Sawgrass Elementary
Broward County Public Schools

School **A**dvisory **C**ouncil September Minutes DRAFT
October 14, 2026
5pm in the Media Center

1. Call to Order
    - Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm
2. Approval of September minutes
    - Meeting held as an informational meeting. No quorum was present
3. Approval of October agenda
    - Meeting held as an informational meeting. No quorum was present
4. Principal Report

a. School Performance and Enrollment

- Sawgrass Elementary maintained its A rating and continues to demonstrate strong academic performance.
- District enrollment has declined by approximately 11,000 students compared to the previous year. Sawgrass currently has approximately 750 students, compared to 1,200 students ten years ago.
- Mr. DeCotis addressed concerns regarding school funding and teacher compensation, including an upcoming referendum related to staff bonuses.

b. After-School Clubs

- After-school clubs will begin October 26 and run for 10 Monday sessions.
- Approximately 100 students have registered. Offerings include LEGO, chess, yoga, coding, origami, and crafts.
- The cost is $100 for all 10 sessions, with a minimum of eight students required for each club.

5. Old Business

a. Panther Academy Aftercare

- Panther Academy currently serves approximately 120–130 students and continues to experience staffing limitations and a waiting list.
- Ms. Dixon has transitioned into a full-time school technology position. Ms. Capraro is currently overseeing the aftercare program.
- The school is exploring alternative aftercare providers to increase capacity and better accommodate families.
- Presentations were received from Sunshine Aftercare and Camp Wanna Do. Sunshine's proposed monthly cost is approximately $300, compared to the current program's approximately $250.
- Questions were raised regarding staffing requirements, background checks, student safety, and program oversight.
- No provider has been selected. Additional information and community feedback will be considered before a decision, anticipated in January or February for the following school year.

6. New Business

a. Florida School Recognition Funds

- Sawgrass Elementary qualified for Florida School Recognition Funds after maintaining its A rating.
- SAC members are responsible for determining the ballot options that will be presented to staff for voting.
- Funds have traditionally been distributed as staff bonuses. Last year's distribution was equal among eligible staff members who worked at Sawgrass for at least 91 days.
- Further discussion and approval of the ballot will take place at the next meeting.

7. SESIR Event

a. No SESIR event to report.

8. PTA Announcements

a. The PTA announced the upcoming Neon Dance on October 15 and Boo Bingo on October 29.

b. Additional fundraising and event updates were reserved for the PTA meeting following SAC

9. SAF Report

a. No separate SAF action or vote was recorded.

10. Adjournments

a. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:33 PM.

The next SAC / SAF / PTA meetings are scheduled for November 4, 2026, at 7:35 AM in the Media Center.