

**Fort Lauderdale High School
(SAF) School Advisory Forum Minutes 4/7/2026**

Attendance:

Present:

Angela Morrison
Esther Klavan
Dee Defoe
Loretta Edwards
Valerie Ruwe

Sara Gold
Jacquelyn Desilets
Jacklyn James
Delcarmen Linares Colon
Eddie Rodriguez

Jacelyn Shiring
Dominique Button
Heidi Knopp
Francis Pizzi
Alexandra Zaden

SAF | Dee Dafoe, SAF Advisory Chair

- Reviewed February and March minutes.
 - Motion made: to accept minutes with stated amendments by Delcarmen Linares-Colon. Second by Alexandra Zaden.
 - All in favor. None opposed.
- Shared updates from March 4th District Advisory meeting.
 - Members raised concerns about early release days reducing instruction time and schools encouraging students not to attend on PSD or Early Release days.
 - Asked for clarification on automated absence updates.
 - Discussed 10-10-10 rule used by some schools. (Not a District policy). Concept is if/when 10 absences/10 sign outs/10 tardies students lose privileges like parking, lunch etc. Can consider discussing next year at SAC.
 - Shared every day counts initiative District is pushing for. Chronic absenteeism is missing 10% or more school days regardless of reason.
 - Discussed District calendar updates. Two calendar options have been approved. Aim is to have calendars in place two years ahead. SAF shared feedback that maintaining full week for Thanksgiving and finishing Q2 before winter break is preferred.
 - Discussed whether SAF/parents know how to reach out to Broward Schools regional offices. Feedback provided by SAF that while there is some awareness of BCPS Cares, understanding of how parents can access and use it to resolve issues/concerns not as strong. Shared that this tool should be used to share both share positive and negative feedback once school level processes have been utilized.
 - No legislative report.
 - Formulating nominating committee positions before next year.

- District Advisory meeting April 8th at KCW building at 6:15pm.
- Feedback item: District took action to follow up with IT on feasibility of Focus automated updates.
- Feedback item: District released 30% reimbursement funds for New York Business Competition trip to FLHS.
- Motion made: by Esther Klavan to discuss possibility of a District-wide scholarship for Seniors who participate in SAC, similar to PTSA. Second by Mr. Rodriguez.
 - All in favor. None opposed.

SAC Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 7th, at 4:30pm