

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

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

Monday, August 25, 2025
3:30 PM

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

- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order at 4:08pm at Country Hills Elementary Media Center.
- II. Introductions
 - Nicole Kearney introduced herself as the Chair, Eunhye Leung as the Vice Chair, and Christy Edgos as the Secretary. Christy Edgos could not be at the meeting due to personal reason.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2025
 - A motion to approve minutes from June 2, 2025 by Melissa De Rushe and Marilyn Blanco.
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. What is SAF?
 - The School Advisory Forum is a group of parents, teachers, staff, and community members who meet once a month to discuss what's happening at Country Hills. It matters for parents to be involved to have a direct voice in school decisions, learn about upcoming projects and changes, stay updated on testing, safety, and budget, connect with other parents and staff, and to share your questions and concerns.
 - b. Focus
 - Make sure to download the app and use it. It is your gateway to staying connected with your student's educational journey in BCPS. For the first time, parents/guardians with multiple students will be able to access all their students in one

place. The portal will allow you to monitor your student's academic progress, stay informed of upcoming school and district events, and allow you to communicate directly with your student's teachers.

c. Meal Benefit Changes

- This year, students are no longer eligible for free lunch unless they have an approved application. Please make sure to complete your application today at www.myschoolapps.com.
- Meal prices for elementary this year is \$0.40 for reduced lunch and \$3.00 for standard. Breakfast is still free.

VI. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- Next North Area Advisory Council Meeting - Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:15 PM at Monarch High School
- Next SAC/SAF Meeting - Monday, September 22, 2025, at 3:30 PM
- Next PTA Meeting - Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 9:30 AM

VII. Questions/Comments

- Parent asked about music special and when we will be getting a new music teacher. Ms. Meacham let us know that we have been approved to hire a new music teacher. She is in the process of looking at applications and doing the interviews to hire a new music teacher. Dr. Thomas said in the interim, the guidance counselors are running the fourth special to teach our students about emotional and social learning until we hire a new music teacher.
- A parent brought up an isolated incident that happened to her child about an assignment that was turned in but was lost. She already met with the principal and the teacher to discuss the situation but was not happy with the end result. She was advised to have additional private meeting with her teacher to resolve the issue moving forward.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:27pm by Melissa De Rushe and Marilyn Blanco

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IMPORTANT LINKS:

- Focus Information:
<https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/information-technology/focus-student-information-system>
- Meal Benefit Application:
<https://www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/food-and-nutrition-services/meal-benefits>