



**Western High School Advisory Forum MINUTES**  
**FOR General Meeting held on February 24, 2026**  
***Immediately following the School Advisory Council Meeting***  
***1200 SW 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Davie, Florida 33325***

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**Chair: Nikki Watkins, JD**  
**Secretary: Nicole Henderson**

- I. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes** - A motion to approve the January 27, 2026 SAF minutes was made by Ms. Bonnie Reisler and seconded by Ms. Hansinger. Motion carried.
- III. Principals Report – This was covered during the SAC meeting.**
- IV. Old Business**
  - A. Staffing and hiring
    1. Approximately 600 district staff positions remain tied to grant funding.
    2. Schools are required to submit weekly staffing updates.
    3. The hiring freeze is not significantly impacting school security positions at this time.
  - B. Facilities concerns including elevator and athletics
    1. Inquiry was made regarding high-priority work orders.
    2. It was noted that updates are pending further district clarification.
    3. Specific concerns included athletic facilities and a broken elevator (ADA).
- V. New Business**
  - A. School level safety - No new safety concerns were reported.
  - B. Attendance concerns across demographics
    1. We discussed why showing up really matters, at school and in life.
    2. Administration noted limited consequences tied to attendance, creating challenges in enforcement.
    3. Higher achieving students are more frequently/consistently late and or absent
    4. Student perspective indicated some students feel they can complete work independently without attending class.
    5. Attendance: WHS 90.60%; BCPS 90.94%
    6. Discussion highlighted that extracurricular activities, clubs, and athletics serve as key motivators for attendance.
    7. Suggestions included:
      - i. Increasing in-class accountability
      - ii. Expanding dual enrollment opportunities
      - iii. Incorporating graded in-person work requirements
      - iv. Convening a focus group for student input
    8. Mr. Marino agreed to recruit a focus group to obtain student input

- i. Concerns were raised about sampling bias when gathering student feedback.
  - ii. Recommendation to explore targeted student engagement strategies.
- C. Student motivation and engagement discussion – this was a concern shared
- D. FLVS trends – increased enrollment and options pull from in-person accountability
- E. Student services changes
  - 1. Hazel Health ending on June 30, 2026
  - 2. Additional therapy-based applications are also being discontinued based on reassessment of needs
  - 3. Telehealth and other online services and apps are replacing in-person services i.e., Ash, etc.
- F. Instructional and Academic Topics
  - 1. No major testing concerns reported
  - 2. Questions raised regarding district guidance on AI usage in academics; no formal policy currently established; this requires further conversation at next meeting.

## **VI. Announcements**

- A. There remains a need for a parent volunteer to assist the SAF Chair, Nikki Watkins.
- B. PTSA Announcements: Helen Lacayo, reported pictures on Thursday, seniors to wear all black; A Focus course selection tutorial video is being made to support students; Senior Town hall meeting upcoming; there are many senior events coming up so please read the newsletters that are emailed weekly.
- C. Student Advisor to the School Board Announcements: Landyn A. Spellberg, not present.
- D. Request for parent-facing, teacher/administrator-led presentations to inform parents about academic programs and offerings, need presentation topics for future meetings.

## **VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 4:02 PM.**

— End of Minutes —