

School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26, 2026

Time: 8:03 AM

Location: Davie Elementary School

Call to Order

Mrs. Arenchibia called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM and asked attendees to review the minutes from the January SAF meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded by parents in attendance. The motion carried.

Food and Nutrition Services Update

Discussion centered on Broward County Public Schools' Food and Nutrition Services Department. The department consists of approximately 30 staff members who oversee menu development and nutritional guidelines for students ranging from Head Start through high school.

Davie Elementary participates in these programs, allowing students to independently navigate the cafeteria line. Food and Nutrition Services staff regularly visit schools during breakfast and lunch periods to observe operations and gather feedback. In recognition of National School Lunch Week, district staff will visit Davie Elementary, and students from various school clubs will assist by escorting guests.

Share Table Program

The Share Table initiative was reviewed. Students may place unopened food items they do not wish to consume on the Share Table after exiting the cafeteria line. Other students may then select items from the Share Table if desired. Davie Elementary continues to participate in this program annually.

MySchoolBucks and Student Meal Accounts

The committee discussed the MySchoolBucks payment system. When students do not have sufficient funds in their meal accounts, the cost is temporarily covered through the principal's account. Families are notified of outstanding balances through email, phone calls, and text messages. While online payments incur a processing fee, families may also submit cash or checks to clear balances.

Community Liaison Support

The school's Community Liaison serves as a resource for families who may need assistance understanding school procedures and services. The liaison is viewed as an extension of the school's guidance counseling team.

Principal's Account Donations

A question was raised regarding the principal's account and its operation. It was explained that stakeholders may make donations through a designated link connected to the principal's account.

Student Dietary Restrictions

Student identification badges contain barcodes that alert cafeteria staff to dietary restrictions and allergies. Documentation from a physician is required for dietary accommodations to be implemented.

Principal's Update

Principal Collins attended the previous SAF meeting and provided district updates, including:

- Broward County Public Schools continues to utilize a Single Point Entry system at schools.
- The Raptor visitor management system screens visitors entering campuses. Should the system become unavailable, schools will manually log visitors using computers until service is restored.
- The district continues to prioritize security enhancements, including perimeter fencing projects and expanded digital camera installations.

- Upgrades to school intercom systems are underway. At Davie Elementary, wiring has been completed and several equipment casings have already been installed.
- Existing security measures include metal detectors at high schools and ongoing updates to district fire alarm systems, which will be integrated with current security infrastructure.
- A district-wide hiring freeze remains in effect, with exceptions made for grant-funded positions.
- The student laptop distribution program continues, although some families have opted out due to concerns about students transporting devices between home and school.
- All distributed laptops are required to include protective carrying cases.
- The district is reviewing stakeholder feedback regarding instructional time and teacher planning time.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.