

## School Advisory Forum

### Agenda

January 27, 2026

1. Abilities awareness Night
2. School Choice Update
3. Entrepreneurship Programs
4. Food and Nutrition Services Department Update

Hawkes Bluff Elementary  
School Advisory Forum

Hawkes Bluff Elementary School

**Date:** January 27, 2026

**Location:** Hawkes Bluff Elementary School

**Purpose:** Review and discussion of key topics from the Student Advisory Forum held on January 21, 2026.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 2:05 pm

**Abilities Awareness Night**

- Overview of event goals:
  - Connecting students and families of all ages with valuable resources
  - Collaboration with community organizations that provide services and support for individuals with special needs
- Emphasis on inclusion, awareness, and community partnerships

**School Choice Update**

- School Choice application window remains open through January 28, 2026
- Applications must be submitted through FOCUS
- Recently closed schools:
  - Sunshine Elementary; Panther Run Elementary; Palm Cove Elementary; North Fork Elementary;
  - Plantation Middle School; Seagull Alternative High School
- Financial context:
  - Closures expected to save approximately \$8 million annually
  - Broward County has experienced a \$350 million loss over the past 10 years due to declining enrollment

– Additional cost-saving measures may follow

### **Entrepreneurship Programs**

- Overview of the Next-Gen Entrepreneurship Program

- Introduction of the “18 Under 18” initiative:

  - Recognition of 18 students under age 18 for exceptional entrepreneurship achievements

  - Community nominations encouraged

  - Nomination details to be shared with interested families

### **Food & Nutrition Services Department Update**

- USDA regulations continue to guide meal offerings

- Zero artificial food dyes; 100% beef with no soy or fillers; antibiotic-free chicken

- Daily vegan option available; partnerships with MorningStar, Tyson, and Dole

- Condiments reinstated; low-sodium seasoning options; hot sauce available

- Whole milk expected to return pending budget availability

- Portion sizes regulated by grade level; students may select two fruits and two vegetables

- Breakfast remains free for all students; lunch free for qualifying groups

- My School Bucks fee is \$2.49 per transaction; cash or check avoids fee





- Meal pricing increased by \$1 (first increase in 12 years); future increases possible



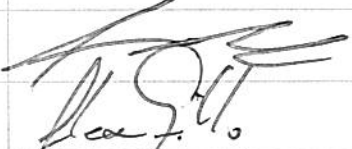
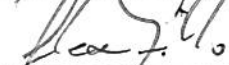



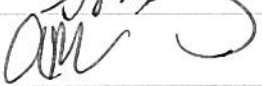

Meeting adjourned: 2:26 pm


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## ★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Hawkes Bluff ES (3131)



Date: <u>1/27/20</u>		Time: <u>1:30</u>			
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Andrews, Amanda	ESE Parent of a student at the school , SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
2	Bakal Scrima, Rebecca	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher)	Yes	No	Jessica Kemmerlin for RBS. 
3	Barnes, Cara	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	Yes	
4	Bourbeau, Richey	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
5	Cepeda, Roxana	Non-Instructional Support Employees , ESOL Parent of a student at the school	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
6	Cunningham, Melinda	Principal	Yes	No	
7	Fernandez, Yisel	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	

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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
8	Gardner, Nicole	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
9	Gastelo, Yasmin	ESE Parent of a student at the school, I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	Yasmin Gastelo
10	Greenwell, Jaden	Parent	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
11	Grillo, Alejandro	Parent	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
12	Halverson, Amanda	Parent	No	Yes	Amanda Halverson
13	Heier, Deanna	SAC Secretary	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
14	Leo, Justin	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
15	McKirchy, Allison	Parent	No	Yes	
16	<sup>Mazorra</sup> Mozorra, Michelle	Teacher	Yes	No	
17	Obrig, Paige	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
18	Ramirez, Christina	Parent	No	Yes	
19	Rogers, Ivette	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	
20	Shasa, Jodi	Teacher	Yes	No	
21	Shulman, Sandra	Teacher	Yes	No	
22	Simon, Christine	Parent	No	Yes	

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23	Thalacker, Nicole	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
24	Tincher, Patty	Parent	No	Yes	
25	Triglia, Concetta	Parent	No	Yes	<i>Concetta Triglia</i>
26	Tuttle, Bridget	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
27	Unger-Fink, allison	Teacher	Yes	No	<i>Allison Unger-Fink</i>
28	Wicker, Kathleen	SAC Chair	Yes	No	<i>K. Wicker</i>