

School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 25, 2026 • **Time:** 3:45 PM – 4:18 PM

Location: Sea Castle Elementary School Media Center

Chair: Shanta Brown

Quorum: Met

1. Call to Order

Chair **Shanta Brown** called the School Advisory Forum (SAF) meeting to order at **3:45 PM**.

Quorum was confirmed.

2. Welcome

Ms. Brown welcomed SAF members, school administration, parents, and community participants. Members were encouraged to remain engaged in district and school matters and to share relevant SAF information with their respective school communities.

3. Housekeeping & Announcements

Members were reminded that **sign-in is required** and were asked to ensure they signed in for attendance and meeting records.

4. Presentation: Broward Powered by AI – From Vision to System Readiness

Information was shared regarding Broward County Public Schools' approach to artificial intelligence and the implementation of **MagicSchool and MagicStudent**.

The district's guiding principle for the initiative was presented as **“Human Intelligence First. Artificial Intelligence Second.”**

Members were informed that **MagicStudent is currently turned off for BCPS students**, with no active student-facing access. For the 2026–2027 school year, access is planned only for secondary teachers who opt in and complete required training. Trained teachers will maintain control over student rooms, available tools, activity monitoring, and whether rooms are active.

Members were informed that teachers will continue to maintain instructional control. AI is not intended to replace lesson design, grading discretion, instructional judgment, or classroom decision-making.

5. Open Discussion & District Updates

Broward Volunteer Form

Members were reminded to complete the **Broward County Public Schools volunteer application** and to encourage families within their school communities to do the same.

Redefining Our Schools

An update was provided regarding BCPS's **Redefining Our Schools** initiative.

Members were informed that **10 schools are currently being recommended for closure and/or repurposing:**

Elementary Schools: Banyan Elementary, Coral Springs Elementary, Dolphin Bay Elementary, Hollywood Park Elementary, Lloyd Estates Elementary, Oakridge Elementary, and Silver Lakes Elementary.

Middle Schools: Forest Glen Middle, Walter C. Young Middle, and William Dandy Middle.

The Broward County School Board is reviewing the recommendations, with a final decision expected in **December 2026**.

During the discussion, a member asked:

“Are the teachers from closed schools being reassigned? If so, why are there still so many vacancies?”

Dr. Cooper, Principal of Sea Castle Elementary, explained that teachers from closed schools are reassigned; however, some employees may choose to pursue other opportunities or retire, which can contribute to continued vacancies.

Members were encouraged to stay informed about the Redefining Our Schools process and share updates with their respective school communities.

Back-to-School Forms – Focus

Members were reminded to encourage families to complete all required **back-to-school forms through Focus**.

The importance of completing forms and surveys accurately and completely was emphasized, as the information collected can support district and school planning and other school needs.

Free & Reduced-Price Lunch Application

Members discussed the importance of families completing the **Free and Reduced-Price Lunch application**, particularly the financial information requested as part of the application.

During the discussion, a question was raised regarding why families should complete the application when students already receive free meals because the school participates in the **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**.

It was explained that, as a **Title I school**, active family participation in applications and surveys remains important. The information collected through these processes can be connected to funding, resources, and the documentation of student and family needs.

Members were encouraged to remind families that receiving free meals through CEP does not mean other requested school and district forms should be disregarded.

Title I Parent Orientation Workshop

Members were informed of the upcoming **Title I Parent Orientation Workshop**, scheduled for:

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Location: Vashti Harrison

Members, particularly representatives of Title I schools, were encouraged to attend and share information from the workshop with their school communities.

6. Questions & Comments

Questions and discussion during the meeting included teacher reassignment following school closures and the importance of completing Free and Reduced-Price Lunch information at CEP/Title I schools.

7. Adjournment

A **motion to adjourn** was made and **seconded**. The meeting adjourned at **4:18 PM**.