

Deerfield Beach Middle School

SAC Minutes - 9/2/26.

Attendance: Dr. Fulton, Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Lubin, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Houston, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lane, Ms. Mays, Ms. Ali, Ms. Coke, Ms. Davisson, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Paslowski

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Deerfield Beach Middle School, School Advisory Council, was held in the media center on 9/2/26. Co-Chair Erika Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. Dr. Juanita Kearsse-Creech will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. Mrs. Coke reviewed the Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) and the Schoolwide Positive Behavior Plan (SPBP). Mrs. Bennett discussed additional items included in the SIP, such as the budget, school grade, Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Life Skills and Wellness, Attendance Plan, Best Practices for Inclusive Education, and the Family and Community Engagement Plan (FACE). The SIP is a fluid document. Stakeholders were asked for input; at this time, there were no questions or comments. SAC meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday. SAC is also required to meet with SAF two times during the school year. Mrs. Bennett reviewed the SAC composition and membership. Mrs. Mays stated that Ms. Marcy Butler is interested in serving as the iZone parent member.

Stakeholders were provided with a copy of the SAC bylaws for review while Mrs. Bennett reviewed them with the group. During the second meeting, the group will discuss whether to continue with a chairperson or co-chairpersons. For voting purposes, 51 percent of members must vote in person. The bylaws will be ratified next month.

Dr. Fulton provided the Principal's Update. The theme for this school year is "Job's Not Finished." The school is 24 points away from earning an "A" grade. Dr. Fulton reviewed last year's data across all content areas. One strategy being implemented is Gainers Great, which focuses on breaking down text word by word.

Dr. Fulton reviewed the new faculty members: Mr. Pierre, Math; Ms. Toby, Language Arts; Ms. Smith-Bennett, Language Arts; Mr. Cherof, Language Arts; Mr. Houston, AIM; Mr. Ray, Physical Education; Ms. Manning, Reading; Mrs. Lane, Magnet Coordinator; and Ms. Lavaud, Math. Ms. Bennett is now serving as the Reading Coach, and Ms. Golding has moved to Physical Education.

The school has two new academies: AIM, which stands for Artificial Intelligence Media, and CREATE. AIM includes technology, drones, artificial intelligence, 3D printers, Tesla-related learning, broadcasting, and STEM. CREATE includes dance, art, fashion design, culinary arts, and band. IB remains the driving force for all students.

Mrs. Paslowski asked if the programs will funnel up through high school. Dr. Fulton stated that they will and noted that the school is offering certifications. Ms. Davisson asked if there is another school with similar programs. It was shared that there is another school south of the area with similar programs.

Mr. Houston spoke about the AIM program and shared that the new AIM Club will begin soon.

Dr. Fulton provided the SESIR report, which will be presented monthly. As of today, the report is not up to date; the numbers reflect the end of the 2025–2026 school year and are as follows: campus disruptions, 2; drug possession, 0; drug sale, 0; fighting/mutual combat, 3; physical attack, 2; tobacco, 2; trespassing, 1; vandalism, 2; and weapons, 0.

Ms. Davisson asked if vape detectors will be installed in middle schools. Ms. Paslowski stated that she would have more information about the vape detectors next month.

The annual budget is \$14,694.37.

Last year, \$40,000 was used for pull-outs, before- and after-school tutoring, and Saturday school.

The SAC budget may be used annually for staff development, preplanning, ELO tutoring, and substitute coverage as needed.

The testing plan is set. PM1 will begin on September 8, with Reading administered first and Math administered the following week. Testing will begin with 8th grade students, and all students will test in the 700 building.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held in the media center on 10/7/26.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Mrs. Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:47. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Juanita Kearse-Creech,

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: