

Coral Springs Middle School
School Advisory Council
Minutes

August 27th, 2025

8:00 AM

via Microsoft TEAMS

- I. Call meeting to order by Betty Opthof at 8:06 AM
- II. Tabled Minutes from previous meetings (5/28) did not meet quorum
- III. SAC Bylaws reviewed, Committee member elections tabled until September meeting
- IV. Department Reports:
 - a. Social Studies – Mrs. Opthof-

Although we have not met as a PLC yet this year, we did meet as a department during teacher planning week. To create unity and alignment among the department, we have all decided to incorporate the Rabbit Hole strategy. This is a wall of what-if questions allowing students to research the answers to the many what-if questions we receive each year and share their findings with their classmates. Each teacher will design their Rabbit Hole display in their classrooms in a way they find appropriate for their subject and grade level. Our 2024-25 Civics students scored an 86% proficiency rate on the Civics EOC last spring. Our new goal is 90%. Global Perspectives students have started their Democracy in Action projects. The submission date was moved up this year to Sept. 19th, 2025. We will have to work hard if we want to win again this year.
 - b. Math – Mr. Creary-

Our Math goals for 2025 increased 3 points to 69%. We are looking to increase our students' learning gains. The goal is 73% for 2026.
 - c. Language Arts – Nicole Beaney reported for Meredith Geraci-

The ELA department is off to a wonderful start. We have spent the last two weeks reviewing class expectations and procedures, getting to know our students, and beginning our first units in the "Into Literature" textbook. All teachers are incorporating reading, writing, and vocabulary standards in their lessons to ensure student success in the ELA classes this year. Students will take FAST PM1 soon, which will help us further develop lessons and groups moving forward.
 - d. Reading – Shari Kraut-

We are waiting for test scores.
 - e. Electives – Charles Dadas

We have welcomed Mrs. Granada, our new band director. Mrs. Arango is teaching a 6th-period in a Spanish 1 class. She comes to us from Eagle Ridge Elementary. The kids are enjoying the elective options this year, including Robotics, Creative Writing, Technology, etc. Try-outs for the soccer team and cross country have started.

f. ESE – Vanessa Lopez-

Mr. Smart has twelve students enrolled in his class thus far. Last year, the district piloted the VE program, and this year we have introduced the program to CSMS. Twelve students rotate on a daily schedule with a modified schedule. Mrs. Stuber is our new speech pathologist. All IEP students should have received correspondence from their support facilitator. They are Carrie Cusano for 6th grade, Khadeen Bradshaw for 7th grade, and Felicia Gosnell for 8th grade. Push-in and pull-out schedules have started for speech and language; students get pulled from electives only. The ESE Advisory Council meeting will take place at Indian Ridge Middle today. The Autism Committee will be on Tuesday, September 2nd.

g. Guidance – Nicole Beaney/ Testing-

Introduction: Lisa O'Brien 6th grade / 7th Marielle Hilmers Xello, the College and Career Readiness initiative, will be rolled out through the Social Studies Department this year. Students will receive one lesson each quarter. We will also be carrying out Mental Health Resiliency Lessons, quarterly as required by the State. Our Positive Behavior Plan will now include behavior bucks. We also have an Amazon wish list. Student Government meetings will start and be held during the 3rd week of September. Peace Week is September 22-26. The testing schedule this year is as follows:

TESTING: (notes- No mixed grade levels, ELL test day of bldg. testing)

9/9 -PM1ELA 6/7/8

9/10 PM1 MATH 6/7/8

9/16 – 9/17 Makeup PM1 9/16 -17

10/6-10/10 Q1 DQE Algebra, Civics, Biology, Science, Geometry

12/2 – 12/5 PM2 Window (TBD)

12/16-12/19 Midterms High School courses

12/17 PM2 Makeups

12/18-12/19 Q2 DQE Algebra, Civics, Biology, Science, Geometry

1/12-3/12 ACCESS ELL

2/23-4/10 FAA SVE

3/2 – 3/12 Q3 DQE Algebra, Civics, Biology, Science, Geometry

3/31 BEST Writing

4/1 or 2 (TBD) BEST Writing makeups

5/11 FAST PM3- 6th grade ELA

5/12 FAST PM3- 6th grade Math

5/13 FAST PM3- 7/8th grade ELA

5/14- All Math (Algebra/Geometry EOC)

5/15 PM3 Makeups

5/19- GEARS 7th grade

5/20- Civics/Biology/Physical Science

5/21-5/29 PM3/EOC Makeups

5/29-6/3 Final Exams for high school courses

7/14-7/17 Retakes Algebra, Geometry, Biology, Civics EOC

- V. School Improvement Plan (SIP): Betty Opthof
 - a. Focus on the lowest quartile in Reading and Math
 - b. Root cause analysis – look at data “the WHOLE student”
 - c. Theme “A” for all. We are all in this together.”
- VI. School Accountability Funds- current balance: \$4,908.75
 - a. No pending requests
- VII. ESOL – Marielle Hilmers-

We have seventy-two active ESOL students thus far this year. I am responsible for ensuring we are in compliance, students are receiving accommodations, and are placed according to their level. Mrs. Heyler teaches the ELL Reading class with assistance from Martha Reina.
- VIII. PTA – Jennifer Pappas-

We currently have 155 members for the PTA. Communication is extremely important. PTA will be a part of the school's principal newsletter. We will be working to assist with the school's Positive Behavior Plan incentives. Our first fundraiser will be the Stampede Glow-a-thon. We are currently looking for sponsors. We also need volunteers for different events this year.
- IX. School Advisory Forum (SAF) - Venus Diedrick & Nicole Kearney-

There has not been a meeting yet. The first meeting will be held on September 18th. Parents should be aware of Focus. Meal benefits are ending; parents should be completing applications.
- X. School Announcements - Open Forum-
- XI. Safety/Discipline/Attendance Report – Argent-

We currently have four security team members. Open house will take place on September 4th for all grade levels. Picture day is next week. Hall sweeps have commenced for students arriving tardy to class.
- XII. Principal's Report – Jill Slesinski reported by Roxanna Matthews
Enrollment is highest among our students in 6th grade. We have not seen number like this since before Covid. This is due to Recruitment efforts, including the Cambridge Showcase and the Dual Language Parent Night. On September 4th, the café will be open at 5:00 PM to assist with online parent forms, before care, YMCA, and PTA membership.
- XIII. Announcement: Next Meeting September 24th, 2025, at 8:00 am
- XIV. Motion to end meeting: Betty Opthof motioned, Nicole Beaney 2nd the motion.