

# Deerfield Beach Middle School

## SAC Minutes - 9/4/24

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**Attendance:** Dr. Creech, Ms. Rachels, Ms. Bennet, Ms. Ali, Ms. Dieujuste, Deputy Williams, Ms. Paslowski, Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Dunfee, Mrs. Matias, Ms. Mays, Ms. Dieujuste, Ms. Phiplant, Ms. Edwards

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Deerfield Beach Middle School, School Advisory Council was held in the media center and via teams on 9/4/24. Chair Erika Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:53 pm. Dr. Juanita Kearsse-Creech will record minutes for this meeting.

### **Minutes:**

Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month. Minutes will be accepted with the correction of the name of the Henderson High which is FAU. Mrs. Philpart; guidance director gave an overview of the PM1 FAST test. This week began with Reading. Next week will be Math. We are on an alternate bell schedule so students can see all periods throughout the day. PM 2 will be in December.

Mrs. Bennett reviewed the purpose of the school advisory council (SAC) and the bylaws, these can be found on BCPS central. The advisory council will continue to be one-year terms. Officers must be elected by October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Ms. Matias advised that the board has to match the demographic percentages. Each year we must start with a full composition. Parents and community must be in a higher percentage than staff members.

An email will be sent to members, so they are aware of what positions are available.

Mrs. Matias: 7<sup>th</sup> grade AP spoke on the School Improvement Plan (SIP) The Schoolwide Positive Behavior Plan (SPBP) score was 91%. We will continue with the buck's schoolwide initiative. The State SIP was sent and there were no corrections needed. We ELL students are no longer under the 41%. We will continue to focus on reading and students with disabilities (SWD).

Ms. Dunfee asked about the number of students who are autistic and take the FAST test. Mrs. Matias advised that all students with disabilities take the FAST test except for the self-contained students. Mrs. Matias advised that the students are making learning gains and that the students do get accommodations.

The School SIP is due by September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will continue to talk about various portions of the SIP at meetings throughout the year.

Mrs. Bennett (Magnet Coordinator) gave an update on the parent/students' game day which will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Deadline for IB Ambassadors is September 19th. Applications are available. School Choice application window is set for Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. This date is tentative. The dates will determine how we move forward with our showcase. Crystal Like, Sunrise, Pompano Middle have partnered in the past to do a road show and go around to elementary schools to show what we offer. January is the big on campus showcase open house. The goal is to get over 100 students, and we recruit throughout the year. Last year the goal was 110, we ended up getting 114 students for our magnet program. The goal for this year is 125 students.

Ms. Rachels spoke on the JA finance field trips. The trips are helpful for the students to learn about finance and life skills. Ms. Rachels spoke on the culinary class that is up and running. Channel 7 came to do a spotlight on the culinary class. There are 6 stoves, an industrial freezer which came from the high school. Pumpkin and Palm trees will be pie baking contest in October. The class will also be participating in the gingerbread making contest. A partnership is being formed with Oceans 234. At this time there is one section of culinary class, and it will be expanding in the next semester and following year. Dr. Fulton stated this will help the MYP program with design.

Dr. Fulton gave the principal's update: Based on the FAST data we were 41% proficient in reading, our goal was 45%. A school grade of B is attainable as we utilize the new instructional strategies. We did have learning gains in ELL. The lowest quartile will also give us learning gains, which is the below 25%. We need to be intentional with our instruction. Our math goal is 50%. Individuals and Societies had 65% which was the highest in the district. ELA, Math and Science achievement is the focus this year. EOC/high school courses did very well with high rates of passing. The iReady data is being used again. The students are now taking a diagnostic test (iReady & FAST PM1), the students

have not seen the material. Instruction will be adjusted. The soccer team is playing Lyons Creek tonight. Cross Country has begun. In the next few weeks tryouts for basketball and cheerleading will begin.

Last year we were projected for about 1100 students. We have a categorical budget of 1,973,259. Instruction 2,097,726; Support 1,167,387, Class size 755,194. The General budget is 5,238,372. The special revenue budget is 543,118 which includes Title 1, SAI, and IDEA.

The total projected allocation is 5,781,490

Title 1 \$543,118. The Title 1 money was reduced; however, there was an error, so we were allocated back some money to hire a teacher and to have Extended Learning Opportunities.

The SAC budget will be used to assist with substitutes as needed as well as to pay for ELO pull outs for AM/PM tutoring. The SAC Budget can be utilized yearly for Staff Development, Preplanning, ELO Tutoring, and substitute coverage as needed.

SSER incidents: any infractions that would be deemed as a misdemeanor; the school is required to submit to SAC and to the public.

At this time there is nothing has updated, the last report was for the month of April 2024 bullying 0, disruption on campus major 2, drug possession or use 1, physical attack 2, tobacco 1.

Mrs. Dunfee asked if the 9-day suspension was still in effect. Mrs. Matias advised that this has now changed and there are different consequences for different offenses. Mrs. Dunfee asked how the year has been going. Mrs. Matias advised that we are still learning the kids and we constantly give the kids pep talks to keep them in class and engaged in learning. Mrs. Dunfee asked about the cell phone policy. Dr. Fulton stated that we have always had the policy and we have not had any issues with the students being disrespectful. Mrs. Matias advised they can use phones on the patio before school.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on 10/2/24 in the media center and via teams.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Mrs. Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Juanita Kears-Creech,

SAC Secretary

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