



Plantation Park Elementary
School Advisory Council
SAC General Meeting
Plantation Park Elementary Media Center
October 27, 2025
3:08 p.m.



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mark Foxwell at 3:08 p.m.

New Business / Reports – 10/8/25 District Advisory Committee General Meeting

Committee Reports

Central District

There are concerns about vape detectors - overall, there is a request for clear communications BEFORE implementation.

Playgrounds concerns - perception that some playgrounds are run down due to the redefining process.

Parents are concerned about lack of certified teachers in some areas such as magnet programs.

The Chair recommended bringing data to the board so it can be compiled and forwarded.

South District

Primary concerns with availability of school lunches and nurses.

North District

There are Vape Detector concerns regarding the potential invasiveness of technology; Gregory Tony will be present and will also talk about the metal detectors.

There has been a 300% increase in regard to false alerts due to vape detectors.

Hazel Health - lots of questions about insurance billing, even though advertised as “free”

SAC funds - Some schools have not received rollover funds.

North Area voted unanimously to have nurses available in every area district school.

Lunch concerns exist with who is not able to eat, particularly undocumented kids.

ESE

Cameras in ESE are being challenged by the *Parents Bill of Rights*.

Behavior management deemed questionable to ask parents to take their child home. This is against policy.

Dr. Washington asked to bring this up at SAC / SAF meetings.

There is some lobbying for an Autism charter school.

Title 1

Request to ensure part of the SAC meeting covers budgeting to ensure transparency of funds and usage. This is not problematic at Plantation Park Elementary.

Student Advisor

Development of an AI Thought Exchange platform - for students to voice concern.

The Exchange Platform is located in CLEVER.

Each school may have a unique name - the Principal may be aware of this (high school level only)

Commentary - should this not be considered brought to younger levels - they are already well versed!

Old Business

Technology: Focus Portal and District/School Websites

Concern with emergency contact forms - unable to modify online after submitted. Families have to go into the school to update the information.

Consent - requires a signature for "all of the above", including state services - all or nothing.

Chair acknowledges that there are a lot of issues with this form which need to be addressed.

Free and Reduced Lunch and Title 1 Funding

There are some challenges loading up MySchoolBucks.

Board meeting has been following up on a checklist of safety equipment per school.

Student Support Services - Saemone Hollingsworth, Chief Student Services Officer

https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Content/22_429/Files/DAC%202024-2025/Student%20Services%20DAC%20Presentation.pdf

Recommend sharing the above presentation to all parents - amazing outline of all support services which exist for students.

Statistics - 36000 public school students

4900 in charter schools

2300 in private school

Health Services presentation

Highlighting the inclusion of mental health programs.

Family Counseling Program

There are 2 therapists in each high school?

School Culture & Student Support

Can be used to facilitate appropriate clubs when interest is shown.

Can help coordinate field trips

Note - Clever now has a mindfulness app called "Inner Explorer".

Focus for Student Support Services:

attendance

mental health and crisis intervention

psychosocial evaluations and community linkage

Their motto: Visible, viable, valuable.

Hazel Health - try address minor items onsite - nurse practitioner

Concern - it is advertised as free, but they can bill parent health plans.

Academics Presentation - Dr. Fabian Cone, Chief Academic Officer

[https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Content/22_429/Files/DAC%20Meeting%20Combined%2010.8.25\(1\).pdf](https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/Content/22_429/Files/DAC%20Meeting%20Combined%2010.8.25(1).pdf)

Recommend sharing out the link above to all parents - great detail on metrics, highlighting year over year improvements across the board.

In BCPS - no D's or F's - only 2 of the larger Florida school districts can say this (the other was Palm Beach County).

Number of C rated schools has been cut by half - the 2025/26 ambitious goal is to cut to 0.

Though there is a big focus on the FAST, final grades are multifaceted:

PM scores

Learning gains

Individual areas of growth.

Screening and Diagnostics for students chronically struggling academically; Screening for gifted and ESOL

CPST (Collaborative Problem Solving Team) - each school has one

Multiple data points that can be triangulated upon to identify who needs help - eg Iready FAST, etc

Acknowledge people learn differently hence multiple points

Proactively intervene when necessary for students not meeting proficiency

Different Tiers of intervention

Complete flowchart that oversees the process

Elementary MTSS Process - see if principal has this.

Parent Notification of Progress

Discussion on how to manage kids who learn differently (eg "non test takers") - has to be a lobby factor to the state.

Strengthening the School-Home Partnership: Parent-Friendly Scope and Sequence/Course Standards that are easily accessible via web so parents know how to support students academically; Access to Report card, interim reports, PMPs, IEPs/504 Plans.

Emphasis on Focus - parent link and parent link for reports.

Overview of AICE/IB/AP programs, quantity and quality of programs at each school, criteria for student enrollment into those courses/programs, course and testing outcomes, and a list of which Schools have expanded their program in the last year:

71.3% District AP Exam pass rate - 5.66 increase.

71% District AICE Exam pass rate - 2% down but many more kids took it, 3000.
64.6% District IB Exam Pass Rate 9.9 increase.

New Business / Reports - Central Region Advisory 10/15/25

Plantation Park - no report for iZone...
Events, clubs, music things, whatever

Facilities

Looking for facilities assessments for all schools for phase 2 (redefined schools).
Maximum - make sure everything is being put in, support from IBM being lost in November.

SAC Funding

SACs will not receive all of rollover funds as of 10/15.
Workforce development / State Recognition for A+ rated are excepted.

Lunch applications - can still be submitted:

Does not have to be on app - can be a cheque or cash right at school.

FYI - Hazel Health (Telehealth) has apparently merged with another company and is no more.

Academics Presentation - Local Deep Dive Improved scores - Guy Barhoma

This was the same presentation given at the DAC, but with a local focus.

Year over Year scores - root cause analysis:

Encouraged adoption of standard grade level materials.

Increased teacher support.

Individual schools should have PM1 data by principal:

Suggestion from audience: Title I on the cusp may wish to track scores, to see if there is any impact from losing that funding.

Noted by the team - regardless of Title 1, schools which need it get the Instructional Review (MTSS plan).

Note: EMF program - exceptional math students coming out of 5th grade are encouraged to enroll in this self-paced program.

From the website (<https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/secondary-learning/secondary-mathematics/emf-program>)

Elements of Mathematics Foundations (EMF) is an advanced online math curriculum developed by the Institute for Mathematics & Computer Science (IMACS) for students with strong mathematical talent. Designed to challenge and inspire, EMF helps students build deep conceptual understanding and problem-solving skills.

Questions about too much computer based testing too young - one parent - 48 CBT events scheduled in kindergarten.

Guy mentioned this is not a district level mandate.

Also, some discussion around pushing kids too hard to complete college by an age where they are still not yet mature.

Parents need to know their kids and what they are ready for.

Closing

The meeting was closed in due form by Mr. Mark Foxwell at 3:33 p.m.
(Initial Motion- Mrs. Dianna Hagan and Seconded- Mr. Alex Cosimano)

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)