
Plantation Park Elementary School Advisory Forum

875 SW 54th Ave | Plantation, FL 33317

Meeting Agenda

September 24, 2026 | 5:30 pm | Media Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Introduction
- III. Chair Report
 - A. Purpose of Advisories
 - B. FOCUS and Registration Issues
 - C. Important Policies for Parents to be Aware Of
 - D. Bussing and Transportation
 - E. Class Sizes
 - F. Food and Nutritional Services
 - G. Technology in the Classroom
 - H. Feedback
- IV. New Business
 - A. Vote on 2026-2027 SAF Bylaws
- V. Old Business
- VI. Open Floor
- VII. Upcoming Meetings
 - A. PPE SAC/SAF Meeting: 10/24/2026 | PPE Media Center at 2:30 pm
 - B. Central Area Advisory: 10/15/2026 | Indian Ridge Middle School at 6:30 pm
- VIII. Adjournment

School Advisory Forum Meeting

Plantation Park Elementary

September 24, 2026

Call to Order

The School Advisory Forum meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. by Mr. Alex Cosimano.

SAF Chair Report- Mr. Alex Cosimano

***Purpose of Advisories**

The purpose of advisories is to keep all stakeholders informed of what is happening in communities and schools. Information moves up from SAF to the Area and District Advisory Council and flows back down in the reverse direction. Concerns can be addressed via conversations with staff and/ or recommendations/ motions to the school board. Advisories are governed by School Board Policies 1070, 1.2, 1.21, and SAF policies.

***FOCUS and Registration Issues**

A major concern was that emergency contacts could not be updated by the parent. The reasoning behind this is to ensure that one parent cannot change information if there are custody issues. Schools can be contacted with updated emergency contacts. Parents can email focuscommunications@browardschools.com with an concerns or questions.

***Important Policies**

Policy 4000 is the academic progress policy and usually one of the most interesting to parents. This policy outlines how students are admitted to school, curriculum standards, assessments, and how students matriculate. Information can be viewed at this link- https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=Policy_4000.pdf

***Buses and Transportation**

Every school has a point person who handles bus transportation. Elizabeth Hagan is our contact person at Plantation Park Elementary. Any concerns should be directed to the bus terminal, and follow-up should be completed via a school concern form. There is an application called "Here Comes the Bus." This site was available as of 8/24/26. Transportation is creating hubs and some stops that will be farther away than in previous years. If there are issues with hazardous walking conditions, you can apply for accommodation to be made and have a bus stop created. Remember to include photos with the request. Hazardous walking conditions include, as defined in statute 1006.23, sidewalk width, separation from traffic, and traffic volume. *Safe Path to Schools* (335.066) is a state-funded initiative to build and improve safe walking and bike routes. Starting in October 2026, students under 2 miles from a school can apply to be reassigned to the closest existing bus stop if empty seats are available. Crossing guards are hired by cities and the city commission can be contacted if there are issues.

***Class Sizes**

There are concerns with large class size (predominantly at the middle and high school levels). Elementary schools were allocated money last year to reduce class size, but some still have over-enrollment. The average number of students is based upon an entire grade level versus individual classes. Teachers have reported retaliation for raising issues of large class size.

***Food and Nutritional Services**

If your child has dietary restrictions (religious or allergy), a dietary restriction form must be submitted annually to ensure a special meal is available for them. Non-compliance with these issues is a known problem and some schools are reporting supply chain issues/ not preparing appropriate quantities. If a student's disability (allergy, dietary restriction, medical condition, sensory sensitivities) affects their ability to participate in or benefit from the school's nutritional programs, a 504 Plan can include food-related accommodation as part of their broader plan.

***Technology in the Classroom**

Reduced Screentime

Parents reported that screen time was reduced in kindergarten-1st grade. There were concerns raised with students being ready and confident to take state assessments online. The policy was only communicated to teachers the week they returned for the 2026-2027 school year. Questions arose about how the school and district will support teachers and the curriculum adaptations.

I Ready

There is a process to opt your children out of I Ready. Directives on how to do so were unclear other than to contact the teacher or principal.

e-Textbooks

There are concerns with not having proper textbooks or highly damaged books being in classrooms. Digital textbooks are being used but questions arose to see if hard copy textbooks are still available for students.

***Feedback**

What is Principal Levine's preference in communication? Response: Email and phone

New Business

The 2026-2027 School Advisory Bylaws will be voted upon at the October 26th meeting.

Old Business

No discussion was brought forward to the group.

Open Floor

No discussion was brought to the floor.

Upcoming Meetings

PPE SAC/SAF Meeting (October 24, 2026)- PPE Media Center at 2:30 p.m.

Central Area Advisory (October 15, 2026)- Indian Ridge Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed in due form by Mr. Alex Cosimano at 6:58 p.m. The initial motion was made by Michelle Hartman and seconded by John Peach.

September SAC/SAF JOINT MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET
Plantation Park ES (1251)

Date:

9/24/26

Time:

5:30pm

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Penelope Lara	✓			p. davea
2	Lisa Widelitz	✓		ESE Specialist	L. Widelitz
* 3	Michelle Hartman	✓		Literacy Coach/JAC chair	M. Hartman
4	Dianne Hagan	✓		Media Specialist	D. Hagan
5	Brooke Lloyd		✓	PTA	B. Lloyd
* 6	John Peach		✓	i9 Sports	J. Peach
* 7	Alexander Cosmano		✓	SAF	A. Cosmano
* 8	David Levine	✓		PPE	D. Levine
9	Lanabonack		✓		Lanabonack
10	Vernia James		✓	PTA	V. James
11	Jeanne Hamacher		✓		Jeanne Hamacher
* 12	Elizabeth Hagan	✓		STAFF	E. Hagan
13	Talia Acosta		✓		T. Acosta
14	Kathleen McConnell	✓			K. McConnell
15	Lexi Sundock			staff	L. Sundock
16	Dayana Rios		✓	Staff	D. Rios
17	Phanna Martinez Long			Staff	P. Martinez Long
18	Angelica Morell		✓		A. Morell
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