

**Plantation Park Elementary
SAF General Meeting
January 26, 2025**



I. Call to Order

The SAF meeting was called to order at 2:54 p.m.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

December 2025 SAF meeting minutes were approved unanimously (*Initial Motion*: Elizabeth Hagan and *Seconded*: Michelle Hartman).

III. New Business / Reports - DAC GM 12/10/25

○ *Student Representatives*

Landyn Spellberg and Jean Cleer Leon spoke regarding the 2nd round of survey completion with 36,000 respondents. The window closed on Friday (12/12/25) with 54% district completion.

○ *The Phoenix Declaration*

The emphasis of the Phoenix Declaration centers around parental authority, transparency of curriculum, academic excellence, citizenship and civics, age-appropriate content, viewpoint diversity, and responsible stewardship of resources. The unanimous State Board adoption took place on November 13, 2025, with a scaffolded timeline based upon the FLDOE.

○ School Nurses

There are continual concerns with schools not having a nurse on campus daily. Hazel Health confirms that the program is free and has accessible staff to be on school campuses.

○ Reports (North Region, South Region, Facilities, ESE, Title I, and Gifted)

North Region

There are concerns with testing at the elementary level (specifically with Performance Matters). All rollover funds have been returned regarding accelerated funding (80%). The remaining 20% goes to the general fund by default.

South Region

School lunch balances continue to be problematic including concerns for different funding areas (i.e. estore payments versus other options).

Facilities

Presentation was shared regarding facilities across the district. This department is looking for data on roof and covered walkway conditions.

ESE

The ESE Department is suggesting that parent concerns are streamlined using EG Case Manager via tickets, BCPS Cares portal, and looking at models that other larger districts use.

Title I

The Title I Department is looking at a name change to include “Part A.” This would include professional development for teachers and staff members. The STEM Fest event on December 13th, 2025, was a success.

Gifted

IB programs are a concern and there could be a possibility of closure, too much testing is taking place, there is a lack of support for the Gifted Academy, and there are disparities in reported gifted student populations versus the actual number.

IV. New Business / Reports - Central Region Advisory 12/18/25

iZone Reports, Class Wallet, and Hiring Freeze

Ft. Lauderdale High School and Sunrise Middle School had successful magnet showcases. All principals attended. The Florida Panthers Reading Challenge received commendation. Sawgrass Elementary's Barnes and Noble "Read In" event was well attended. Sawgrass, Central Park, Mirror Lakes, and Peters Elementary Schools are trending towards meeting their goals. At Plantation Middle School, students who increased a level on FAST PM2 will attend the Winter Ball. Plantation Park Elementary's Robotics Team ranked 7th out of 28 teams during a recent competition. Nob Hill Elementary is ranked as one of the best schools. BCPS PM2 data shows an upward trend where goals will be met by FAST PM3. Questions remain regarding Class Wallet funds if not all funds are used in the current school year. The district is continuing to enforce a hiring freeze due to budgetary restrictions.

Dr. Ted Toomer, Central Regional Superintendent

PM2 scores are looking good overall across the district. Redefining of schools will continue moving forward. The District Showcase was well attended by Central Region. If schools need support for reading and/ or math, they will attempt to use staff internally first but the district is also considering hiring (if necessary).

T. Nikki Watkins, Legislative Report - Phoenix Declaration (see Appendix)

All school boards are waiting for the next memorandum regarding the Phoenix Declaration. \$1.5 billion dollars is budgeted for teacher salary increases. The per student rate proposal is \$9,406. The Human Trafficking training deadline was met.

Pamela Taylor, CAAC Chair Report

Links for an upcoming Policy 1070 training will be forthcoming.

Michael Gregory, Chief Safety and Security Officer

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School initiated ReThink Ed areas of coverage that include- Policy and governance (SESIRs), preparedness through training and practice drills, technology and infrastructure such as locked gates around campus perimeters, threat management and intelligence with real-time reporting and no delays/ how tips are managed/ multi-agency information sharing, and the process for recovery and reunification. Vaping detection RFP is underway. Non-gun security staff in Broward is higher than other counties and all vacancies are reviewed monthly to ensure appropriate staffing.

Dr. Veda Hudge, Assistant Superintendent of STO

There is a hiring freeze due to reduced enrollment. The following strategies were implemented and aligned the December 8, 2025 Memorandum- Reassignment options, focus on coordinating coverage, maximizing efficiencies, and data analysis. There is an awareness regarding emergency staffing and there is a challenge with recruiting bus drivers.

Saemone Hollingsworth, Chief Student Services Officer

Hazel Health is of no cost to the county. The parent-driven consent is an opt-in service. If parents do not provide health insurance information, the company does not get billed. Broward contracts are mainly for physical health needs not mental health services. The BCPS District has established criteria for nurses (i.e form completed by pediatrician and then evaluated by the school, medical professionals will review and determine school-based needs, and determination is made by the state board). Back to school forms require parents to consent to services.

Key Dates

2025-2026 District Advisory Council General Meeting Dates:

- Sept. 10th @ 1815 (KCW)
- Oct. 8th @ 1815 (KCW)
- Nov. 5th @ 1815 (KCW)
- Dec 10th @ 1800 (KCW)
- Jan. 14th @ 1815 (KCW)
- Feb. 11th @ 1815 (Plantation HS)
- Mar. 4th @ 1815 (KCW)
- Apr. 8th @ 1815 (TBD)
- May 13th @ 1815 (KCW)
- Jun. 10th @ 1815 (KCW)

2025-2026 PPE SAC / SAF Meeting Dates:

- Sept. 25th
- Oct. 27th
- Dec. 1st
- Jan. 26th
- Feb. 23rd
- Mar. 30th
- April 27th
- May 27th (evening meeting with SAC & PTA)

2025-2026 Central Region Advisory Council Meeting Dates:

Aug 21st @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)
Sept 18th @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)
Oct 15th @ 1830 (Indian Ridge)
Nov 20 @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)
Dec 18 @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)
Jan 15 @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)
Feb 18 @ 1830 (Indian Ridge)
Mar 12 @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)
Apr 16 @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)
May 21 @ 0945 (Indian Ridge)

Appendix

Phoenix Declaration - What It Means for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) A
briefing for parents students and staff

A. What it is Phoenix Declaration (Heritage; 7 principles)

The Phoenix Declaration is a K-12 policy framework from The Heritage Foundation. It outlines seven guiding themes typically summarized as:

1. parental authority;
2. transparency of curricula and materials;
3. academic excellence;
4. citizenship and civics
5. protection of childhood/age-appropriate content
6. viewpoint diversity;
7. and responsible stewardship of resources.

Florida's Department of Education cites these principles as a reference point for standards, instructional materials, and district policy alignment.

B. What Florida did - Unanimous State Board adoption (11/13/25)

On November 13, 2025, the Florida State Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt the Phoenix Declaration as a guiding framework. State communications emphasized "back-to-basics" academics, a stronger civics focus (including lessons on

totalitarianism/communism), and expanded parental visibility into materials and processes.

C. BCPS implications (timelines pending) -

District timelines and rubrics are pending; watch for DOE memos and BCPS implementation guidance.

Instructional materials reviews: Future textbook/course adoptions will likely require documentation of alignment to Phoenix principles (e.g., civics/anti- communism content; transparency).

Civics/anti-communism emphasis: Social studies courses may add structured primary-source analysis and explicit content on totalitarian regimes/communism.

Parent-access processes: Expect clarified procedures to view syllabi/materials, and refined concern/opt-out workflows.

Professional development: New/expanded professional development to support teachers with content shifts and classroom implementation.

D. How to engage (parents, students, staff)

Track School Board, SAC (School Advisory Council), and SAF (School Advisory Forum) agendas; attend when instructional materials or policy changes are discussed.

Submit public comment on adoption rubrics and proposed policy updates; request a BCPS implementation plan with key dates, committees, and PD schedule.

Join/observe district materials-adoption committees and provide classroom-level feedback.

Share evidence-based resources (civics, literacy, ESE/ELL needs) to support all learners.




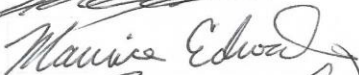



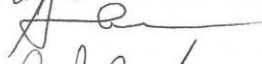

Selected sources

Florida DOE press release (Nov. 13, 2025) - Florida becomes first state to adopt Phoenix Declaration; Heritage Foundation - Phoenix Declaration overview; coverage from WLRN, CBS Miami, Tallahassee Democrat, Center for Public Integrity (context, supporters/critics).

SAF Sign in Sheet for Plantation Park ES (1251)

Date: 01/26/2020

Time: 3:10 pm

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Suzanne Mee	Yes	No	PPE	
2	Michelle Hartman	yes	No	PPE	
3	Alexander Cosmano	No	Yes		
4	Maurice Edwards	Yes			
5	John Peck	No	Yes	Business	
6	Kelli Hauser	Yes	No	PPE	
7	Elizabeth Hagan	yes	NO	PPE	
8	Amanda Casina	yes			
9	Rory Buley		NO	NI	
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