

Deerfield Beach Middle School

SAC Minutes - 10/1/2025

Attendance: Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Lubin, Dr. Kears-Creech, Mrs. Ali, Deputy Williams, Lionel Limage, Shurnette Samuels, Ms. Dunfee, Dr. Fulton, Mr. Moore, Ms. Woodson, Mr. Black, Ms. Dieujuste, Mrs. Golding, Mr. Blanchard

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Deerfield Beach Middle School Advisory Council was held on 10/01/25. Chair Erika Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:41pm. Dr. Kears-Creech will record the minutes for this meeting.

Minutes: Ms. Dunfee asked if the Pledge of Allegiance was mandatory for the meetings. Ms. Bennett will check into this. The September minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Dunfee asked who uploaded the minutes. Mrs. Bennett advised that the district has started to upload items on the website. Mrs. Ali stated that it is hard to find but there is a way to upload the minutes in the same place the SIP is uploaded. Mrs. Ali made a motion to accept the minutes as is, with Mr. Lubin 2nd. No quorum.

Mrs. Bennett reviewed the officers. Mrs. Ali asked if the officers were elected in Sept. The officers were nominated but not elected. Mrs. Ali asked if the SAF bylaws needed to be uploaded. Mrs. Bennett reviewed the documents, and they can be uploaded to BCPS central. Mrs. Ali asked if there was a list of members and vacancies.

Dr. Fulton is the Izone chair. Mrs. Rock was asked to be the ESE parent and Mrs. Williams as a black parent. Mrs. Dunfee stated that she did not believe a parent could hold a SAC position. This helps us to meet our demographics. Mrs. Ali advised that parents could hold positions. The bylaws have been approved.

Dr. Fulton reviewed ELA/Math data, as a school we were 3 points away from a B. Students just completed the FAST test PM1 in September on grade level material. Upon taking PM2 we should see some progress.

Mrs. Dunfee asked if we had seen a difference in the kids and the feeder schools they are coming from. Dr. Fulton stated that a lot of schools spend their resources in 3rd grade and not 5th grade. The incoming 6th graders were at 38% proficiency. Other schools in our area received students who were over 50% proficiency. We have seen growth. Mrs. Dunfee asked if we had seen more students coming from one area than another. Dr. Fulton advised that we have.

To help close the GAP, students will be required to use iReady my path in classes outside of reading and math. My path meets the students wherever they are. This will be 45 minutes 2x a week. Students in GEARS, Biology, and Algebra will not be using this.

Some of the initiatives this year are Cornell notes, thinking maps, reciprocal teaching small group centers have been put into place: The next four will start rolling out in the next two weeks beginning with BTC (Building Thinking Class), aligning tasks/activities to standards, Think, Write, Pair, Share, and Iready XL varsity Tutors

Dr. Fulton explained each strategy. Varsity Tutors will be asked for in the next meeting, approximately 16,000 dollars. This will allow selected students to have one-to-one tutoring during the day to help close the gap.

Mrs. Dunfee asked about the honors of students tutoring after school. Dr. Fulton will look into this.

Dr. Fulton advised that the culinary room will be back, with 7th and 8th graders. Today they made pancakes. Dr. Fulton displayed bubble maps that students have completed.

An instructional Facilitator comes in every week to work with ELA teachers.

Dr. Fulton stated that to implement the BTC an elective would be taken away. Mrs. Dunfee asked what that does to their GPA. Dr. Fulton stated that this does not interfere with core classes.

Dr. Fulton gave the principal's overview: At this time, it is taking time to integrate our 6th graders into our cultures. It is taking some time, with the new environment and expectations.

FAST PM1 and iReady assessment were just completed. The soccer season is finished. Cross Country is going on. Basketball tryouts are today. The bus loop was just repaved.

Mrs. Dunfee asked about SSEIR. Dr. Fulton advised there has not had anything major other than some 8th graders vaping.

Mrs. Bennett advised that there will be a parent university on October 16. Students will get 10 extra credit points in math. Parents were trained on various applications. Next week teacher will be having a math training. Virtual IB curriculum night is next Thursday.

The SAC/SIP yearly budget may be used for Instructional and Non-Instructional Staff to assist with substitutes, pay for ELO (i.e. pull outs and or AM/PM tutoring) Staff Development, Before and after school events, and Preplanning as needed.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on 11/5/25 in the Media Center and via teams.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Mrs. Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:37pm Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Juanita Kears-Creech,

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: _____