Forest Hills Elementary

School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting Minutes

Date: September 8, 2026
Scheduled Time: 6:00 p.m.
Call to Order: 6:14 p.m.
Location: Forest Hills Elementary Cafeteria

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The School Advisory Forum meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

Dr. Bogle introduced herself as the SAF Chair and North Area SAF Chair. The purpose of the meeting was explained as an opportunity to discuss the district's Redefining Our Schools initiative, review proposed changes, hear parent concerns, and provide information regarding opportunities for community involvement.

School Board-Elect Member Nicole Morst was also introduced and participated in the meeting discussion.

II. SAF Purpose and Parent Involvement

Dr. Bogle provided an overview of the role of SAF and the importance of parent and community input in school-related decisions.

The discussion emphasized the importance of parents becoming informed, attending community meetings, asking questions, and advocating for their children's educational needs.

III. District Initiative: Redefining Our Schools

Information and maps from the Broward County Public Schools presentation regarding the Redefining Our Schools initiative were reviewed.

The discussion included potential changes to school configurations, boundaries, enrollment, and the future use of school facilities.

Several factors contributing to lower enrollment projections were discussed, including:

- Cost of living
- School choice
- Charter school enrollment
- Homeschooling

- Declining birth rates

The possibility of closing one or more elementary schools while keeping other schools open was discussed. Parents expressed concern that school closures could have significant effects on students, families, staff, and surrounding communities.

IV. Forest Glen and Potential Grade Configuration Changes

The potential closure and/or restructuring of **Forest Glen Elementary** was discussed, including the possibility of students transitioning into different grade configurations and feeder patterns.

A potential proposal involving **Forest Hills becoming a K–6 school** was also discussed. Concerns were raised regarding what would happen to students after sixth grade and where students would attend middle and high school.

Parents expressed concern about students transitioning directly from an elementary setting into a high school facility and questioned whether facilities would be appropriately equipped for middle school-aged students.

V. Translation and Accessibility

A portion of the meeting was paused to provide additional information and clarification through translation.

- Mrs. Ziade provided Spanish translation.
- Ms. Fevrius provided Haitian Creole translation.

Parents were encouraged to participate and share concerns regardless of language.

VI. School Programs and Student Services

A significant concern raised by parents was the preservation of specialized programs and services currently available to students.

Parents specifically discussed:

- ESE services
- ASD programs and support staff
- Specialized student supports
- Access to programs based on individual student needs

- Maintaining equitable educational opportunities for students if school configurations change

Dr. Bogle discussed school board policies concerning equitable educational opportunities and emphasized the importance of ensuring that students continue to have access to appropriate programs and services regardless of where they are assigned.

Parents were encouraged to raise specific questions about programs and services at the September 14 community meeting.

School Board-Elect Member Nicole Morst discussed the importance of parent participation and referenced school board policies regarding equitable educational opportunities. She explained that parents would have an opportunity to share what they want and do not want at the September 14 boundary committee meeting. She also emphasized that ESE programs and services must be provided equitably wherever students are assigned.

VII. Facility Conditions and Capacity

Parents asked how the district evaluates the age and condition of school facilities.

The discussion included facility life expectancy and the percentage of a facility's useful life that remains. Forest Glen was referenced as being at approximately **29% remaining facility life** based on the information discussed.

Concerns were raised about whether proposed receiving schools and facilities are adequately prepared to accommodate additional students and grade levels.

Parents also questioned whether facilities would need to be upgraded if students were moved or grade configurations changed.

VIII. Middle and High School Configuration

A parent asked whether middle school and high school students would be separated if they were housed within the same facility.

Mrs. Hanlon explained that Coral Springs High School was being considered in part because of its ability to separate students through different buildings/areas and schedules, including separate cafeteria times.

Parents continued to express concern about whether the proposed facility would be appropriate for middle school-aged students.

IX. Parent Questions and Concerns

Parents raised several concerns and questions, including:

- How will specialized programs be preserved?
- Will students continue to receive appropriate ESE and ASD support?
- What will happen to sixth-grade students under proposed grade configurations?
- Will middle and high school students be appropriately separated?
- Will students have equitable access to athletic and extracurricular facilities?
- What will happen to gyms, fields, tracks, and other school resources?
- Will receiving schools receive facility upgrades?
- How will enrollment projections be determined?
- What opportunities will parents have to participate in the decision-making process?

Parents were encouraged to bring these questions to the September 14 community meeting.

X. Parent and Community Advocacy

Dr. Bogle strongly encouraged parents and community members to attend the upcoming district community meeting and participate in the process.

Upcoming Community Meeting:
Date: September 14, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Coral Springs High School

Parents were encouraged to attend in large numbers, provide feedback, ask questions, and clearly communicate what they would like to see happen in their schools and community.

The discussion emphasized that parent participation is an important part of the process and that parents should make their voices heard before final proposals are developed and presented.

Parents were also encouraged to continue supporting public schools by enrolling their children in public schools and advocating for public education within the community.

School Board-Elect Member Nicole Morst encouraged parents to attend the meeting, participate in the boundary committee process, and clearly communicate their concerns and priorities.

XI. Principal's Remarks

Principal Rothman thanked everyone for their participation and recognized the efforts of the Forest Hills Elementary community.

Information regarding the upcoming Ranger Bear Carnival fundraiser was also shared. Families were reminded that they may donate directly rather than purchasing a pizza card.

XII. Next Steps

The following next steps were identified:

1. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend the September 14 community meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Coral Springs High School.
2. Parents should bring specific questions and concerns regarding school configurations, student programs, facilities, transportation/feeder patterns, and extracurricular opportunities.
3. Parents interested in serving on committees related to the process were encouraged to contact Dr. Bogle.
4. Families should continue to monitor district communications regarding the Redefining Our Schools initiative.
5. Parents may contact School Board-Elect Member Nicole Morst, their school board representative, or SAF leadership with questions and concerns.

XIII. Contact Information

Parents were encouraged to retain the contact information provided during the meeting for assistance throughout the process.

School Board-Elect Member: Nicole Morst
North Area Parent Advocacy: NorthAreaAdvisory@gmail.com
Phone Contact Provided at Meeting: 770-292-0849

XIV. Adjournment

Mrs. Hanlon made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Taylor Blair and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm