



NORCREST ELEMENTARY

SAF Agenda

11/20/2025 5:30PM

11-20-25 from Monarch High

North Area Advisory Council – Agenda

A. Call to Order

B. Meeting Etiquette

(Sign-in, attendance requirements, ethics training reminder)

C. Approval of Minutes

- May 15, 2025
- October 16, 2025

D. Roll Call

E. Elections

F. Performance Matters

G. Academics / Testing

H. Elimination of Block Scheduling

I. North Region Updates

J. Updates

- SAC Funding
- Nurses
- Redefining
- Food & Nutrition (Lunches)
- Old Business / Past Initiatives

K. Future Topics (SAF Chairs)

L. Open Discussion

M. Upcoming Dates / Important Reminders

SAF Minutes

11/20/2025 5:30PM

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 PM by the Chair.

B. Meeting Etiquette

SAF Chairs and members were reminded to sign in to ensure attendance was recorded; a guest sign-in was also available. Members were reminded that to remain in good standing, SAF Chairs and members must attend meetings regularly. Missing three consecutive meetings or four total meetings results in loss of good standing.

Members were reminded to limit comments to one question or comment at a time to allow equitable participation. Guests were permitted to speak if time allowed. Attendees were asked to remain respectful throughout the meeting and to complete the required Ethics Training if not already done.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. May 15, 2025 Minutes

Corrections to the minutes were noted:

- **Page 1: Add the last name Dominique for Cynthia Dominique, Middle School Representative.**
- **Update the Communications Chair's last name to Figueroa (Karla Figueroa).**
- **Page 2: Correction noted for Parent at Large.**

A motion to approve the May 15, 2025 Minutes as amended was made.

- **Moved by: Jessica Benner**
- **Seconded by: Michael Pezzicola**

The motion passed unanimously.

2. October 16, 2025 Minutes

The October 16, 2025 Minutes were tabled to the December meeting.

D. Roll Call

No roll call was held during the meeting.

E. Elections

Elections were held for vacant positions. A self-nomination from Lisa Reas for Elementary School Representative was accepted from the floor.

The election passed unanimously.

F. Performance Matters

Discussion was led by Lisa Reas and Bridget Hersal regarding concerns from parents and teachers about Performance Matters, the district's student assessment platform. Concerns included limited parent access to assessment information, student computer skill readiness, excessive screen time, and the platform's inability to show item-level feedback to parents.

Concerns were raised that parents cannot see which questions students answered incorrectly, limiting their ability to support learning at home. Teachers shared that accessing detailed student responses requires reviewing individual assessments and does not always show students' problem-solving processes, particularly compared to paper-and-pencil assessments.

Additional concerns included younger students' limited keyboard and mouse skills, reliance on touch-screen devices, eye strain, and student fatigue from prolonged screen use. Parents recommended accommodations for students with IEPs or 504 plans, including access to paper-based testing and reduced digital assessments.

Discussion also included concerns about monitoring and potential cheating. A teacher representative referenced prior use of LanSchool, now known as Linewize, for monitoring student activity.

District staff shared that item analysis and detailed student reports are available within Performance Matters and stated they would work with school administrators and teachers to ensure training on accessing reports. District staff also indicated they would provide parents with guidance on how to access Performance Matters data for their children.

A parent shared that Palm Beach County School District provides printed assessments for parent review. The Chair recommended forming a virtual elementary subcommittee to further explore concerns and develop recommendations.

A handout summarizing concerns and proposed solutions was provided to attendees.

G. Academics / Testing

A presentation was delivered by Guy Barmoha, Director of Secondary Learning, sharing PM1 testing data. Highlights included:

- **96% of schools maintained or increased scores compared to the previous year**

- **No D or F schools districtwide**
- **84% of schools earned an A or B, with a significant reduction in C schools**

ELA scores showed positive trends across progress monitoring cycles. Math scores were noted to be slightly lower, often due to students not yet having received instruction in specific math topics at the time of assessment. An anomaly was noted in 8th grade math scores, largely due to proficient students being enrolled in Algebra or Geometry, leaving many remaining students entering as Level 1 or 2.

H. Elimination of Block Scheduling

It was shared that the School Board decided to maintain the current high school A/B block schedule with personalization periods. Middle schools will continue with their existing schedules.

I. North Region Updates

The North Region shared appreciation and gratitude for the continued dedication and contributions of staff, families, and community members to student success.

J. Updates

1. SAC Funding

It was confirmed that A+ funds will be returned to schools. Concerns remain regarding AICE, CAPE, AP, and IB funding, which has not yet been returned. State Statute 1011.62 was referenced, noting these funds cannot be placed into general funds and must be used as defined by statute.

Motion:

To request that Broward County Public Schools return AICE, CAPE, AP, and IB rollover funds from the 2024–2025 school year to the schools where the funds originated, to be used in accordance with state statute.

- **Moved by: Nicole Morst**
- **Seconded by: Cynthia Dominique**

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Nurses

It was reported that 30–40 schools still do not have a school nurse. Many nurses are overseeing 10–15 schools, managing medication inventories, clinic visits, parent communication, and healthcare plans for medically fragile students.

3. Redefining

No North Region schools are currently impacted by redefining.

4. Food & Nutrition – Lunches

Concerns were raised regarding immigrant families being unable to apply for free or reduced lunch due to Social Security number requirements. Schools currently provide a courtesy meal, which at this time consists of a butter sandwich.

5. Old Business / Past Initiatives

None discussed.

K. Future Topics

SAF Chairs were encouraged to submit topics for future agendas.

L. Open Discussion

Concerns were raised regarding shortages of school psychologists and social workers, which are legally protected and essential services.

Motion:

To urge the District to take immediate action to address the backlog caused by shortages of school psychologists and social workers, including assessing staffing levels, prioritizing the most impacted schools, and providing a timeline for completion of evaluations and 504 plan renewals.

- **Moved by: Muriel Theophin-Atilus**
- **Seconded by: Cynthia Dominique**

Due to time constraints, the motion was tabled for in-depth discussion at the December 2025 meeting.

M. Upcoming Dates / Important Reminders

- **District Advisory General Meeting: December 10, 6:15–8:45 PM (KCW)**
 - **North Area General Meeting: December 18, 6:15–8:45 PM (Monarch High School)**
 - **North Area Bylaws Subcommittee: December 2, 8:00–9:30 PM**
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N. Adjourn

A motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes was made at 8:45 PM and passed 21–1, with one dissenting vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Norcrest ES (0561)

Date: 11/20/2025

Time: 5:30pm

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1 ✓	Bushey, Katie	Parent	No	Yes	<i>K Bushey</i>
2 ✓	Castillo, Maximo	Principal	Yes	No	<i>max castillo</i>
3	Chapman, Jessica	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
4	Delgado, Tania	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
5	Exegenor, Stephanie	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Stephanie Exegenor</i>
6	Guterrez, Chantal	Parent	No	Yes	
7 ✓	Hedelund, Norma	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	<i>N Hedelund</i>
8	Hunt, Whitney	SAC Chair, Teacher	Yes	Yes	
9	Orozco, Colleen	ESE Parent of a student at the school	Yes	Yes	
10 ✓	Pirtle, Rebecca	Community / Business Representatives	No	Yes	<i>R. Pirtle</i>
11	Rock, Roxanne	Parent	No	Yes	
12 ✓	Torres, Leandra	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher), BTU Steward (or designee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<i>[Signature]</i>
13 ✓	Wimbley, Phyllis	SAC Secretary	Yes	No	<i>Phyllis</i>
14 ✓	Zabadal, Brandi	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Brandi</i>

Guests

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