

Fort Lauderdale High School
(SAF) School Advisory Forum Minutes 11/4/2025

Attendance

Present:

Erin Brown	Esther Klavan	Jacelyn Shiring
Dee Defoe	Asha Lewis	Alexandra Zaden
Loretta Edwards	Delcarmen Linares-Colon	Marian Zaden
Sara Gold	Francis Pizzi	
Jacklyn James	Valerie Ruwe	

SAF Call to Order

A meeting of the Fort Lauderdale High School SAF was held in Room 2072 on November 4, 2025. Dee Defoe called the meeting to order **5:00 pm** and welcomed everyone.

I. SAF | Dee Defoe, SAF Advisory Chair

Ms. Defoe presented updates from the last District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting:

- Focus is continuing to experience some issues. Working to address.
- Angel funds are now depleted. Guidance is to continue to submit lunch applications. If any issues, please advise Ms. Defoe.
- Redefining meetings are continuing - three regional meetings are coming up: one north, one central, one south. Meeting dates and details can be found on the Broward County Schools website.
- Dr. Hollingsworth spoke about the status of student health services county wide. Explained that nurses are assigned based on medical necessity. This is per post-pandemic protocol.
- There are 106 social workers to cover 239 schools. This means 60+ staff cover multiple sites. District is always working to hire for these roles.
- On the academic front: Broward school performance is 84% of schools are A/B. The number of C schools has reduced. Broward and Palm Beach both have no D or F rated schools.
- Question by Esther Klavan about the potential elimination of block scheduling.
- Question by Stacey Blecker whether rental of buildings, e.g., renting out the administration building has been discussed at the meetings.
- Recommendation for these topics is to attend the redefining meetings to share your input and/or reach out to your school board members.

Upcoming meetings:

- DAC: November 5 at 6:15pm at the KCW building. All are welcome to attend.

Other:

- City of Ft. Lauderdale matching District funding for sports facilities before the start of 2026-2027 school year. Funding will go to Sunrise, Bennett, and to FLHS for softball and baseball field enhancements. Vision is eventually for a sports academy, e.g., athletic training, sports broadcasting.
- FLHS track and gym under renovations now.
- SGA should refresh the “Love Wins” sign on the fence. Also inspect the fence for sharp areas and advise Ms. Brown.

Meeting adjournment:

Motion made: to approve October minutes with corrections by Ms. Ruwe. Second by Ms. Edwards.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Combined SAC/SAF Tuesday, December 2nd at 3:30pm room 2072.