

Coconut Creek High School

School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2026 at 2:30pm
Location: Learning Commons

I. Welcome

- Called to order at 2:36 p.m
 - SAF serves as a liaison between parents, students, staff, the community, and the district when needed. The focus is on communication, transparency, and helping to resolve concerns at the school level whenever possible.
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II. Old Business

A. Facilities Updates

The school has had district facilities staff on campus completing work orders and making visible improvements. Several attendees acknowledged that work is being completed; however, there are still open work orders and ongoing facility concerns that require continued attention and follow-up.

B. Communication and Websites Posting

Discussion took place regarding improving access to meeting notices, agendas, and minutes. Some parents and stakeholders expressed difficulty locating SAF/SAC documents on the school website. Suggestions made to include meeting flyers and reminders more clearly in the weekly principal email and to improve website accessibility for families next school year.

C. Food and Nutrition/Payment Obligations

Update shared on student meal obligations. While students may still have meal debt balances, those balances should no longer prevent families from paying for field trips or other school activities through the eStore system. Families experiencing issues advised to refresh the eStore page first and contact the school if problems continue.

III. New Business

A. Facilities Updates

The school continues to have open work orders that need completion. Progress being made, but some projects require additional time. Attendees emphasized the importance of continuing to report concerns and follow up on unresolved issues.

B. School Safety and Security

Safety and security discussed as district priorities. Students reminded that concerns can be reported to security staff, school staff, law enforcement partners, or the behavioral counselor if they feel safety is being jeopardized.

C. Here Comes the Bus

Families reminded to 'Register to Ride' for the 26/27 school year through the Here Comes the Bus platform/app. Students who use district transportation encouraged not to wait until the start of school to register.

D. Broward Virtual School

The Broward Virtual School application window is currently open and closes on August 21. Families informed to visit www.bved.net for any additional information.

E. District Budget and Staffing Concerns

Discussion on rearranging of organization chart, district budget reductions with employee lay offs planned over the next three years. Concerns were raised that student support services, including guidance counselors and other school-based support positions, could potentially be impacted. Families and students were encouraged to advocate for protecting student support services.

F. Laptop Rollout

Students reminded to return signed consent forms if they're in need of a district-issued laptop. Parents also informed they may opt out as an option, if they do not wish for their student to receive one.

G. School Accountability and Transparency

Access to reports, budgets, expenditures, meeting documents, agendas, and minutes are important. Transparency and consistent website updates were emphasized to ensure families and stakeholders can stay informed even when unable to attend meetings in person.

IV. Open Discussion

A. Laura McDermott, Women's Club of Coconut Creek President

1. Community Partner Introduction

A representative from the Coconut Creek Women's Club introduced herself and shared information about the organization's long-standing partnership with Coconut Creek High School. The organization, active since 1970, supports the community through philanthropy, scholarships for graduating seniors, and educator grants. Interest expressed in continuing and expanding the partnership with the school.

- Muriel discussed the goal of strengthening partnerships with the City of Coconut Creek and other community leaders to increase support and involvement at Coconut Creek High School.

B. Cynthia Dominique, DAC Chair

1. Parent, Student and Community Involvement

- The DAC Chair encouraged increased parent and student involvement concerning district and school issues, including testing, school lunches, safety, staffing, facilities, and other district decisions.
- Students and families encouraged to share concerns during meetings, with administrators, and through School Board public comment opportunities. It was told that when families and students do not speak up, silence may sometimes be interpreted as agreement.

2. Granicus

Students age 18 and older informed to create a Granicus account to give School Board public comments online. Parents may also send in comments.

C. Student Feedback/Concerns

- Safety and security staffing
- School lunches and food options
- Teacher performance and student feedback in teacher evaluations
- Facilities and campus conditions
- The importance of students feeling heard when concerns are raised
- Student feedback should play a more meaningful role in teacher evaluations because brief classroom observations may not fully reflect student experiences throughout the school year.

Muriel thanked the students for speaking up and encouraged continued student involvement and advocacy.

D. Facility Concerns

1. Parents, staff, and community members discussed long-standing facility concerns, including:

- Delayed work orders
 - Inconsistent attention compared to other schools
 - Need for stronger district-level accountability
2. Monthly facilities meetings are continuing at the school and include standing agenda items, work order updates, timelines, and follow-up discussions.
 3. Muriel's role on the Facilities Task Force allows Coconut Creek concerns to be elevated to the district level.
 4. Emphasized the message: "See something, say something."
 5. Students, parents, and staff encouraged to continue reporting concerns so they can be documented and addressed.
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IX. Public Advocacy

- A. Parents and students encouraged to attend School Board meetings, email Board members, and submit public comments. It was emphasized that change often occurs when the district consistently hears from families, students, and community stakeholders.
 - Venue arrangements were an example of how advocacy and community involvement leads to change.
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X. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Thank you for attending the final SAF meeting of the 25/26 school year and reminded students and families to continue reaching out with concerns and/or questions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.