

**DRIFTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
TITLE 1 SCHOOL
SAC/SAF Joint Meeting
2751 N 70th Terrace | Hollywood | FL 33024
General Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2025, | 8:35 a.m.**

I. Call to Order 8:41 meeting of the Driftwood Middle School Advisory Forum by Ms. Rickettes Administrator. Tarra Stewart will record the minutes for this meeting. Nominations for SAF Chair/ no nominations motion to table it for now Vinas motioned Mr. Thomas 2nd. The meeting adjourned 8:45. **Called to Order:** Driftwood Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on September 04, 2025, at 8:45 Ms. Rickettes called the meeting to order at: 8:45 a.m. Tarra Stewart will record minutes for this meeting.

II. May 2025 Minutes approval & September Agenda approval

II. Principal's message she introduced herself and upcoming school year expectations.

*** SAC Accountability Funds & School Recognition Funds**

(Previous meeting information) The initial balance was \$11,000. Of this, \$5,000 was allocated for ELO Camps to purchase workbooks for the camps. The current remaining balance is approximately \$6,000. Parents were involved in the vote to allocate funds and were given an opportunity to review the school's previous school years' parental involvement allocation, providing input on use. \$2,200 was allocated to the PBIS store last meeting which then was reversed last meeting to allow ELO funding. The balance was updated from previous meeting to \$12,000 from the Business Center recalculations of funds. SAC Chair Mr, Stubbs motioned to use Accountability Funds and School Recognition Funds to pay teachers who were not paid for ELO Camps and Mrs. Vinas 2nd the motion. Mr. Stubbs called for a vote for the approval of the 14 present members and motion to approve was voted unanimously. Motion to record approval was acknowledged and recorded. The current balance is 13,200.

IV. 2025 – 2026 SAC By Laws and Approval

a. Article III – Membership nominations

- Community/Business Representative Mr. Thomas Boys and Girls Club
- Parent of an ESE Student
- Parent of an ESOL Student
- Parent of a Gifted Student
- I-Zone Representative (parent)
- Non-Instructional Support Employee
- SAF Chair (parent/nonemployee)
- Parent
- Teacher

b. Article IV – Officers

- Chair
- Secretary

V. Voting for SAC positions, meeting times

Voted for Ms. Martino for SAC Chair

Mrs. Stewart Secretary

Mcgee I-Zone Representative

Ratify the votes for all were accepted

VI. Department Update

Guidance:

Ms. Springer -8th grade counselor and counseling director

Ms. Aminov - 7th grade counselor

Mr. West - 6th grade counselor

Counselors rotated with their previous grade level this academic year to maintain strong rapport with their students and families.

Any schedule changes are primarily focused on solely academic requests currently. The events we are looking forward to are Peace Week, Red Ribbon Week, Trusted Adult Week and Resiliency and Life Skills and Wellness will begin this Fall.

Course Recovery will begin in the next two months and counselors will be reaching out to families to notify. Driftwood had zero retention rates this past year and we strive to keep that goal going!

Reading: F.A.S.T. Testing is completed for 6th & 7th grade. The percentage increased by 15% and 7%. Reading will assist Civics with test prep Crunch Time lessons and activities

Language Arts: Will be assisting Civics with test prep Crunch Time lessons and activities

Social Studies: Ms. Johnson

Social Studies all grade levels have completed their diagnostic assessments, which have been uploaded into Focus and coded as "unweighted." These diagnostic assessments do **not** impact student grades; rather, they provide a valuable baseline for both students and teachers to assess content knowledge and guide instructional planning.

Currently, each grade level is progressing through the following units of study:

- **6th Grade:** Students are concluding their study of the development of human societies and transitioning into the origins of civilizations.
- **7th Grade:** Students are wrapping up their examination of Classical Heritage and moving into the English Bill of Rights and the Enlightenment period.
- **8th Grade:** Students are transitioning from the Age of Exploration into the establishment of the American Colonies.

All instruction is aligned with district-mandated curriculum and resources. Teachers are implementing the approved instructional materials with fidelity and are leveraging tools such as **Performance Matters** to provide students with timely, actionable feedback.

Thank you for your partnership and support as we continue to ensure high-quality, standards-based instruction across all grade levels.

Science: Ms. Rivas

- **Teachers are on pace with District-provided curriculum maps.**
Instruction across grade levels is aligned with the district's pacing expectations. Teachers are ensuring that units are delivered on schedule, providing students with consistent access to grade-level standards and instructional goals. This alignment helps maintain instructional equity and prepares students for upcoming benchmarks and assessments.
- **All content areas have administered Common Formative Assessment 1 (CFA1) assessing student knowledge on foundational topics and scientific investigations.**
Each department has successfully completed the administration of CFA1, which provided valuable data on student understanding of early-year concepts, including foundational skills and scientific inquiry practices. These results are being used to inform instruction, identify areas for reteaching, and support data-driven decision making.
- **Content area curricula focus on collaborative group work and stations labs.**
Classrooms are actively engaging students through interactive learning structures. Teachers are incorporating collaborative strategies, such as group discussions, peer-to-peer teaching, and rotating station labs, to build both content mastery and critical thinking skills. These approaches foster student engagement, promote teamwork, and provide multiple entry points for learning.
- **Science has introduced new textbook adoption with consumable workbooks at 1:1 with companion online platform.**
The science department has rolled out the district's newly adopted curriculum materials, ensuring that every student has access to an individual consumable workbook. This resource is paired with a robust online platform that offers digital lessons, interactive simulations, and practice opportunities, expanding learning beyond the classroom and supporting differentiation for diverse learners.

Math: Ms. Stewart

All classes focus on PM1 testing and are on pace with the districts pacing guide. 6th and 7th grade have completed their PM1 and 8th grade will be completed by Friday.

Magnet: Amatuli

Culinary has started this year also gardening will continue.

ESOL: Ms. Anderson

The ESOL department currently has 130 Active ESOL students. Throughout our campus, Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, Haitian Creole, Bengali, Vietnamese and Urdu are represented.

Seventy-four former ELLS (ESOL) are in their two-year monitoring period. Currently the following items have been completed in the ESOL department:

- Student Access for ELLS individual report for 2024-2025 school year was sent home
- Students were provided with a heritage dictionary
- Content area teachers uploaded content area glossary to their Canvas page
- For FAST PM1 students were provided with hard copy of their language specific glossary
- New students who met the criteria to be tested for ESOL were IPT, placed in ESOL and parents were notified
- One student is pending testing - IPT scheduled for today 9/4/25
- Next week- parents will be invited to participate in the ESOL committee meeting for students that have met the-evaluation criteria

BTU: Voting will take place for early release calendar

Title One: Daniels

Binder was approved last year and this year binder has started. Also Parent & Family Engagement Calendar was available

Media Center: Martino

Reading teachers will bring classes to media for Read a loud. Media orientation is completed.

Mcgee questioned I-pads being given out this year yes in about 2 to 3 weeks. Yes Gray stated that she is available for book fair help in November.

PTO: Major fundraiser will be held on October 23 2025

X. New Business

Discussion and Vote of New Committee Members, positions to be filled: I-Zone Representative, Parent, ESOL Parent, and ESE Parent

an iZone representative is needed as well as SAF Chair.

XI. Next Scheduled Meeting – October 9th, 2025, in the Media Center

SAC Chair Mrs. Martino, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.; motion Mcgee seconded by Gray motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: Tarra Stewart
SAC Secretary
09/04/2025