

South Plantation High School
School Advisory Forum
General Meeting
South Plantation High School Culinary Café
1300 Paladin Way, Plantation, FL 33317

Tuesday May 26, 2026

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 4:15.

1. Redefining Schools: Phase 3 estimated 10 schools to close. July meeting will give suggested list to board. Hope is that the board will approve prior to School Choice opening in December.
2. Student Clubs and Activities: Clubs must be approved by principal. Faculty/staff sponsor required for all clubs. Faculty sponsor must be present at each meeting. Non-staff members cannot independently sponsor clubs due to liability. (even if they are community partners). Coaches serving in club roles must meet certification requirements. Alumni or external partners cannot receive clearance to independently sponsor club (Ei. A law firm for Debate). Some clubs receive stipends/supplements depending on: school budget, club classification, collective bargaining agreement. Faculty is sometimes reluctant to sponsor clubs due to their workload. Club funding is allocated through school budgets (not fixed amounts). Unspent funds typically remain in club accounts unless club is dissolved, then funds revert to another internal account. Student advisors concern about the disparities in club availability across schools. This is especially noticeable in the elementary schools. Parents are concerned about reliance on student-only communication channels regarding club schedule changes. Parents want consistency in communication either over social media or messaging apps. Request for Booster guidelines (we will have to distribute in August). Stakeholders requesting standardized process for fund disbursement. Example: Western HS debate team was unable to attend national competition due to funding/process breakdown in timely manner. Request also for current club policy documentation and standard practice.
3. Referendum November 2026 renewal: funding allocated across 3 categories: Employee compensation, Supplemental support, and Safety & Mental Health. Concerns regarding funding gap estimated at \$29 million deficit under current structure for Safety & Mental Health. Members emphasized need for public trust and clarity. Motion made: for public facing Dashboard for referendum renewal showing intended and actual spending, definition of millage rates and other referendum related information.

4. NEOLA update: NEOLA is an outside partner that reviews, updates and aligns all policies to adhere to state and federal policies. There will be a full district-wide policy re-write anticipated (meaning policies will be re-named). NEOLA will re-write policies, provide templates for bylaws and procedures.
5. Updated organizational chart that has been approved by the board is still not available to the public yet. We have been requesting since October the new staffing allocation model based on enrollment and FTE projections. Some schools that are on the cusp are anxious as their actual enrollment could increase the need to additional teachers and support staff.