

Country Hills Elementary School  
10550 Westview Drive  
Coral Springs, FL 33076

**Country Hills Elementary  
School Advisory Forum (SAF)  
Meeting Agenda**

Monday, March 24, 2026  
9:15AM

Chair: Nicole Kearney - Vice Chair: Eunhye Leung - Secretary: Christy Edgos

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2025 and January 26, 2026
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Academics/Testing & Performance Matters
  - b. District Hiring Freeze
  - c. Nominating Committee - Marilyn Blanco, Christy Edgos and Nicole Kearney
- V. New Business
  - a. What is SAC? What is SAF?
  - b. Advisory Support Model
  - c. Region Office Support Model
    - i. BCPS Cares: [browardschools.com/BCPSCaresForm](http://browardschools.com/BCPSCaresForm)
  - d. Coral Springs Parent Education Committee
    - i. April Pools Day
    - ii. e-Bike Safety - Town Hall March 31 at 6pm
    - iii. Teacher Appreciation Week - Business Call
  - e. Future Topics from Parents
- VI. Announcements/Upcoming Events
  - a. Next North Area Advisory Council Meeting - Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:15 PM at Monarch High School
  - b. Next SAC/SAF Meeting - Monday, April 27, 2026, at 2:30 PM
  - c. Next PTA Meeting - Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 9:15 AM
- VII. Questions/Comments

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## **WHAT IS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)?**

Each school has a School Advisory Council (SAC) comprised of parents, teachers, community members, school administrators, non-instructional support staff and other stakeholders who meet regularly to establish priorities, set annual objectives, and monitor action steps for school improvement.

A School Advisory Council looks at aspects of their school as suggested by the priorities and develops a written School Improvement Plan (SIP) in alignment with the District's Strategic Plan.

- SAC is mandated by §1001.452, Fla.Stat. and SBBC Policy 1403.
- All meetings are open to the public and aligned with Sunshine Law.
- A majority (more than half) of SAC members are not employed by Broward County Public Schools.
- SAC must be representative of the school's population and must include similar proportionate percentages from different ethnic groups.

Example of a Current CHE SIP Goal: Area of Focus: ELA 3-5: By May 2026, students in grades 3-5 will demonstrate an increase from 72% to 75% in proficiency in ELA as measured by the 2026 Florida Assessment of Student Thinking.

<https://countryhills.browardschools.com/our-school/school-info/view-our-sip>

## **WHAT IS SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM (SAF)?**

Every school shall have a School Advisory Forum (SAF) that shall foster and promote communication between its stakeholders, the school and the Regional Advisory Council. The SAF shall bring forth recommendations, concerns and interests to and from their Regional Advisory Council.

- SAF is mandated by SBBC Policy 6030.
- Chair and Vice-chair shall be a parent or custodial guardian of a student who will be enrolled and attending the school during their term of service.
- A Broward County School Board employee shall not be the chair at the school where employed.
- Membership shall be representative of the school community to include parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, students of the school, business partners of the school, community members and business people.
- All meetings are open to the public and aligned to Sunshine Law.

Examples of SAF Recommendations:

- Currently the School Board is conducting Workshops to review the amount of District-mandated testing and to reduce this amount. This came in response to the District Advisory Council's Elementary Subcommittee's push to examine the amount of testing taking place in elementary schools.
- City Level Change - The City of Coral Springs now offers affordable SAT pre workshops to students who live in or attend a Coral Springs high school; the

3-day course includes lunch and snacks for the students. This came in response to a push to replace a similar program students were eligible for if they attend Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High after a boundary change removed Coral Springs students from the assigned area.

### **ADVISORY SUPPORT MODEL**

Each school has a SAF that will conduct meetings at the school. Each SAF will elect its Board, which includes the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Together they run the SAF Meetings and bring issues to the next level of Advisory.

The District is divided into four (4) Regions and each is represented by a Regional Advisory. The Regions are: North, Central, South and STO - which stand for School Transformation Office. STO covers schools districtwide that struggle historically to provide more direct personal support. We are represented by the North Area Advisory Council (NAAC). Any issues and concerns from the SAF Chair can be brought before the Council for further action. NAAC also serves to provide information on the changes to policy and procedure to SAF Chairs to then be provided to their schools. From here, information goes to and from the District Advisory Council.

The District Advisory Council (DAC) is made up of representatives from across each Region, as well as committee representatives for specific areas, for example: ESE, ESOL, Facilities Taskforce, Human Resources, to name a few. DAC takes concerns from the areas, schools and other committees and provides recommendations to the School Board and Superintendent.

As an Example: The District requires all students to wear ID Tags while on campus. This policy was brought by the Country Hills SAF to NAAC and then on to DAC and finally was implemented by the School Board.

### **REGION OFFICE SUPPORT MODEL**

The Superintendent's Cabinet is designed in a similar way. Each of the 4 Regions has a Regional Superintendent and under them are Directors, who are each assigned schools within their Region. Additionally, each Region Office has an Assistant Director.

The North Region Office provides supervision and support for 69 schools (41 elementary, 12 middle, 10 high, 2 combination, and 4 center) in northern Broward County. The North Region Office is committed to ensuring that all students have access to equitable and meaningful educational experiences within a nurturing environment that prepares them for the challenges of the 21st century.

#### **North Region Team**

Dr. Jermaine Fleming, Regional Superintendent, Teaching and Learning

Merideth Weiss Schnur, Director

Michele Stein, Assistant Director