

School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2026 • **Time:** 4:28 PM – 4:48 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 **4:28 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: BCPS Next Generation Referendum

A brief informational overview of the Broward County Schools Next Generation Referendum was provided via video featuring Superintendent Dr. H. Hepburn

Chair Shanta Brown clarified that, in her official capacity as SAF Chair, her role is to provide information and remain neutral. She explained that in this setting she cannot advocate for or against the referendum, tell attendees how to vote, or attempt to influence their decision.

5. TEDxMiramar: Growing Up Online

Information was shared regarding TEDxMiramar, scheduled for October 3 at the Miramar Cultural Center, as noted on the agenda.

Attendees were informed that the event will feature Sea Castle alumni Kelsey Lattimore and Nya Adrien.

6. 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

Updates were provided regarding upcoming community meetings. The meeting for Walter C. Young Middle School is scheduled for September 23, and the meeting for William Dandy Middle School is scheduled for September 24.

Screen Time

The screen-time discussion carried over from the preceding SAC meeting. Questions were raised regarding access limitations and cutoff times for i-Ready and other educational applications. It was shared that the current cutoff time is 3:00 PM, after which students cannot access the affected applications. Attendees questioned whether these restrictions could be adjusted or lifted on days off from school and during holiday breaks.

Additional agenda reminders included completion of the Broward volunteer form, the 2028–29 Calendar Survey, the PTA Focus & Clever Parent Workshop, and the upcoming Title I STEM Fest.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at **4:48 PM**.