

**Plantation Park Elementary
SAF General Meeting
December 1, 2025**



I. Call to Order

The SAF meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

September and October SAF meeting minutes were approved unanimously (*Initial Motion*: Kelli Hauser and *Seconded*: Maurice Edwards).

III. New Business / Reports - DAC GM 10/8/25

o Food and Nutrition Services

There are concerns around accumulated charges and food availability. Regardless of charges, students have accessibility to food and are not being denied. Schools have up to \$500.00 to absorb the cost of non-paid meals. If students have a specific diet, parents should pre-reserve special diet requests. These requests cannot be completed “on demand.” Paying for lunch and breakfast equates to \$2.50 per transaction. However, there is no transaction fee if payment is made using cash or a check.

o North Area Report

Vapes - Chief Gregory Tony has largely alleviated concerns about the use of vape detectors.

Student Advisor - Excellent report on high school student engagement with feedback and improving conditions using modern technology practices to engage. There is a possibility that these opportunities could expand to elementary school levels with a lower level of accessibility.

Hazel Health – There are on-going concerns with how this company is assisting Broward Schools. Telehealth services are available when a minimum of one student is medically fragile.

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

iZone Reports

Piper High School representatives shared success stories with the Cambridge Institute program.

Plantation updates

Plantation High School has a “mentoring for tomorrow” program that includes involvement from 30 students.

The Nova High School Robotics team won 2nd place in a recent Cyber Security competition and made it to the state level.

South Plantation High School earned the title of District Champions in bowling and football.

Artificial turf will be installed for the 2026 season, and a \$16,000 grant was awarded for the Artificial Intelligence Pathway program.

Seminole Middle students won 2nd place for a one-act play and are currently conducting mock trials.

Dr. Ted Toomer, Central Regional Superintendent

The next workshop will take place on December 9th with decision-making regarding middle and high school scheduling. The school board has paused making a final decision but will revisit in the future with a potentially 30 million in cost savings. There is a large parent and student advocacy movement to consider the overall impacts.

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

- The State of Florida is the first to unanimously adopt the Phoenix Declaration.
- Social Studies and Civics content will be the first section to be implemented
- Department assistance will be available during January-February 2026 with a goal to implement by August of 2026.
- Emphasis on academic excellence and parental rights while moving back to classical rhetoric.
- In the long term, all students (regardless of which type of schooling) will need to pass standards.

Suggested Pros and Cons

Pros - Reintroducing civics, parent visibility, academic excellence

Cons - Perceived risk of political influence, narrowing of DEI, implementation burden for district

Engagement

Standard policies will be issued and posted on the FL Department of Education.

Parents can request access to the curriculum.

Educators should document current Civics, ELA, etc... so a comparison can be made to what will be implemented.

Ask for a timeline so all stakeholders can be prepared (i.e. administrators, teachers, parents, and community involvement personnel).

Pamela Taylor, CAAC Chair Report

The BCPS showcase will take place on December 9th from 5-8 p.m.

SAC / SAF training 12/5 - 12-1pm

Food and Nutrition- \$500 per school is being depleted.

Unanimous motion to recommend Title I increases from 50% from 62% while taking into account undocumented kids.

Guest Speaker/Presentation - Saemone Hollingsworth, Chief Student Services Officer

Presentation of ESE Departments: Curriculum, Support & Compliance, and Specialized Instruction
Student Services Departments include Coordinated Student Health Services, Mental Health Services, School Culture and Student Support, School Counseling, and Student 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)

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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).