

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/26/2026

Time: 8:44 A.M. (Call to Order) / 9:24 A.M. (Adjournment)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:44 A.M.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes (04/28/2026)

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 28, 2026 as presented. The motion was seconded and carried. The minutes were approved as presented.

III. BCPS Customer (Climate) Survey Update

Student participation totaled 233 out of the required 260 responses. Staff participation exceeded the requirement with 46 completed responses (required 44). Parent participation remained significantly below target at 24 out of 89 required responses. Members were reminded that the survey dashboard has not been updated within the last two weeks. No questions were raised.

IV. Mentoring Program Presentation – SHINE

Ms. Caines and Ms. Pierre-Lewis presented the SHINE mentoring group initiative. SHINE stands for Support, Help, Inspire, Nurture, and Empower. The program is an all-girls mentoring group designed to support middle school students. The focus includes confidence building, positive peer relationships, academic success, leadership development, goal setting, and mental wellness.

The initial cohort includes approximately 23 students (6th and 7th grade). Meetings will take place during the school day, primarily during study periods. Activities will include mentoring, real-life discussions, goal setting, personal growth activities, and community engagement.

The program will operate as a pilot at Lauderhill 6–12, with plans for future expansion. Discussion included the need to establish the program as an official club to allow funding access and account setup for donations.

V. School Improvement Plan (SIP) Update

Administration reported that the School Improvement Plan was implemented with strong fidelity. Targeted interventions, including small group instruction and pull-out supports, showed positive results.

Preliminary data reflects improvement across reading, math, and social studies. Positive trends were also noted in subgroup performance, including ELL students and Students with Disabilities. The plan and interventions were identified as having a direct impact on student outcomes.

VI. Title I Update

No updates were reported. The Title I binder is completed.

VII. BTU Update

The recent contract ratification passed. Staff were informed of potential increases in insurance premiums depending on the selected plans. Final decisions will be made by June 30.

VIII. SAF Updates

The meeting will take place following the SAC meeting

IX. SESSIR Report

For April, five incidents were reported: four suspensions and one tobacco-related incident.

X. Principal's Report – Budget, Staffing, and School Data Update

The administration provided an extensive update on enrollment, staffing, scheduling, and school performance.

Projected enrollment is approximately 580 students, compared to a current population of about 640 students. The district utilized a formula strictly based on student counts, resulting in the allocation of 29 teaching units.

A total of approximately 13 staffing adjustments were required due to allocation changes, certification issues, and seniority considerations. Reductions impact reading, language arts, math, and science, while social studies and foreign language remain stable.

Title I funding continues to support additional teaching positions; however, funds are now primarily dedicated to teacher salaries, limiting flexibility. The district also restricted the transfer of funds between instructional and support allocations.

The school lost approximately 18 elective sections, reducing flexibility in scheduling. As a result, class sizes will increase and the master schedule will be tighter, with fewer low-enrollment classes.

The SVE program will be reduced from two teachers to one, with fewer paraprofessional supports, based on projected student enrollment. Adjustments will occur if enrollment increases.

The administrative structure remains one principal and three assistant principals. The district is considering a shift to four assistant principals for 6–12 schools, but no final determination has been made.

Current school performance data reflects a projected score of 65.8%, meeting the threshold for an A (65%). However, final results are pending due to outstanding state assessment data. Leadership emphasized caution in projecting results.

Overall, most accountability indicators show improvement, including learning gains and subgroup performance. The schedule for next year is expected to be significantly tighter.

XI. Accountability and SAC Funding Update

Projected SAC funds are estimated between \$4,000 and \$4,500, with distribution expected in September or October. The current balance is \$0.

If the school earns an A rating, additional A+ funds may become available, though this is not yet confirmed.

XII. Closing and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2026, at which officer elections and installations will take place. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 A.M.