

Fort Lauderdale High School

School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF) Combined Minutes 5/5/2026

Attendance

Present:

Angela Morrison	Sara Gold	Dave Martin
Esther Klavan	Delcarmen Linares-Colon	Francis Pizzi
Dee Defoe	Eddie Rodriguez	Alexandra Zaden
Loretta Edwards	Jacelyn Shiring	
Valerie Ruwe	Dominique Button	

SAC Call to Order

A meeting of the Fort Lauderdale High School Advisory Council was held in Room 2079 at 3:30pm on May 5, 2026. Eddie Rodriguez, Assistant Principal, called the meeting to order at 3:40pm. He welcomed new parent attendees and thanked the SAC parents for the terrific support this year. Quorum was established.

Principal Report | Erin Brown

Ms. Brown shared the following:

- Thank you to Senior SAC parents Dee Defoe, Sara Gold, and Alexandra Zaden, and to Senior Esther Klavan for involvement in and support of SAC and SAF.
- Prom was a beautiful success. Grad Bash last week also went well. Graduation is next.
- Year end testing season is upon us. Thank you to SAC for funding three Saturday review sessions in May to give the students extra support to prepare for testing.
- This is teacher appreciation week, so please take a moment to have your students recognize any teachers who have made a difference. Additionally, there has been a teacher appreciation breakfast, and will be an appreciation lunch provided via donations. PTSA will hold a teacher BBQ at the end of the school year.
- Please share names of any key parent volunteers or businesses that helped FLHS with Ms. Ruwe to make sure they are on the list for volunteer recognition.

II. SAC Nomination Committee 26-27 School Year | Valerie Ruwe

- Ms. Ruwe summarized the role of SAC in guiding the FLHS School Improvement Plan (SIP).
- As examples of the impact of the SAC she shared that STAR tutoring and the recent Saturday test prep review sessions were made possible by the SAC and the A+ School Recognition funding.
- At the SAC meeting on August 11th, we will complete SAC nominations for next school year, and voting will occur at the FLHS open house.

- The composition of SAC must include: student parents, a community representative, someone for whom this is their boundary school, a parent of a gifted child, a parent of a student either ESE or with an IEP, a parent of an ESOL student. Will also be seeking a student representative.
- The following parents volunteered to serve on the SAC nominating committee: Jacelyn Shiring, Loretta Edwards, Delcarmen Linares-Colon, and Frances Pizzi.

III. Minutes Approval - April (Voting Item) | Valerie Ruwe

- Motion to accept April meeting minutes with stated corrections by Ms. Defoe. Second by Ms. Linares-Colon.
 - All in favor. None opposed.

IV. SESIR Data

- SESIR data has not changed since last meeting.

V. SAC Funds

- FL School Recognition – \$72,034.00
- Saturday test review sessions update: total cost was around \$8,000 for approximately 300 students who registered. Very positive student feedback shared by several parents.
- Accountability – \$9,987.00

VI. SAF | Dee Defoe

- Ms. Defoe summarized the role of the SAF to liaise with the District and advise School Board on input from the FLHS perspective. An example of this was recommending that the School Board move up the magnet application window.
- Ms. Defoe is the current SAF Chair and as she is a Senior parent FLHS will be looking for a new Chair for the 26-27 school year. The Chair will need to attend District meetings once a month.
- Ms. Defoe shared the following from the Central Advisory Committee meeting on April 16th:
 - Dr. Piper presented on “AI for Families: Safe, Smart, and Ready for the Future.” Key takeaway: when using Chat GPT, the second prompt question should be, “What is the source of the information provided” to help contextualize and validate the source.
 - Dr. Toomer updated on the budget and rightsizing efforts due to reduction in total enrolled students. (For those interested in seeing the FLHS budget, Ms. Brown will provide a summary at the May 26 SAC).
 - Legislative report: House Bill 379 addresses social media use in schools. A printed summary of the recent Legislative Activity was shared with the SAF.
 - BCPS Cares: District platform to share positive information and school related concerns after first addressing via school channels. A printed overview was shared with the SAF.
- Final comments; Mr. Rodriguez shared a reminder that a parent survey has been sent out via the parent link. Please complete the survey to share feedback, and tell other parents to do so as well. 300 completed parent surveys are needed by this Friday, May 8th by using the QR code or link.

IX. SAC and SAF Adjournment

- The motion to adjourn was made at 4:33 pm by Ms. Defoe and seconded by Ms. Linares-Colon.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 26th at 3:30pm room 2072.