

Fort Lauderdale High School
(SAC) School Advisory Council Minutes 8/11/2026

Attendance

Present:

Stacey Blecker	Jacklyn James	Eric Moytes
Dominique Britton	Elliot Klavan	Francis Pizzi
Erin Brown	Esther Klavan	Eddie Rodriguez
Shanice Byner	Delcarmen Linares-Colon	Valerie Ruwe
Kelly Dean	Dean Martin	Jacelyn Shiring
Dee Defoe	Karol Martinez	Marsha Stephenson
Loretta Edwards	Joel Morales	Dawn Teetsel
Sara Gold	Angela Morrison	Alexandra Zaden

SAC Call to Order

A meeting of the Fort Lauderdale High School Advisory Council was held in Room 2072 at 3:30pm on August 11, 2026. Mr. Eddie Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 3:35pm. Quorum was established.

I. Principal Report | Erin Brown

- Ms. Brown welcomed the many new parents to the meeting. She highlighted Mr. Shannon's return as an Intern Principal, training to become a Principal in the District next year.
- The school year is off to a good start. One ongoing priority is clearly communicating rules and expectations of FLHS through Discipline Assemblies for each grade level.
- Schedule change requests are underway. A parent link and QR codes have gone out for any necessary changes.
- A concern was raised by Esther Klavan regarding use of a Flying L logo created by AI, and Ms. Brown noted this as a new point for consideration.
- Mr. Rodriguez recognized 10th grade administrator Ms. Latimer and 11th grade administrator Ms. Thompson and shared that FLHS is pleased to have an experienced team.
- There was a discussion of FLHS 2026-2027 class size and teacher ratio. Budgets were restrictive this year, and as a result, FLHS could not replace some teacher attrition. The impact:
 - Some core classes have student counts in the 30s, when usually try to keep to ~26/27.
 - AICE/Honors classes ranging from high 30s-mid 40s, where high 30s is normal. Elective class sizes are high as well.
 - FLHS will balance classes as much as possible once schedule change process is complete.
 - If FLHS headcount rises to more than 2,192 students, then additional funding will be made available by the District to offer more periods/hire teachers.

- FLHS has not had to make large cuts to other areas. Trimmed a few clubs that were not very active. Currently there is no funding for teacher time for new clubs.
- FLHS is at a comfortable headcount overall: at capacity without being over-full.
- Grant for sports facilities improvement this year is being used to improve softball facilities. Will focus on a different area each year depending on amount of money.

II. SAC Roles | Valerie Ruwe

- Ms. Ruwe shared the required membership roles for SAC.
- SAC must have a set roster of voting members in place by September.
- A functioning SAC is important to FLHS as it makes decisions about funding for programs that directly support teachers and students like STAR Tutoring, Flying L mentorship, teacher professional development etc. Without a quorum of members the SAC cannot vote on key items.
- Required commitment for SAC voting members: attend meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30. Meetings are required to be in person for SAC per state statute.

III. Voting Member Elections | Valerie Ruwe

- Please use the online form to indicate your interest in a SAC/SAF role. Elections will be held at the open house on August 25th.

IV. SAC Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 1st at 3:30pm room 2072.