

TITLE 1 Parent Training: School Advisory Council Agenda

October 23, 2025, at 6 PM

Ms. Harris, Principal

# CRYSTAL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Breaking Boundaries, Unlocking Potential, and Pursuing Excellence*



## SAC AGENDA

1. Welcome!
2. Introduction of SAC Composition/Membership
3. Purpose of SAC

*“To assist in developing and monitoring the School Improvement Plan (SIP), which includes setting goals, allocating funds, and evaluating the school’s academic performances.”*

4. SAC Bylaws
5. Staple Agenda Items
  - SIP Monitoring
  - Stakeholder Feedback
6. New Business
  - School-wide data
  - Digital 3-3-30
  - Literacy Plan
  - Math Updates/iReady
  - Curriculum Night
  - Magnet Reminders
  - PM 2 Dates
  - Dress code, ID’s, and Cell Phone Policy
  - Upcoming Events
7. Upcoming SAC Meetings 2025-26
  - December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026
  - March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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## SAF AGENDA

Welcome!

Report from North Area Advisory Council General Meetings:

➤ **FOCUS Platform** (Danny Tritto)

- Overview: New district information system provides real-time access to student grades, attendance, and schedules.
- Parent Portal Requirement: Parents must create accounts (do not use BCPS emails).
- Challenges:
  - o Delays with Back-to-School Form approvals.
  - o Duplication of online and paper forms.
  - o 504 plans not fully integrated.
  - o Limited student health access until forms are verified.
- Goals: Streamline process, automate student ID delivery, and move toward a paperless system.

➤ **ESE Advisory Council** (Jacqui Luscombe)

- Advocates for students with disabilities.
- Key Issues:
  - o Suspensions: Schools must stop sending students home for behavior; staff training ongoing.
  - o Transportation: Attendants trained for non-verbal and behavioral needs.
  - o Classroom Cameras: Allowed in self-contained ESE rooms only, with 30-day storage and parental consent from all.

- o Technology & Data: BTAs moving to a state system; 504 integration in FOCUS still lacking.

- o Top Priorities: Class size, behavior management, and customer service.

- Resources: browardeseadvisorycouncil.com

➤ **School Sponsorship Banners** (Jeff Bold)

- New Policy:

- o Max size: 4x8 feet.

- o Must include: “Thank you to our partner in education.”

- o Logos and QR codes are allowed.

- o No ads or photos of children.

- Unresolved Issue: Personal photos (e.g., realtors) under review.

- Concerns: Lack of clarity on rollout and potential financial impact on schools.

➤ **School Nurses** (Cynthia Dominique)

- Current Situation:

- o 57 schools without a full-time nurse.

- o Cluster model (1 nurse covering 15+ schools) leaves major safety gaps.

- Advocacy:

- o Passed motion: One full-time registered nurse per school.

- o Emphasized delays in care plans and emergency response.

➤ **School Lunch Program**

- Free lunch ended September 22.

- Concerns:

- o Students without lunch money being singled out.

- o Substitute meal policies are inconsistent.

- Actions:

- o PTAs encouraged to create emergency lunch funds.

- o Promote awareness of MySchoolBucks app.

- o Counselors should assist families with lunch applications.

➤ **Vape Detector Initiative** (Chief Michael Gregory)

- Funded by Juul lawsuit settlement.

- AI-based detectors to monitor vaping, weapons, and fights.

- Rollout starts with middle schools, high schools also in high need.

- Concerns:

- o Privacy and accuracy of AI monitoring.
- o High schools are being deprioritized despite higher incident rates.
- Next Steps: Tabled for further discussion with principals and staff.

- **Social Media Use in Schools**

- Policy Reminder:
  - o Coaches cannot require students to use social media for teams or activities.
  - o Violates state law (under age 16).
- Parental Action: Report any violations to administration.

- **Redefining and School Closures**

- School closures/restructuring may impact all feeder patterns, not just listed schools.
- Parents urged to:
  - o Attend community redefining meetings.
  - o Ask tough questions about potential closures.
  - o Advocate against moves that harm students' academic progress or displace communities.

- **Have a Question or Concern? Contact BCPS Cares**

If you have a question, concern, or need help resolving a school-related issue, BCPS Cares offers a clear process:

- Contact the school directly (teacher or staff member).
- If unresolved, contact the school principal.
- If still unresolved, contact the regional or assistant superintendent's office.

You can also reach BCPS Cares directly by:

- Phone: 754-321-0000
- Online: Submit a concern form at [browardschools.com/BCPSCaresForm](http://browardschools.com/BCPSCaresForm)

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Please sign the Sign in Sheet

# **Crystal Lake Middle School SAC Meeting Notes**

**Date:** October 2025

**Location:** Media Center

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## **1. Call to Order & Welcome**

- Meeting was called to order by Dr. McGauley with a motion, seconded by Mrs. Aiken.
  - Dr. McGauley welcomed attendees and introduced the new SAC Co-Chairs: **Ms. Scott and Ms. Barreto.**
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## **2. SAC Composition/Membership**

- Members include:
    - Principal
    - School Representatives
    - Business Representative
    - BTU Representative
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## **3. Purpose of SAC**

“To assist in developing and monitoring the School Improvement Plan (SIP), which includes setting goals, allocating funds, and evaluating the school’s academic performances.”

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## **4. SAC Bylaws**

- Dr. McGauley reviewed:
  - SAC Bylaws
  - SIP Monitoring
  - Stakeholder Feedback
  - Composition Report
- Meeting was then turned over to Ms. Barreto to facilitate agenda items.

## 5. Staple Agenda Items

- **School-wide Data**

- **Ms. Harris:** Emphasized importance of student data chats and consistent test preparation.
- **Mrs. Allen:** Presented the Digital 3-3-30 Literacy Plan focusing on reading, listening, speaking, and writing critically.
  - Students must read 30 minutes daily using Beanstack via Clever.
  - Reading on lexile level is encouraged to challenge scholars.
  - Literacy Coach is integrating literacy across all subjects.
  - **PM2 Testing Dates:**
    - ELA: December 2 & 3
    - Math: December 9 & 10

- **Math/ School Updates**

- **Mr. Daniel:** Shared updates on SAVAAS daily practice and website enhancements with **Mr. Metellus**, Library Specialist.
- The importance of students wearing ID's, being in dress code which is going well, and the cell phone policy.

- **Magnet Program Updates**

- **Ms. Charlton:**
  - Magnet Canvas page is active for updates.
  - Magnet shirts available at Ella's Uniforms.
  - Halloween Candy Drive and Harvest Drive underway.
  - College Tour field trips planned to FIU, FAU, and Broward College.
  - Crystal Lake Magnet Showcase: **November 6**
  - BCPS Magnet Showcase: **December 4**
  - Magnet Application Window opens: **November 3**

## **6. New Business**

- No new business was formally introduced.
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## **7. Upcoming SAC Meetings (2025–2026)**

- **December 11, 2025**
  - **January 22, 2026**
  - **March 5, 2026**
  - **May 7, 2026**
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## **8. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned by Dr. McGauley.

## **Crystal Lake Middle School October 23, 2025, SAF Meeting Notes**

### **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was officially called to order by Mrs. Aiken, with the motion seconded by Dr. McGauley.

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### **1. Welcome**

Mrs. Aiken welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their continued engagement and support of the school community.

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### **2. Reports from North Area Advisory Council General Meetings**

#### **FOCUS Platform – Presented by Danny Tritto**

- **Overview:** The new district-wide FOCUS platform offers real-time access to student grades, attendance, and schedules.
- **Parent Portal Requirement:** Parents must create accounts using personal emails (BCPS emails are not accepted).
- **Challenges Identified:**
  - Delays in approval of Back-to-School forms.
  - Duplication of digital and paper forms.
  - Incomplete integration of 504 plans.
  - Limited access to student health information until forms are verified.
- **Goals:**
  - Streamline form processing.
  - Automate student ID delivery.
  - Transition to a fully paperless system.

#### **ESE Advisory Council – Presented by Jacqui Luscombe**

- **Mission:** Advocacy for students with disabilities.
- **Key Issues:**

- Suspension practices: Schools must cease sending students home for behavioral issues; staff training is underway.
- Transportation: Attendants are being trained to support non-verbal and behaviorally challenged students.
- Classroom Cameras: Permitted only in self-contained ESE classrooms with 30-day footage retention and full parental consent.
- Technology & Data: BTAs transitioning to a state system; 504 plan integration in FOCUS remains incomplete.
- **Top Priorities:** Reducing class sizes, improving behavior management, and enhancing customer service.
- **Resources:** <http://browardeseadvisorycouncil.com>

### **School Sponsorship Banners – Presented by Jeff Bold**

- **New Policy Guidelines:**
  - Maximum banner size: 4x8 feet.
  - Required text: “Thank you to our partner in education.”
  - Logos and QR codes are permitted.
  - No advertisements or photos of children allowed.
- **Unresolved Issue:** Use of personal photos (e.g., realtors) is still under review.
- **Concerns:** Lack of clarity in policy rollout and potential financial implications for schools.

### **School Nurses – Presented by Cynthia Dominique**

- **Current Status:**
  - 57 schools are without a full-time nurse.
  - Cluster model (1 nurse for 15+ schools) poses significant safety risks.
- **Advocacy Efforts:**
  - Motion passed advocating for one full-time registered nurse per school.
  - Emphasis on delays in care plan implementation and emergency response.

## **School Lunch Program**

- **Update:** Free lunch program ended on September 22.
- **Concerns:**
  - Students without lunch money are being singled out.
  - Substitute meal policies vary across schools.
- **Recommended Actions:**
  - PTAs to establish emergency lunch funds.
  - Promote use of the MySchoolBucks app.
  - School counselors to assist families with lunch applications.

## **Vape Detector Initiative – Presented by Chief Michael Gregory**

- **Funding Source:** Juul lawsuit settlement.
- **Technology:** AI-based detectors to monitor vaping, weapons, and fights.
- **Rollout Plan:**
  - Initial implementation in middle schools.
  - High schools identified as high-need but currently deprioritized.
- **Concerns:**
  - Privacy and accuracy of AI monitoring.
- **Next Steps:** Further discussion with principals and staff is planned.

## **Social Media Use in Schools**

- **Policy Reminder:**
  - Coaches and staff cannot require students to use social media for team or activity participation.
  - This practice violates state law for students under age 16.
- **Parental Action:** Parents should report violations to school administration.

## **Redefining and School Closures**

- **Impact:** Potential restructuring and closures may affect all feeder patterns, not just those currently listed.
- **Parental Guidance:**

- Attend community redefining meetings.
- Ask critical questions regarding closures.
- Advocate to prevent academic disruption and community displacement.

### **BCPS Cares – Support for Questions and Concerns**

- **Resolution Process:**

1. Contact the teacher or staff member directly.
2. If unresolved, escalate to the school principal.
3. If still unresolved, contact the regional or assistant superintendent's office.

- **Direct Contact Options:**

- **Phone:** 754-321-0000
- **Online:** <https://browardschools.com/BCPSCaresForm>

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### **Closing**

Attendees were reminded to sign the Sign-In Sheet. The meeting was officially adjourned by Mrs. Aiken.

★ SAC Sign In Sheet for Crystal Lake MS (1871)

Date: 10/23/25

Time: 10 am

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Aiken, Alina	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Alina Aiken
2	Aiken, DeRoy	Parent	No	Yes	DeRoy Aiken
3	Barreto, Christine	SAC Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	Christine Barreto
4	Blasini, Lieten	Gifted Parent of a student at the school, Parent	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Lieten Blasini
5	Bryant, Pamela	Teacher, BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	Pamela Bryant
6	Day, Shauntasia	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Shauntasia Day
7	Harris, Valerie	Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	Valerie Harris
8	Harris, Valerie	Principal, Community School Representative (if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	Valerie Harris
9	Miller, Alexander	Non-Instructional Support Employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	Alexander Miller
10	Nelson, Nikki	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	Nikki Nelson
11	Ramirez, Marcelo	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	Marcelo Ramirez

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

# SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
12 Satawa, Elizabeth	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
13 Scott, Tasia	SAC Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	

★ SAC Sign In Sheet for Crystal Lake MS (1871)

Date: 10/23/25

Time: 6 PM

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Alida Aiken		✓		Ayva Aiken
2	SOPHIA CHARTON	✓			Shouten
3	LIELEN BLASINI		✓		Shelen
4	Michael Clarke	✓		ELMS	Mult
5	Marienne Louis C.		✓		LOUIS
6	Mitcherly Charton		✓		<del>Charton</del>
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