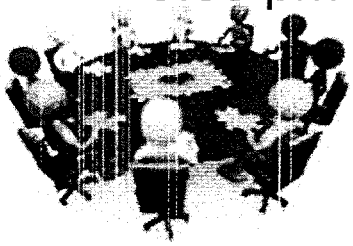
Plantation Elementary

Judith Pitter, Principal

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting And School Advisory Forum (SAF) Joint Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2026

6:00 pm



- **Welcome:** Ms. Scott
  Ms. Scott welcomed all members and reminded them to encourage others to come out.

- **Review/Approve September Minutes:**
  Minutes approved by Mrs. Sibble, 2nd Ms. Cooper

  New Worlds Reading: Literacy Coach Ms. Clarke
  Ms. Clarke shared a flyer explaining how parents can register for books through **New Worlds Reading Program.**
  She explained student eligibility criteria and reviewed over a variety of book options that students have. She highlighted how access to books at home increases students' interest and engagement in all areas of reading.

- **Code of Ethics Required Training: Ms. Scott**
  Ms. Scott informed SAC members that they must complete the required Code of Ethics Training. She explained what the training involves and

provided the website below for accessing the course. She also encouraged anyone who needs assistance to reach out.
https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329

- **Media Center Collection Development Plan: Ms. Scott**
  Ms. Scott reviewed the Media Center Collection Development Plan and explained that our school meets District and State recommendations for genre, online books, media resources, and the required number of books per student.
  She reminded parents that they received a form allowing them to opt out of book check-out in the beginning of the year and distributed additional forms to parents who were unsure if they got one. She reviewed over the 2026-2027 Media Budget and opened the floor for discussion.

  - **Questions/Concerns:**
    Several suggestions were made on how to improve membership/parent attendance:

    *Reminders on School-wide DOJO.
    * Incentives for students/and or grade levels with the highest parent participation.
    *Raffles/prizes giveaways.
    * Include in the flyer that dinner will be served at each meeting.
    *Inform parents that interpreters for Creole and Spanish speakers will be available.

  - **Meeting Adjourned**:
    Mrs. Wilson motioned to adjourn and Ms. Cooper 2nded.

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5. Central Advisory Council Meeting Updates
A committee representative shared information from a advisory meeting. (Mrs. Wilson/SAF Chair)

A. School Bus Safety Program

The committee representative shared information about the school bus safety program already rolled out by the Broward County School **Board.** The program equips school buses with AI-powered cameras to detect and document traffic violations.

The committee discussed the importance of following school bus safety laws, obeying posted school-zone speed limits, and stopping for school buses when required by law. Violations captured by the cameras may result in citations.

B. School Funding Referendum

The committee discussed the school funding referendum and its potential impact on employee compensation, school safety, mental health services, and other public services.

Members shared differing perspectives regarding the referendum, including questions about how funds are allocated, how funding benefits schools, and the potential financial impact on homeowners. The discussion highlighted the importance of understanding the referendum and reviewing available information. No formal committee position or voting recommendation was recorded.

6. Questions and General Discussion

Members participated in a discussion about literacy resources, student reading opportunities, school funding, teacher compensation, property taxes, and the allocation of public funds.

Questions were raised regarding transparency and the use of school funding. Participants expressed differing viewpoints about the financial impact on homeowners and the importance of maintaining funding for schools and public services.

No formal decisions were recorded on these matters.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Sibble and seconded by Ms. Wilson.