

**Coral Springs Middle School
School Advisory Council
Minutes for the meeting held on
September 24th, 2025
8:00 AM
in Room 181 and on Microsoft TEAMS**

1. Call to Order and Attendance: Betty Opthof called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.
2. SAC Committee Member Elections: The ELL and IZone representatives were nominated and voted on. The ELL nominee was Jessica Pacheco (nominated by Venus Diedrick and seconded by Melanie Borisoff. The IZone nominee was Melanie Borisoff (nominated by Venus Diedrick and seconded by Jessica Pacheco). The ESE and Gifted representative nominees, as well as the SAC officers, will be voted on during the next meeting.
3. SAC Bylaws were voted on and ratified with a unanimous vote.
4. Review Minutes: 5/28, 8/27- The minutes were voted on and approved, motioned by Meridith Geraci, seconded by Venus Dierdrick.
5. Department Reports:
 - a. Social Studies: Ms. Opthof- The Civics District Quarterly Assessment window is October 7th-10th. We are about 1 ½ weeks behind the district pacing guide. Data will be analyzed based on the benchmarks covered thus far this year.
 - b. Math: Mr. Creary- The PM1 assessment in Math was taken. Students increased by 1% from last year's PM1.
 - c. ELA: Meredith Geraci/ Reading: Shari Kraut- Teachers are currently reviewing FAST PM1 data and setting goals with students. All ELA classrooms are focusing on HMH curriculum pathway lessons and staying on track with grade-level common assessments. This week, the ELA teachers are taking students to the book fair, which is always one of our favorite PTA fundraisers. We love to see students excited about buying new books. In reading, groups are starting, and the reading teachers are using data from the beginning-of-year MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) test to guide instruction.
 - d. Science: Mrs. Henningson- A new science teacher is being hired. 6th & 8th-grade Science classes will be affected. We are doing our best to stay on track with curriculum mapping. Several field trips are in the planning process.
 - e. Electives: Mr. Dadas- The marching band is going strong after school outside. Drama is holding auditions for Seussical Act One. The soccer boys and girls are doing great. Geraci and the debate team did well at the first competition. Our locker rooms are now accessible.

- f. ESE: Mrs. Lopez- You're Invited: Informative Evening on IEP, Due Process, and Parent Support Hosted by Down Syndrome Committee of Broward ESE Advisory Council and Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization. Please join us for an engaging and informative evening dedicated to helping parents and caregivers learn about essential topics impacting students with Down syndrome. This event will cover what you need to know about Individualized Education Programs (IEP), Due Process, parent support networks, and valuable resources available in our community.

Event Details

- Date: Thursday, September 25th, 2025
- Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Location: Broward Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization Office
- Address: The Plaza at City Hall

7301 NW 4th Street, Suite 103

Plantation, FL 33317

What to Expect

- Expert guidance on navigating the IEP process
- Understanding your rights and due process procedures
- Opportunities to connect with other parents and support groups
- Access to helpful resources and information

- g. Guidance/Positive Behavior/SGA: Nicole Beaney: Elections will be held on Friday, October 3rd period via Forms. The behavior buck boutique is open for business. Students can turn in their bucks during their lunches. PM1 went amazingly, 98% tested. We are working out kinks for PM2. RTI – teachers are implementing Tier 1 strategies. Our failing, behavior, and lowest quartile students will be reviewed at the first focus group meeting. The students are completing Xello lessons, college and career readiness. O'Brien is going into social studies classes. Students are completing mental health lessons in Social Studies. Counselors are on stand-by to support. The 8th-grade New York field trip is 3/2-3/4. 39 seats have been filled. During peace week, the students will be chalking the pavement and wearing white on Friday. We are participating in Socktober again this year, collecting socks for the homeless. We also have the Kindness Krew / MTL / 5000 / HOSA clubs this year.

6. School Improvement Plan (SIP): Roxana Matthews:

- a. Focus on the lowest quartile in Reading and Math- Root cause analysis- Learning on gains on lowest quartile students is the focus, met with ELA and Math departments, asking why students in the lowest quartile are not making gains as their peers. Plans are being put in place to focus on these answers.

7. School Accountability Funds: current balance- \$4,908.75

- a. No pending requests

8. ESOL: Marielle Hilmers- We have 63 active ESOL students enrolled at the school. We are preparing for FTE week. The Human Relations Council is up and running. The first task is the No Place For Hate pledges. The Harvest Drive is coming up in November. The Toy Drive will be run through the Magic School Bus.
9. PTA Report: Jennifer Pappas- Book fair this week. ELA teachers are bringing students. Family event 4-6. Spirit wear is being delivered through 1st-period teachers. Glow-a-thon – October 8th. Fundraiser Will review “Reflection” the art project for students through PTA.
<https://csms.givebacks.com/>
10. School Announcements: open forum- No discussion
11. Safety/ Attendance: David Argent- Attendance for each grade level is as follows: 97.1% for 6th-grade, 95.77% for 7th-grade, and 95.39% 8th-grade attendance. Discipline: Tardiness / Unruly-disruptive / Disobedience-Insubordination SESIR: Vape pens. Social media is playing a part in how students access them.
12. Principal’s Report: Jill Slesinski- She logged on before a principal meeting but had to log off.
13. Announcement: Next Meeting October 22nd, 2025, at 8:00 am. Motioned to adjourn by Nicole Beaney, seconded by Meredith Geraci.