

**Coral Springs Middle School
School Advisory Council & School Advisory Forum
Agenda for the meeting held on
August 26th, 2026
8:00 AM
in the Media Center and on Microsoft TEAMS**

1. Call to Order and Attendance: Geraci and Borisoff
2. SAC Bylaws & Elections: Carrie Cusano

Beaney & Lopez- nominate Carrie Cusano SAC Chair – 24 yays, 0 nays
Cusano & Lopez- nominate Nicole Beaney SAC Secretary – 24 yays, 0 nays

3. Department Reports:

- a. Social Studies: Laurie Sloane
 - o Heroes day 9/11 through Civics – Constitution day 9/17 through Civics
 - o Global perspectives class- present a bill that possibly could be seen by the legislature.
- b. Math: Rodney Creary
 - o Math is following pacing guide
- c. ELA: Meredith Geraci
 - o Engaging with curriculum and getting to know their students
- d. Reading: Shari Kraut
 - o Students are taking the Mapp test
- e. Science: Thia Thomas
 - o Monitoring student performance
- f. Electives: Charles Dadas
 - o Debate competition next week
 - o Hosa starts Thursday
 - o Soccer teams have been established after 2 cuts.
 - o Cross country try outs are happening this week.
 - o Basketball will start earlier this year.
- g. ESE: Vanessa Lopez
 - o Over 200 students on IEP
 - o 80 students gifted
 - o 2 Specialized VE classrooms. Heyler and Smart teaching
 - o VE 6th grade (14 students) & VE 7th/8th grade groups (8 students)
 - o 2 SLP Walker and Steuber / new occupational
- h. Guidance: Nicole Beaney
 - o 1123 students/ 6th -422 / 391 7th / 8th - 310
 - o Testing updates- 9/9 6th grade ELA, 9/10 7-8 ELA, 9/11 MATH 6-8

- Peace week- City of Coral Springs -

4. School Improvement Plan (SIP): Carrie Cusano-
 - a. Due to the district by 9/8/26- collecting all the information from stakeholders to input
 - b. Focus on the lowest quartile in Reading and Math
5. District and State Testing for the 2026-27 School Year: Nicole Beaney
 - Testing updates- 9/9 6th grade ELA, 9/10 7-8 ELA, 9/11 MATH 6-8
 - PM2 December
 - Writing test in April will be grade level specific
 - PM3 May
6. School Accountability Funds: current balance- \$0
 - a. No pending requests
7. ESOL: Marielle Hilmers
 - a. 58 students active ESOL
 - b. Some more students to be tested.
 - c. 24 students need to be reevaluated before 10/4.
8. PTA Report: Jennifer Pappas
 - a. 1st PTA meeting today
 - b. Color Run is our big fundraiser this year. Pep Rally 9/18. Event is 10/8
 - c. Book Fair next week 8/31-9/4
 - d. Membership drive for teachers and staff and one for parents
 - e. Donut party for highest parent membership participation
 - f. Picture day tomorrow and Friday
9. School Advisory Forum (SAF): Mario Marcano & Nicole Kearney
 - a. SAF- bring concerns from the school level to the North area advisory meetings.
Computer availability- 1400 working on computers.
 - b. Broward powered by AI. Attended a symposium about AI technology in schools. 8/27 @ 5:30 pm
10. School Announcements: open forum
11. Safety- David Argent
 - a. Security is actively working
 - b. ID table. New procedures this year for temporary id.
 - c. Fire drill and lockdown drill were successful.
 - d. Attendance counts everyday
 - e. See something, say something. Help with controlling social media.

- f. Campus guardian angel. Drone system- drones are deployed to distract and pepper spray violators as needed. (reported by Marcano)

12. Principal's Report: Jill Slesinski

- a. Safety is always of the utmost importance. BTA chair (Argent) and vice chair (Cusano) always work diligently to get student concerns documented accordingly. Sesser events will always be reported, which include contracting, writing referrals, and conducting assessments as needed.
- b. School enrollment is done in Broward by 13000 students. Coral Springs Middle School is up in enrollment.
- c. Dual language (Mercedes Garcia) starts tomorrow. Math teacher starts on Friday, possibly early next week. Class sizes are a little higher than anticipated. Dr. Byrd is retiring on 9/2, math changes will be conducted next week.
- d. Goals this year: lowest quartile in each grade level. Tier 1: teachers are working on initiatives. Tier 2 & 3: RTI, ESE working together to provide support to promote academic growth.
- e. Schedule: currently on a 6-period day. Goal is to go to a block schedule to lower class size, give students reading and/or math both days to increase learning gains.

13. Announcement: Next Meeting September 30th, 2026, at 8:00 am

- a. Pappas and Kearney approve the calendar dates with opportunity to amend the final date.

14. Motion to adjourn: 9:27 am Pappas and Beaney