

**Miramar High School**  
**School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**Time:** 5:39 p.m. – 6:17 p.m.

**Location:** Miramar High School Media Center

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**1. Call to Order**

The March School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

The meeting followed Robert’s Rules of Order. Introductions were made by SAC members, school administrators, staff, parents, students, and community guests.

A quorum was not established, therefore no official votes were conducted. Approval of the previous meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

**2. SAC Members Present:**

- Jason Fernandez – SAC Chair
- Sharlene Durand – SAC Secretary
- Tonya Davis – SAC Co-Chair
- Winfred J. Porter Jr. – Principal
- Shanett Dean – Assistant Principal

**Guests/Stakeholders Present:**

- Parents and community members (sign-in sheet on file)

**3. Principal’s Remarks & School Updates**

Principal Porter provided updates regarding school operations, student achievement, and upcoming events.

**Graduation**

Graduation for the Class of 2026 is scheduled for June 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Nova Southeastern University.

**Enrollment**

The district continues to face financial strain due to declining enrollment. However, Miramar High anticipates an increase in student enrollment, with approximately 318 incoming students expected due to the repurposing of Hallandale High School and Plantation Middle School.

### **Recruitment**

The school continues targeted recruitment efforts, particularly for Magnet and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, by engaging with neighboring schools and feeder programs.

### **Student Behavior**

Administrators reported improved on campus behavior. Challenges remain with students congregating at the nearby plaza after school. The school is collaborating with local law enforcement and city officials to address off-campus concerns.

### **Meal Program**

The school is experiencing budget strain from unpaid student meal balances. Administration is exploring partnerships with alumni organizations and local businesses to help offset these costs.

### **Traffic and Safety**

Traffic congestion and unsafe student drop-off practices remain concerns. The school has ordered additional traffic cones and is working with officials to conduct a traffic study to improve student safety and campus traffic flow.

### **Facilities**

Construction of a new football field is scheduled for the summer. Discussions are underway with alumni regarding potential naming rights opportunities.

### **Athletics & Events**

Spring sports are underway, and several events are planned, including an Alumni Career Summit and the Beyond the Bag Summit, a motivational and career exploration event for students.

## **4. Old Business**

A recap of key items from the previous meeting included:

- January SESSIR Report
- Media Center Collection Development Plan
- Life Skills and Wellness Plan
- Extended Learning Opportunities Funding

These items were previously approved and continue to be implemented.

## **5. New Business**

### **February SESSIR Report (Ms. Dean)**

The February SESSIR report indicated zero serious incidents reported for the month across all categories.

### **Patriot360 Academic Support Program**

The Patriot360 initiative was introduced as a program designed to provide holistic academic support for students.

Key components include:

- Data driven goal setting
- Increased parent involvement
- Stronger community engagement
- Academic Game Day event planned for April to motivate students

The program will seek community partnerships and incentives such as gift cards and recognition awards for student milestones.

### **AI Tinkering Initiative**

A proposal was presented to create an AI experimentation space in the media center.

The initiative would:

- Provide hands-on exposure to artificial intelligence tools
- Support both academic and technical skill development
- Include interactive elements such as pegboards, QR codes, and guided AI learning stations

Funding will be requested for necessary materials.

### **Football Field Naming**

Discussions continue with alumni regarding naming rights for the new football field or athletic complex.

Potential naming opportunities may require a donation or endowment, with details to be finalized following further alumni discussions.

### **SIP Focus & Waivers**

Two waivers currently in place were reviewed:

1. **Professional Study Days (PSD)** – Early release days for teacher professional development.
2. **Exam Exemptions** – Students earning A or B averages may exempt certain non-mandated exams.

Both initiatives have demonstrated positive impacts on academic performance and student motivation.

Faculty will vote on the continuation of these waivers. No SAC vote is required.

## **6. Parental and Community Involvement**

The council discussed the importance of strong parent engagement in supporting student success.

Parents were encouraged to:

- Attend SAC meetings regularly
- Advocate for student needs
- Participate in school initiatives and community partnerships

The school credited strong leadership, family support, and community involvement as contributing factors to recent successes.

## **7. Recognitions**

### **Band Achievements**

Several band students received scholarship awards, and both the band and auxiliary units were recognized for outstanding performances.

### **Athletics Update**

The Boys Basketball Team has advanced to the playoffs. Additional spring sports updates were shared.

### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

### **9. Next Meeting**

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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### **Submitted by:**

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SAC Secretary