



South Plantation High School  
1300 Paladin Way, Plantation, Florida 33317  
School Advisory Council & School Advisory Forum  
Joint Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 4, 2025

**Attendance:**

Amanda Castilla, Dr. Alyce Culpepper, Natasha Inniss, Christina Jones, Mary Levielle, Nikolas Mesa, Nereida Miller, Armani Norris, Mica Oneus, Alexandra Ries, Dr. Masha Samuels, Carla Wong, Tracy Zaldumbide

**Call to Order:**

A joint meeting of the South Plantation High School School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum was held in the Culinary Dining Room on November 4, 2025. SAC Chair, Christina Jones, called the meeting to order at 3:32pm. Christina Jones will record minutes for this meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**1. October 2025 Minutes**

- a. Ms. Castillo motioned and Ms. Zaldumbide seconded the motion to approve the October 1, 2025 minutes as is. Members voted unanimously (13 votes total) to approve the October 1, 2025, minutes.

**Old Business:**

**1. Marquee Update**

- a. Marquee is up and running. Mr. Forbes will keep announcements updated.

**New Business/Reports:**

**1. Collection Development Plan – Robin Case, Media Specialist**

- a. Members were presented with the current media collection data and areas of focus for this school year.

**2. Principal's Report – Alexandra Ries, Principal**

- a. Athletic Highlights
  - i. Our Football Team has captured the District Championship and now advances to the 6A Regional Playoffs next week. Final seeding and bracket alignment will be announced on November 6, with our first playoff game scheduled for November 14. Please come out and support our boys—they've worked incredibly hard this season, and we couldn't be prouder!
  - ii. Our Swimming Team made waves at Districts and is heading into Regionals this week. Congratulations to Jacob Woods, Kai Rivera, Shany Ortega, Olivia Axelson, Ellie Newell, and Kaylee Sverak for their outstanding performances.
  - iii. Cross Country heads to Districts this week with David Lazo still holding the #1 ranking. Best of luck to our runners!
  - iv. Our Bowling Team also captured the District Championship and represented SPSHS at States last week. Huge congratulations to the entire team! Special

recognition goes to Sofia Montefusco (13th in State), Cristina Dixon (21st), and John McDevitt (72nd out of 199)—a tremendous achievement!

- v. Golf wrapped up another strong season, with Andrew Boyd, Ryan Mulac, Bryson Axelson, James Colton Watters, Rylan Frank, and Giuliana Magaddino all qualifying for Districts.
- b. Academic & Program Excellence
- i. Congratulations to Gavin Newman, recognized as State DECA's Student of the Month—a well-deserved honor showcasing leadership and entrepreneurial spirit!
  - ii. Our Chorus was selected to perform at the Candlelight Processional at EPCOT, a prestigious recognition that highlights their musical excellence.
  - iii. Our Culinary Arts students will soon embark on their "Taste of the States" field trip, exploring regional cuisines and expanding their culinary creativity.
  - iv. Our Magnet Program continues to thrive, presenting to middle schools across the area and recently winning multiple grants. One of our own, Sophia Busch, secured a grant to launch a campus composting initiative that integrates our Culinary and Animal Science programs. Her leadership has earned districtwide attention, and BCPS has selected SPHS as a pilot site for cafeteria composting—a proud sustainability milestone!
  - v. The Veterinary Assisting Program is also off to an exceptional start, providing hands-on training experiences that align with our school's environmental and health sciences focus.
  - vi. Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce that an artificial turf field will be installed for our 2026 football season, further enhancing our facilities for athletes and the entire SPHS community.
  - vii. Our AI pathway has generated excitement and creativity in our students and Mr. Rodriguez has secured a \$16,000 grant for new upgrades to equipment.
  - viii. We offer extra help on Tuesday for ELA and Thursdays for Math.
  - ix. Our teachers have been focused on finding methods to increase rigor in the classroom.
  - x. Our Brace Department is working hard to secure bright futures for our students.
- c. Campus and Community Updates
- i. Our newly repaired Marquee is shining bright out front—just in time for the many celebrations happening on campus!
  - ii. Mr. Cody, our School-related employee of the month has progressed to a semi-finalist in the District.
  - iii. We just celebrated 200 students with straight A's 1st quarter and over 500 with A/B honor roll.
  - iv. We have new cafeteria and classroom furniture as well as chorus chairs coming soon.
  - v. SPHS is actively participating in Harvest Drive collections, supporting families in need this holiday season. Meanwhile, our students are also composting pumpkins as part of our continued commitment to sustainability.

- vi. This month we also celebrate the inductions for 5000 Role Models, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL), and Women of Tomorrow- programs that uplift and empower our students to lead with purpose.

### **3. School Accountability Funds**

- a. Outstanding Fund Balance: \$6,633.00
  - i. Balance from last year was \$10,098.27. When funds were released, the day of this SAC meeting, the balance was \$6,633.00. Mrs. Jones will work with Ms. Post to determine what, if any, outstanding invoices there are from last year and why the reason for the balance difference.

### **4. School Improvement Plan (SIP)**

- a. Continuation Waiver Process
  - i. Mrs. Jones explained the purpose of the continuation waiver and the process necessary to continue the waiver for the 2026-2027 school year. SAC will evaluate the effectiveness of the waiver per data and develop the faculty waiver ballot for the faculty to vote during the next SAC meeting.
- b. Graduation Rate Update
  - i. Members were updated on the current number of Seniors needing the Reading and/or Math Assessment graduation requirement. There are 62 seniors that need the Reading requirement and 29 seniors that need the Math requirement. Ms. Ries notified members that 3 more have passed the Reading requirement.
- c. FAST Monitoring Update
  - i. Members were informed FAST PM 2 will take place on December 3, 2025. It was also shared that 5% more students had a Level 3 or higher on the FAST PM 1 this year than the FAST PM 1 last year.

### **5. SESIR (School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting) Update**

- a. No report at this meeting

### **6. South Plantation Innovation Zone (SPIZ) Report**

- a. No report at this meeting

### **7. ESE Parent Report**

- a. No report at this meeting

### **8. ESOL Parent Report**

- a. No report at this meeting.

### **9. Gifted Parent Report**

- a. Ms. Inniss reported a general meeting of the Gifted Advisory Council will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **10. SAC Employee of the month (EOM)**

- a. Ms. Zeller was nominated for the November SAC Employee of the month.
- b. Mrs. Jones motioned and Mr. Castilla seconded the motion to approve Ms. Zeller for the November SAC EOM. Members voted unanimously (13 votes total) to approve Ms. Zeller for the November SAC EOM.

### **11. SAF Update from the recent DAC meeting on Oct 8th and CAA meetings on Oct 15th:**

- a. Concerns in the area meetings regarding the new Vape Detector rollout. False alarms which will disrupt learning time, also they see more of need in high schools.
- b. Hazel Heath is no longer. Some schools were offering students a chance to have a telehealth visit while at school which could allow the nurse to administer medication (from a kit provided to the school nurse) and allow student to go

back to class rather than go home and miss school. Lots of questions and hope to get some answers tomorrow night at our next meeting.

- c. Lack of certified teachers for magnet and required courses (World history, Fine Arts). Students are unable to compete at district / state levels. Request for data on schools that are in need of certified teachers.
- d. ESE is in discussion with the board to open a district managed, parent -run autism charter school (non-profit model). Other districts have been able to achieve this.
- e. Student Advisors spoke about an AI driven voice platform which launched on CLEVER on 10/6. This is for HS only with an APP that is customizable per school.
- f. Free & Reduced Lunch: Angel funds depleted already. Questions raised about access and payments tools. Parents who can afford to pay but don't know how to access app. Payment can still be made in person if needed. Easier to track in elementary school but concern in HS who is going hungry. We need a better push or help for families that need assistance with applying. Ms Reiss stated that our angel fund is depleted. We also are serving about 300 less lunches daily. Ms. Brunache is giving out free ice cream to those students who apply. Also cards with a QR code are being sent home with students who don't have funds in their account.
- g. We have so many resources but parents are unaware of them. We need a better way to publicize student/family support (e.g. 211 hotline, homelessness, transportation, divorce, transportation, anxiety, bullying, etc).
- h. Chief Academic Officer came with the academic team. We heard from all departments. I have a link for the slideshow presented at DAC if anyone is interested. Testing Data, breaking down scores, how and who is helped with low scores.
- i. Old Business: one of the student reps asked what the Bill # is for the reduction of specialty classes like AP, and career courses. Ms. Wong asked her to email her and she would get the answer. That bill was cancelled. We will see what happens in the 2026 legislation.

## **Open Agenda**

### **1. Block Schedule**

- a. The question was raised regarding a change to the current block schedules. Ms. Ries informed members that Ms. Brunache and herself were scheduled to attend a presentation by the District regarding schedules for next year. The District cancelled the presentation after presenting the same information to the Union.

## **Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Mrs. Jones motioned and Ms. Castilla seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33pm. Members voted unanimously (13 votes total) to adjourn the meeting at 4:33pm.

Submitted by,  
Christina Jones

SAC Chair

Approval Date: