



NORCREST ELEMENTARY

SAF Agenda 10/23/26

10/16/25 6:15PM

A. Call to Order & Meeting Etiquette

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

B. Approval of Minutes

- May 15, 2025
- September 18, 2025

C. Vape Detectors – Chief Michael Gregory

D. SAC Funding

E. Roll Call

F. Future Topics (SAF Chairs)

G. BCPS Cares

H. Redefining Update

I. North Region Updates

J. Bylaws Subcommittee Update

(Virtual meetings: Nov. 4 & Dec. 2, 2025)

K. Open Discussion

L. Old Business

M. Upcoming Dates / Reminders

N. Adjourn

SAF Minutes

10-23-26 5:30PM

10-18-25 from Monarch High

North Area Advisory Council – General Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Chair Nicole Morst. Chair Morst introduced the advisory officers and welcomed attendees.

Dr. Jermaine Fleming, Regional Superintendent, introduced himself and members of his leadership team: Ricardo Santana, Director of Teaching and Learning – Northeast; Meredith Weiss-Schnur, Director of Teaching and Learning; and Michelle Stein, Teaching and Learning. Dr. Fleming welcomed parents and volunteers, emphasizing their critical role in student success. He also recognized principals newly appointed to leadership roles and congratulated the North Area on the district's "A" rating, noting that 90% of North Area schools earned A or B grades during the previous school year.

B. Meeting Etiquette

Chair Morst reminded SAF Chairs and members to sign in upon arrival to ensure attendance was recorded. Guests were asked to sign in separately. Principals were reminded to ensure their SAF Chairs had been submitted.

Members were reminded that to remain in good standing, attendees must not miss more than two consecutive or three total meetings, as absences impact quorum. Meeting etiquette expectations were reviewed, including speaking one comment or question at a time and maintaining respectful discourse. Members were also reminded to complete required Ethics Training if not already done.

Voting and question placards were distributed. Members without placards were directed to see Lucie Dicapua.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as amended.

- Moved by: Muriel Theophin-Atilus
- Seconded by: Mario Marcano

Corrections noted:

- Page 1, Section E, first paragraph: last line should reference "IEPs and 504s."
- Page 1, Section E, second paragraph: add a closing parenthesis to "backdoor suspensions."

The motion passed with one opposing vote.

The May 15, 2025 Minutes were noted as not available.

D. Vape Detectors – Chief Michael Gregory

Chief Michael Gregory, Chief Safety and Security Officer for Broward County Public Schools, presented an overview of the district's Vape Detection Initiative. The initiative aims to curb student vaping, promote healthier choices, and enhance campus safety. Vape detectors will be installed in middle and high school restrooms only, following completion of a pilot phase evaluating functionality, alerts, and implementation processes.

Chief Gregory explained that the devices detect aerosols and particulates, including THC and nicotine compounds, and send real-time alerts to administrators. The technology may also

help identify patterns related to locations, times, overcrowding, bullying, or medical emergencies. He emphasized that the detectors do not record audio or video, instead using radio-wave sensing and AI to monitor changes in air quality and movement.

Data shared indicated that from 2023–24 to 2024–25, high schools experienced a 26% decrease in vaping incidents, while middle schools saw an 84% increase, leading to the decision to implement detectors in both school levels simultaneously. Seven products were tested during the pilot phase to evaluate usability and internal processes.

A 30-minute Q&A session followed, addressing placement, costs, privacy concerns, discipline procedures, the RFP timeline (expected by December), and education plans for students and parents. Discipline was clarified as being handled through the Student Code of Conduct and the discipline department. Dr. Fleming and several principals reiterated that vape detection is intended to supplement—not replace—existing supervision and intervention strategies.

E. BCPS Cares

Farrah Wilson presented updates on the district’s redesigned website and the BCPS Cares initiative. She explained that the new website was launched to provide a more modern and user-friendly experience, involving the migration of over 80,000 pages across schools and departments. Ongoing refinements are underway, with schools able to request updates through Incident IQ.

New features highlighted included the Hero Showcase and “Enroll Now” button, supporting the Choose BCPS enrollment initiative. Ms. Wilson emphasized that websites are living platforms requiring regular updates, and her team supports schools through monthly communications, open labs, trainings, and ongoing feedback review.

Ms. Wilson then explained BCPS Cares, which streamlines how parent concerns are addressed. Parents are encouraged to follow a clear process: contact the teacher, then the principal, and if unresolved, submit a School-Related Concern form or email BCPSCaresNRO@browardschools.com. The system also allows for compliments recognizing staff or schools.

Questions addressed website calendars, flyer access, translations, and response timelines. It was noted that while the goal is a one business-day response, complex cases may take longer. Translation gaps were acknowledged, with follow-up planned. Ms. Wilson closed by thanking attendees and reaffirming the district’s commitment to continuous improvement.

F. SAC Funding

It was confirmed that schools will not receive SAC rollover funds this year. The new CFO eliminated rollover dollars, including A+ recognition and workforce education funds. An overview of school funding streams was provided for new SAC Chairs.

Members expressed concern that rollover balances—often used for tutoring, camps, SAT prep, and incentives—were eliminated without notice. Discussion centered on statutory concerns, equity implications, and the need for transparency. Principals shared their surprise and concern.

Motion:

To request the District return Accountability Funds and SIP rollover dollars to the schools from which they originated.

- **Original Motion:**
 - Moved by Nicole Morst
 - Seconded by Danielle Dunfee

Amended Motion:

To return Accountability Funds and SIP rollover dollars to originating schools and allow 120 school days or until the end of the 2025–26 school year (whichever is longer) to expend funds.

- Moved by: TaiQuay Bogle
- Seconded by: Nancy Fry

The amended motion passed unanimously.

G. Roll Call

Roll call was deferred to the next meeting.

H. Redefining Update

Discussion included the upcoming October 27 meeting at Coral Springs High School addressing programmatic changes at North Area middle schools. It was noted that Westpine Middle School, a feeder for Challenger Elementary, is under consideration for merger with Bair Middle School, to be discussed separately.

A member raised concerns regarding delayed district responses related to autism programming and emphasized the importance of timely action, transparency, and accountability. The speaker noted various models for autism programs and expressed continued advocacy for district-managed solutions.

I. Bylaws Subcommittee

Members were informed that the North Area Advisory Bylaws are being amended this year. Virtual meetings will be held on November 4, 2025, and December 2, 2025, at 8:00 PM. A meeting notice will be sent to all members.

J. Future Topics

SAF Chairs were encouraged to submit future agenda topics. Topics raised included:

- Excessive testing in Kindergarten
- Fine motor skill development with increased computer use
- Discipline practices in elementary schools
- Transportation issues
- Student mental and emotional health supports
- Facilities and charter school co-location
- Use of computers during required unstructured play

A motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes was made.

- Moved by: Lucie Dicapua
- Seconded by: Nancy Fry

The motion passed with three opposing votes.

K. Open Discussion

It was shared that Hazel Health is no longer active, though concerns were raised regarding potential insurance billing and data storage. Additional information was not available at the time.

L. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Norcrest ES (0561)

Date: <u>10/23/25</u>		Time: <u>5:30</u>			
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Bushey, Katie	Parent	No	Yes	
2	Castillo, Maximo	Principal	Yes	No	<i>Max Castillo</i>
3	Chapman, Jessica	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
4	Guitierrez, Chantal	Parent	No	Yes	
5	Hedelund, Norma	Non-Instructional Support Employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<i>N Hedelund</i>
6	Hunt, Whitney	SAC Chair, Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Whitney Hunt</i>
7	Orozco, Colleen	ESE Parent of a student at the school	Yes	Yes	
8	Pirtle, Rebecca	Community / Business Representatives	No	Yes	
9	Rock, Roxanne	Parent	No	Yes	
10	Torres, Leandra	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher), BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	
11	Zabadal, Brandi	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	

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2	Joseph D. Josil		✓		JOSIL
3	Phyllis Wimbley				Phyllis Wimbley
4	MARTIN SGTOR		✗		Martin SGTOR
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