chairperson
Approved by SAC at meeting held: