

# Deerfield Beach Middle School

## SAC Minutes - 2/4/2026

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**Attendance: Ms. Woodson, Dr. Kears-Creech, Dr. Fulton, Mrs. Dunfee, Mrs. Ali, Mrs. Matias, Mrs. Golding, Mr. Lubin, Ms. Dieujuste**

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Deerfield Beach Middle School, School Advisory Council was held on 2/4/26. Chair Marcia Golding called the meeting to order at 3:43pm. Dr. Kears-Creech will record the minutes for this meeting.

Minutes: The SAC budget may be used annually for staff development, pre-planning, ELO tutoring, and substitute coverage as needed. The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

At this time, there is no new information to report regarding FAST 2.

Mrs. Matias discussed the SIP and plans for “crunch time” since PM2 has been completed. These efforts will take place across all subject areas. Mrs. Golding stated that pull-outs for the lowest quartile of 6th grade students began this week.

Dr. Fulton provided the principal’s update. The media center shelves are being filled, and books have been ordered. Approximately \$20,000 has been spent on books. School signage is being refurbished, with \$12,000 spent to refresh its appearance. New flags will be installed in the patio area and on the windows.

Two teachers have left for various reasons: one math teacher retired, and another accepted a high school teaching position in his field. At the end of next week, we will lose another teacher (U.S. History), and plans are in place to ensure a smooth transition. We have hired a new French teacher following the former teacher’s retirement. In the meantime, someone from the district is covering the class.

We are currently in recruitment mode. Mrs. Bennett will be organizing several activities around campus. We have conducted tours every day this week. On occasion, assistant principals visit neighboring schools to assist with recruitment efforts.

We received \$30,000 in capital funds, which were used to order desks and science furniture. Mrs. Dunfee asked how the funds were obtained; Dr. Fulton explained that they were provided through the magnet department.

The band competed in Palm Beach two weeks ago against approximately six other middle schools and won. The flag football team has a game today. Six players were suspended for not demonstrating principled behavior, which is one of our core attributes. This served as an important lesson for the 8th-grade students. Mr. Lubin shared that the band also marched in the MLK Parade and performed excellently. Our band collaborates with the Deerfield Park percussion section.

We are currently weak in the following areas:

- Reading Across Genres – This will be addressed within the Social Studies Department.
- Poetry and Prose – This will be targeted in the English/Language Arts Department.
- Informational Text – This is being addressed in both Science and Social Studies.

Next week, we will begin “Operation Go Get It,” which outlines clear expectations for both teachers and students. The goal is for students to achieve Level 3 or higher in Biology, Algebra, and Geometry, and to demonstrate learning gains or achieve Level 3 or higher in all other subjects.

Saturday School begins February 14th and will focus on Civics, Algebra, and Biology from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) will begin next week, Monday through Thursday. These include pull-outs, team teaching, small group instruction, before-school and lunch sessions, after-school tutoring for all grades, and a “Bio Lock-In,” during which students will attend only Biology and Algebra classes.

Mrs. Ali asked whether students may attend Saturday sessions if they need support in more than one subject. Mrs. Matias explained that the schedule allows for shifts so students can receive support in multiple subjects.

Mrs. Dunfee asked about before-school tutoring times, which will begin around 7:10 a.m. Mr. Ragoonan will teach Advanced Math and Geometry. Mr. Pugatch will teach Algebra before school and during lunch.

Students will be pulled from Social Studies four times per week to receive additional Algebra instruction with Ms. Hoskins. Mrs. Ali noted that some students are identified for pull-outs, while others volunteer. Dr. Fulton clarified

that identified students will be required to attend; participation will not be optional. Mr. Lubin asked whether 50 students would attend Saturday School. Mrs. Matias stated that attendance will be significantly higher than 50 students.

The budget was reviewed, and all money will be spent this year.

SESIR data includes the following incidents:

- Fighting – 5
- Physical Attack – 1
- Threat and Intimidation – 1
- Tobacco – 4
- Marijuana – 5

Mrs. Dunfee asked if there were any updates on the vape detectors. Dr. Fulton stated that there are no updates at this time. Mrs. Dunfee commented that a significant amount of money appears to be spent on facilities. Dr. Fulton agreed. Mr. Lubin noted that renovations were long overdue, and Dr. Fleming has strongly advocated for these improvements.

Mr. Lubin shared information about a Kiwanis Youth Art Contest. Kiwanis has also purchased class sets of books. Dr. Fulton advised that administrators are increasing their presence in classrooms.

Dr. Kears-Creech reviewed the Title I survey results, discussing each item with stakeholders. Mrs. Matias stated that mailing surveys are outdated, as most people no longer use traditional mail. She also asked whether parent links were included in the survey. Dr. Creech advised that this was not an available option.

Dr. Kears-Creech reviewed the school-parent Compact with stakeholders. Stakeholders agreed with the compact and had no additional input at this time. Mr. Lubin asked what percentage of compacts are returned. Mrs. Dieujuste reported that approximately 75% are returned and noted that teachers offer extra credit to encourage submission. Dr. Kears-Creech advised that Compacts are continually collected throughout the year, through conferences, ESE meetings etc.

Dr. Kears-Creech did a review of the current years parent and Family Engagement Plan. Dr Kears-Creech also reviewed the upcoming years Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Parents were given the opportunity to review, at this time, parents have not provided input on the plan and no revisions or adjustments were suggested.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on 3/4/26 in the Media Center and via teams.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Mrs. Golding motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Juanita Kears-Creech,

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_