

Fort Lauderdale High School
(SAC) School Advisory Council Minutes 5/26/2026

Attendance

Present:

Angela Morrison	Jacquelyn Desilets	Jacelyn Shiring
Dee Defoe	Delcarmen Linares-Colon	Alexandra Zaden
Valerie Ruwe	Esther Klavan	Dominique Button
Sara Gold	Dave Martin	Damas Marcelon
Erin Brown		

SAC Call to Order

A meeting of the Fort Lauderdale High School Advisory Council was held in Room 2072 at 3:30pm on May 26, 2026. Ms. Valerie Ruwe, called the meeting to order at 3:32pm. Quorum was established.

I. School Budget | Erin Brown

- Ms. Brown provided a summary of key policies related to SAC and SAF participation in the budget, including that both SAC and SAF must sign-off on the final budget for 2026-2027.
- Total student enrollment for FLHS is projected at 2,192 total headcount. Possible/likely that FLHS would actually have about 2,300 students and need to add classes.
- Ms. Brown shared the 2026-2027 school budget projection, which may be adjusted up or down based upon the actual student total for the year.
- The projected budget for 2026-2027 is \$8.015M, of which \$3.365M is for instructional staff. This constitutes a reduction of \$1.339M from last year.
- Included in the reduction is AICE funding of ~\$1M, which will be handled centrally by the District, rather than managed by schools.
- No jobs will be lost as a result of the budget change, but class sizes likely to increase. Core course class sizes may move from 28 to 32 students per class. If budget is increased in October based on higher headcount FLHS can work to open classes at that time. Other impacts:
 - Number of Assistant Principals reducing from 5 to 4. Only schools with 2,500 students are allowed the budget for 5 APs.
 - No changes to Clerical, Security and Custodial staff from last year.
 - School Accountability Funds balance: \$14.4K.
 - Projected School Recognition Funds balance: \$65.6K.
- Ms. Brown also shared an update on the preliminary school scores for 2025-2026, Overall, the preliminary school scores have gone up.

- English scores went up 5 percent points. 70% of students had learning gains in ELA. Lowest quartile went up 4%.
- In Math, achievement is the same or ~1% lower than last year. Learning gains dropped a little. Lowest quartile dropped a lot despite intense focus on Math instruction and support this year.
- Science. Last year went up 14%, this year dropped 12% with no change in strategy.
- Social studies went up 2% to 86%, one of the highest in the District.
- Graduation rate is 99% consistent with last year.
- ~1,000 students will be celebrated for learning gains at the end of this week.

II. Summer PD for BEST/FAST (Voting Item) | Valerie Ruwe

- Motion made to allocate \$3,600 from School Recognition funding for summer teacher professional development by Delcarmen Linares-Colon. Second by Alexandra Zaden.
 - Roll call vote: all in favor. None opposed.

III. PLC Leaders (Voting Item) | Valerie Ruwe

- Motion made to allocate \$3,000 from School Recognition funding to pay for PLC facilitators by Jacquelyn Desilets. Second by Dee Defoe.
 - Roll call vote: all in favor. None opposed.

IV. Meeting Minutes (voting item) | Valerie Ruwe

- Motion made to accept the May5th meeting minutes with stated corrections by Dee Defoe. Second by Jacquelyn Desilets.
 - All in favor. None opposed.

V. SAC Adjournment

- The motion to adjourn was made at 4:15 pm by Ms. Defoe and seconded by Ms. Zaden.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 11th at 3:30pm room 2072.