



**DRIFTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
SAC/SAF JOINT MEETING
2751 N 70th Terrace | Hollywood | FL 33024
General Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026 | 8:45 a.m.**

- I. Call to Order: Martino motioned to begin the meeting at 8:50am/Vinas seconded
- II. Quorum is held at 8 SAC committee members – Amanda Chiappa, Sherrie Foglia, Jennifer Gray, Ruwayda Khan, Lauren Martino, Megan McGee, Jennifer Vinas, and Felice Winston-Davis
- III. May 2026 Minutes approval – McGee motioned for approval/Gray seconded & September Agenda approval – McGee motioned for approval/Gray seconded
- IV. Principal's Message-Felice Winston-Davis – opened with a video from district about PM testing and grading system. Ms. Winston elaborated, stating that the FAST scoring range is now higher than it was before. To help teachers understand the learning gains students need to make, administrators took data from 5th grade – 6th grade scores/6th grade – 7th grade scores/7th grade – 8th grade scores. Ms. Winston also stated that advanced courses are now more selective, having only high 4 - level 5 scoring students in advanced classes.
 - a. SESIR (School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting) – 1 vape
 - b. Accountability Funds Balance – the funds that were voted on for the PBIS store were not able to be used yet, as there is new criteria that needs to be met first in order for those items to be purchased. Ms. Winston stated that she believes the district should be ready on their end with the funds total, and purchasing abilities by November.
- V. 2026 – 2027 SAC By Laws Review and Approval – Need to approve bylaws at next meeting.
 - a. Article III – Membership nominations
 - Community/Business Representative – Jonathan Thomas/Ron Lewis
 - Parent of an ESE Student – Jennifer Gray
 - Parent of an ESOL Student
 - Parent of a Gifted Student
 - I-Zone Representative (parent) – Megan McGee
 - Non-Instructional Support Employee – Amanda Chiappa
 - SAF Chair (parent/non-employee)
 - Parent – Ruwayda Khan
 - Teacher – Khalid Hamilton
 - b. Article IV – Officers
 - Chair
 - Secretary - Tarra Stewart
- VI. Voting for SAC positions – voted on above listed members – Foglia motioned for approval/Vinas seconded. Voted separately on SAF Chair – Ms. Foglia. Vinas motioned for approval/Gray seconded. Positions still needed:
 - Parent of an ESOL Student
 - Parent of a Gifted Student
 - SAC Chair



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VII. Voted on meeting times – Foglia motioned for approval/Gray seconded.

VIII. Other Business

- a. Middle School Grades A Parent-Friendly Overview Video – played during Principal's update

IX. Department Updates:

- Guidance: Aminov – n/a (Ms. Aminov stated she is not department chair)
- Science: Hamilton
- Language Arts: Anderson
 - Teachers and students will analyze PM1 results to identify areas of strength, areas of need, and set academic goals.
 - Teachers were provided with a list of students performing in the lowest percentile, and are using common planning time to strategically develop aligned lessons targeting identified areas of need.
 - 6th grade focus - analyzing personification and imagery, and paraphrasing
 - 7th & 8th grade focus - analyzing evidence and rhetoric devices.
- Social Studies: Johnson
 - Students participated in activities honoring the heroes of September 11 and celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
 - Constitution Week begins today, providing opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the rights, freedoms, and responsibilities of American citizenship.
 - During the final week of September, students will participate in Freedom Week activities focused on civic literacy and patriotism.
 - Grade 6: Students have been studying the development of early human societies and the origins of civilization.
 - Grade 7: Students are concluding their study of colonial grievances and concerns that led to the Declaration of Independence.
 - Grade 8: Students are examining the development of the American colonies and will soon transition into the causes of the American Revolution.
- Math: Stewart
- Magnet: Amatulli
- ESOL: Anderson
 - Mr. Gutierrez is our ESOL paraprofessional who is going into classrooms to support our ELL population.
 - Students' accommodations were assigned.
 - New students were given the WIDA Screener which is new this year - this tool is being used to identify possible ELLS and to reevaluate students who are in year 4 and beyond in the ESOL program.
 - Annual meetings for students in year 2-3 were completed.



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- Re-evaluation meetings (for year 4 and beyond)are ongoing this week and next week to meet our October 1st deadline.
- BTU/Reading: Vinas
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 - State allocated funds were approved 9/15/26 and will be disseminated to roughly 6,500 -7,00 teachers in November
 - Meetings are still underway to decide teacher raises. 7% was proposed, then 4%, but board members and the union have not reached an agreement
 - Referendum money will be on the ballot in November for citizens to vote on
 - Reading
 - Beginning of the year assessments were taken
 - Students are working on a unit called “Contagion,” about viruses and outbreaks, that uses informational text, charts, graphs, and comparison
 - Since it is information-based text, teachers are using small groups to read fiction with students, focusing on author’s purpose and perspective
- Title One: Daniels
 - Title I ebinder: 25% approved.
 - Title I District Events for **September:**
 - September 17th 2026; 7pm @ African-American Research Library -Parent Orientation
 - October 3rd 2026;10:00am-2:00pm;Emil Buehler Aviation Institute at Broward College -STEMFEST Through a New Lens
- Media Center: Martino
 - Ms. Martino is also TLC so explained about the delay in 1-to-1 issuance of devices to students. The district form to parents in the back-to-school forms stated a 1-to-1 device for their child, but did not specify laptop or iPad, and so this delayed the process, along with PM1 testing last week.
 - Library media budget this school year will be \$8,025, to be spent primarily on tangible books for the library to move toward our compliancy of 15,000 books, currently at 10,000
 - The Library Media Evaluation was favorable, but lacking in Reading Across Broward participation. Ms. Martino stated that the RAB Challenge tile was not available at the beginning of the year orientation last school year, so when she taught classes about it the students weren’t able to login in during the lesson. This year she will do the lesson with students and have them login and join the RAB Challenge in during the lesson.
- PTO: Stewart – Ms. Martino told parents that PTO is selling t-shirts for students that are available in “school news” on our website homepage.



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X. Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday, September 17 – Soccer home game vs. Franklin CC
- Monday, September 21 – No School
- Friday, October 9 – Early Release
- Monday, October 12 – Teacher Planning
 - SAF Update – Sherrie Foglia attended the South Region School Advisory meeting 9/16/26. Items of discussion at the meeting:
 1. A concern of students bringing ebikes to school – the bikes overheating and danger of possible electrocution from being exposed to rain. There was also discussion about the legality of certain ebikes and whether students needed licensing to drive them. The school board is still deciding whether to ban students riding them to school. Some parents argued that their child uses an ebike because a bus is not available to them.
 2. The difference between Redefining Schools and School Referendum was established. Redefining Schools pertains to school capacity and school potential closures, and is decided on by the School Board, while the Referendum pertains to taxpayer monies being allocated to supplement teacher salaries, and is voted on by registered voters of Broward County. There is a video that was shown at the SRSA meeting that clarified both items and Ms. Foglia suggested it would be helpful to share the video with parents through Parent Link.
 3. PTA/PTO purchasing was discussed – certain things cannot be purchased by PTA/PTO and are specified in the By-Laws.

XI. Closing: Foglia motioned to close the meeting at 9:50am/Gray seconded.

XII. Next SAC Meeting - Thursday, October 15 @ 8:45AM

Minutes recorded by: Lauren Martino