

# **Eagle Ridge Elementary's School Advisory Forum Meeting**

## **Tuesday, October 27, 2025**

### **Agenda**

#### **From September 18, 2025 North Advisory Meeting:**

1. Elections and Positions Filled for North Advisory
2. ESE Advisory presented by Jacqui Luscombe
3. Focus presented by Danny Tritto
4. Banners presented by Jeff Bold
5. School Nurses presented by Cynthia Dominique
6. School Lunches
7. Vape Detectors
8. Social Media
9. Redefining

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1. Meeting Etiquette
2. Vape Detectors present by Chief Michael Gregory
3. SAC Funding
4. BCPS Cares
5. Redefining Update



## **Eagle Ridge SAF Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, October 27, 2025 in the Media Center**

### **From September 18, 2025 North Advisory Meeting:**

#### **1. Elections and Positions Filled for North Advisory**

- Facilities Task Force-Muriel Theophin-Atilus
  - Teacher Representative-Sarah Marta
  - High School Representative-Jose "Joe" Morera
- Open Positions:  
Parliamentarian  
ESOL

#### **2. ESE Advisory presented by Jacqui Luscombe**

- Camera's in ESE classroom approved; no recording data saved for 30 days and only accessed if issue arises; camera's would not be installed unless every parent in the classroom consents
- Issue brought up at the broward advisory meeting was 504 plans can not be seen on Focus

#### **3. Focus presented by Danny Tritto**

- Additions made to focus is grades and test scores are updated to the minute
- Parents are urged to read the Focus handbook
- Parents addressed that not all information is shown on the app that is on the website
- School choice will be soon going through focus

4. Banners presented by Jeff Bold

- maximum size is 4x8 with no minimum size
- mandated bottom: Thank you to our partner in education
- no advertising but you can have a full color logo, QR code, email address and website

5. School Nurses presented by Cynthia Dominique

-57 schools in Broward County are without school nurses previously 63

-Parents should ask their principals:

1. Do we have a school nurse?

2. If not, who are the trained personnel available to help students in the clinic or administer medications?

-Each school is required to have at least two trained staff members capable of: Basic clinic skills and administering medications. Often, these staff members also handle other duties such as answering phones, registration, front desk coverage, and lunch supervision, which may impact their availability during emergencies and Staff may not recognize medical emergencies (ie; seizures, anaphylaxis, diabetes). Response times for 911 may not be immediate, posing safety risks.

Example used: a student in the cafeteria had anaphylactic shock, with hives up to the eyes and oxygen saturation of 70%, before being properly recognized by a parent.

-Experienced nurses are critical because fresh graduates may lack judgment in urgent situations

-Motion made to the school board to:

**We MOVE that the District place a dedicated registered nurse in every single school in Broward County, regardless of student medical necessity, each day during supervised school hours - Moved by Cynthia Dominique - second by Desiree Guell - Motion PASSED with no opposed.**

-Students K–12 can self-carry medications (rescue inhalers, EpiPens, pancreatic enzymes, glucagon, insulin) if forms are completed properly. Medication authorization details: Forms must match the prescription label exactly. Any licensed prescriber can fill out the form. Rescue inhalers may require specific spacers to match instructions.

## **6. School Lunches**

-Free school lunch will end on September 22. SAF Chairs pay attention to how students without lunch money are treated at school, whether they are being provided a substitute lunch.

District is supposed to be working to create a substitute meal that does not highlight students' inability to pay. Schools should be working with school counselors to assist parents in applying for free and reduced lunch and identifying students with unique needs.

-Some PTAs are creating funds to provide for students in need.

-Some parents, especially those new to the District not aware of how to pay for lunch and how to access the MySchoolBucks App. SAF Chairs help parents get this information.

-Chair requested T. LaPace to see about providing notice to parents where lunch should be paid for. The School Board has

directed principals to set up a budget to provide for students. -  
Some parents report schools are unable to due to funds

7. Vape Detectors

-Discussion focused on implementing vape detectors in schools.  
Vaping is a significant issue at both middle and high school levels

8. Social Media

-Discussion focused on social media use by students, particularly  
in relation to high school and middle school sports teams

9. Redefining

-Discussion about how all parents should be concerned about the  
redefining, even if your school is not listed

**From October 18, 2025 North Advisory Meeting:**

1. Meeting Etiquette

-SAF Chairs and Members must attend meetings regularly.  
Missing 3 consecutive meetings or 4 total will result in loss  
of good standing. When speaking, ask one question or  
make one comment at a time to ensure everyone has an  
opportunity to participate. Guests may speak if time  
permits

2. Vape Detectors present by Chief Michael Gregory

-presentation was delivered by Chief Michael Gregory,  
Chief Safety and Security Officer for Broward County Public  
Schools

-The program is designed to curb student vaping, promote  
healthier choices, and enhance campus safety. The  
technology will be implemented in middle and high  
schools, limited to restrooms, and the pilot phase has

recently been completed to evaluate functionality, user experience, and alert systems. The detectors identify aerosols and particulates, including THC and nicotine compounds, and send real-time alerts to administrators for rapid response. They can also help detect patterns, such as recurring locations or times of incidents. He stressed the importance of the systems as a deterrent, stating there was a documented effect from metal detectors. Chief Gregory emphasized that the devices do not record video or audio, and instead use radio-wave sensing and AI to detect air quality changes and movement, which may also help identify overcrowding, bullying, or medical emergencies.

### 3. SAC Funding

-After much speculation, it has been confirmed that schools would not be receiving SAC rollover funds this year. The new CFO has decided to eliminate rollover dollars entirely, and although schools will still receive A+ recognition and workforce education funds, those too will not carry over into the next year. Provided an overview for new SAC chairs, explaining the different types of school funding, including A+ or “accountability” funds and SIP funds.

Shared that since 2021, Broward County has not been funding schools’ SIP allocations. Recently, schools learned that their rollover balances—often used for tutoring, SAT prep, camps, and student incentives—had been wiped out without prior notice. This decision has frustrated many, as some schools had saved tens of thousands of dollars for

programs now left unfunded. Participants discussed that Broward County's justification is that the funds should have been spent within the same year students generated them, but schools have long relied on those savings to manage uncertainty in future funding. Members questioned how the district could redistribute SAC funds to cover deficits at other schools, noting that this violates the statute requiring SAC committees to vote on all fund usage. Principals in attendance agreed clarification was urgently needed, acknowledging they too were surprised and concerned. The conversation broadened into possible next steps, including contacting the School Board and CFO to voice objections and request transparency. Several attendees emphasized the importance of advocating for the restoration of funds, noting that removing school-controlled dollars undermines A-rated performance and equity. One participant pointed out that some rollover AICE dollars may be used to fund new Cambridge program startups, effectively transferring funds from one school's students to another's.

**We MOVE that the District return the Accountability Funds and SIP rollover dollars that schools had left over from previous year to the school it came from - Moved by Nicole Morst, 2nd by Danielle Dunfee. After discussion, including lack of notice and schools needing time to determine spending of the returned funds.**

**Amended motion is offered: We MOVE that the District return the Accountability Funds and SIP rollover dollars that schools had left over from previous year to the**

**school it came from and they be afforded 120 school days or until the end of the 2025/26 school year, whichever is longer, to spend those funds - Moved by TaiQuay Bogle, 2nd by Nancy Fry. Motion passes as amended with none opposed.**

**4. BCPS Cares**

-presentation was given by Farrah Wilson, who thanked attendees and introduced her colleagues from the Applications and Marketing teams. She explained that the new district website was launched to create a cleaner, more modern, and user-friendly experience. The redesign involved migrating over 80,000 pages from 235 school sites and 90 departments, a large project that took place while many staff were off-calendar. As a result, the initial rollout served as a “move-in” phase, with ongoing refinements and updates since July. While many pages still display stock photos, the goal is to replace them with authentic school images, and schools can request updates to locked sections like banners and Proud Points through an Incident IQ ticket.

**5. Redefining Update**

- Discussed the upcoming meeting on October 27 at Coral Springs High School to discuss programmatic changes at the North Area middle schools. Also pointed out that Challenger Elem. feeder middle school Westpine Middle is on the table to be merged with Bair Middle school which would be discussed at a separate meeting. During the discussion, a member referenced recent School Board



meetings, highlighting ongoing concerns about the proposed Autism school and the district's handling of related initiatives. They referred to an email that had gone unaddressed by the district for approximately 140 days, explaining that this lack of timely action resulted in the proposal being weakened and the district missing an important opportunity to support students with autism. The speaker expressed frustration that while the district delayed, Mater Academy advanced its own proposal, described as a "hostile occupation," suggesting that a quicker response from BCPS could have helped preserve a campus through a more collaborative partnership. The speaker stated they would continue to raise the issue publicly, despite pushback, because the community deserved transparency and accountability. They concluded by noting that there are different models for autism programs and that a district-managed specialized school could still be a positive option if handled with care and urgency.



## Sign In Sheet

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