



Plantation Park Elementary

SAF General Meeting

Plantation Park Elementary Media Center

September 25, 2025 @ 1730

SAF Meeting Details

Date	Time	Location
Sep 25, 2025	1730	Plantation Park Elementary

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

- Attendance;

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

3. New Business / Reports - DAC GM 9/10/25

- Presentation from Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn:
 - District Redefining:
 - Problem Statement: 10 year decline in enrollment requires re-assessment of school utilization, resulting in an evaluation of 34 properties, noting that this does not correlate to a closure of 34 properties, but an evaluation for repurposing.
 - Declining enrollment tied to factors such as school vouchers, undocumented citizens leaving, people moving due to affordability issues. No longer tied to charter schools.
 - Critical economic affordability junction for schools is 80%; also exacerbated by aging infrastructure.

- Current freeze on hiring for new headcount; natural attrition is being used to adjust headcount, avoiding layoffs.
 - Solutions:
 - Looking at how to repurpose underutilized campuses where possible.
 - Reviewing contracts rather than perpetual evergreen; rightsize or cancel where appropriate; introduce performance clauses to ensure quality of delivery.
 - There will be an October workshop to analyze past 5 year fiscal years per district / division, compared to current.
- Question about Magnet programs challenging locations - very difficult for students to get to:
 - Acknowledged, agreed and looking into options. The hodge podge is challenging, how can they be regionalized?
 - Also actively looking at modern options, such as partnering with local industry, eg aviation.
- Questions on funding - Title II will likely be gone next year:
 - There was an increase this year of \$90 per student, but costs increased \$100.
 - Summer freeze last year was a test to gauge reaction.
- Innovation and Diversification:
 - Dr. Hepburn emphasized the need to move and look forward, diversifying the portfolio.
 - Old models simply won't work.
 - Example of Magnet school partnership above.
 - Partnership with MS on Copilot and AI; Microsoft identified Broward County as a potential major player.
- Discussion about innovative security / vape detection:
 - A particular vendor (didn't catch the name) is in the process of a post-pilot rollout. The solution has been capital funded.
 - Staff have a clicking device that can invoke a local or police response:
 - for local events, such as fights or medical emergencies, click 3 times.
 - For other events, click 8+ times, which will invoke a full lock down, activate strobes, and engage local police forces.
 - On average, the solution is being engaged around 100 times per week.
 - There will be additional training, as there is a tendency to "overclick" and engage police forces.
 - The solution includes bathroom monitoring:
 - Vape detection.
 - Audio interpretation (such as hearing the word "fight").
 - Monitoring for excessive time in the bathroom.
 - This will lead to staff intervention.

- There was discussion around intervention and potential consequences - if there are multiple people, who gets blamed?
 - Discretion is at the school level (principal).

- Subsequent to question, discussion around identification of missing security controls - some portables at a Coral Springs school didn't have the necessary announcement speakers. This was a defect in delivery from the contractor and subsequently was remediated.
 - Discussion around how to audit and validate that all schools meet minimum acceptable standards.

(Non-Superintendent Topics)

- School Playgrounds:
 - Discussion around conditions of and access to school playgrounds.
 - Ensuring schools have adequate facilities and a minimum standard.
 - Debate on equity of playgrounds - some PTAs fund and have better facilities than others - should this be OK?
 - Additional concern - ensuring PTA / community funded equipment meets acceptable standards.
 - No concerns around using funds to maintain / upkeep.
- Annual funding:
 - Discussion around whether unused funds should be rolled over, or forfeited.
 - One member recommended reassigning funds to other schools.
- Revisions to "Policy 1707":
 - Wasn't sure what this was, but upon review:
 - [District Committees and their Membership](#)
 - [Suggested Revisions](#)
 - Item to watch - determining who is subject to strict policies around governance of activities such as speaking to the media - potentially including volunteers.
- Statistics around redefinition of Broward Estates Elementary to Early Childhood programs, which include early head start, head start, VPK:
 - 96 seats, 64 of whom reside within a 5 mile radius.

4. Public Forum

Key Dates

2025-2026 District Advisory Council General Meeting Dates:

Sept. 10th @ 1815 (KCW)unpaid

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)

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