

**Plantation Park Elementary  
SAF General Meeting  
March 30, 2026**



**Call to Order**

The SAF meeting was called to order at 2:59 p.m.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

January SAF meeting minutes were approved unanimously (*Initial Motion*: Elizabeth Hagan and *Seconded*: Alex Cosimano).

**New Business / Reports - DAC GM (Veda Hudge, Assistant Superintendent of STO)**

*Book Reading (Marcus Gross)*

*How are schools including activities that center around reading?*

Discussion: Plantation Park Elementary participates in Reading Across Broward and students are using the Beanstack application.

*PM2 Scores*

The FAST PM2 scores look good across Broward County Public Schools.

*Jay's Closet*

This program provides students with basic needs to learn (i.e. food, clothing). Appointments are required.

*Real Men Read Event*

This event will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup> with the goal of creating positive role models.

*Attendance and Calendars*

There is an identification of trends in attendance on Early Release Days (especially when there is a gap between the weekend and a day off before or after). Krissa Ericson, Attendance Coordinator spoke about "Every Day Counts." There is chronic absenteeism among students (10% or more days missed regardless of reason). This percentage alerts the District Early Warning System for truancy. At the elementary school level, rates of attendance are at 94%, Early Release attendance- 84%, Days before a break (Thanksgiving- 88% and Winter break- 77%), and days with extreme weather- 83%). Discussion topic included 5-10 day letters for truancy. The main concern was that reports are not uploaded with items like doctor's notes in time before the letters go out to families.

*Professional Practices and Labor Relations*

The calendar process has changed due to board directives. The 2026-2027 starting date for students will be August 10<sup>th</sup>. Due to scheduled holidays, there needs to be 84 days to finish the full semester. Official voting on future calendars will take place in October. Feedback will be requested regarding finishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter before winter break. BCPS will provide 2 days in the event of a hurricane but is still very situational.

*Finance and Budget Decisions (Romaneir Johnson, CFO)*

BCPS is projecting an additional loss of 2,000 students for the 2026-2027 school year. The budget was created in parent friendly terminology so that information can be understood. Plantation Park Elementary received the projected budget and will be awaiting the finalized budget. The private aftercare funding rollover was sent to schools.

*Redefining Schools (Dr. Valerie Wanza, Chief Strategy and Innovation)*

Closing schools will provide annual, recurring savings of about \$11 million. Staffing reductions will be part of this process. Plantation High School has a partnership for Public Safety. Across BCPS, there is a necessity of employees from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade moving forward.

**New Business / Reports - Central Region Advisory**

*Mental Health*

Vernicca Wynter, Director of Mental Health Services spoke about the need for fostering self-esteem and resilience for BCPS student populations. Kathryn Brown, Lanette Burgess, and Melissa Glasgow presented this topic.

*Sunshine Law and Ethics Training*

New and returning members will need to complete the coursework via

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329>

*BCPS Volunteers and Upcoming Date*

Volunteer applications can be completed at BCPS/ Volunteer Services ([browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com))

April 1 (Budget Training)- via Teams

**SAF Bylaws Vote**

The SAF Bylaws were voted upon unanimously. Pursuant to Article V: Section 2, a Nominating Committee was created, and Alex Cosimano will serve as the SAF Chair for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Closing of the Meeting**

The meeting was closed in due form at 3:17 p.m. (*Initial Motion*- Michelle Hartman and *Seconded*- Alex Cosimano). The next regularly scheduled SAC/SAF meeting will take place April 27, 2026 in the Media Center.

## **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)