



Lakeside Elementary School
School Advisory Forum (SAF)

April 22, 2026

Agenda

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. New Business
- IV. Open Agenda- Questions and Concerns
- V. Next Meeting- May 27, 2026- joint meeting with SAC @2:20 pm in Lakeside's Media Center

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Lakeside School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting Minutes

4/22/2026

Meeting called to order at 3:11 pm

SAAC General Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12

Presentation by Dr. Lacesha Cooper, Supervisor of College Career and Life Readiness, on Supporting Student Success through BRACE and Xello

- BRACE Advisors, counselors, and school staff collaborate to provide continuous, school-based guidance for student postsecondary success.
 - o Considered a multi-year readiness process
 - o BRACE Advisor (Broward Advisor for Continued Education) help students navigate enrolling, enlisting, exploring, or getting employment after high school. They assist with college options, application processes, and financial aid information.
 - o BRACE Advisors also help families understand graduation requirements and promote equitable access to education planning and pathway resources
 - o BRACE Advisors are embedded in high schools to provide ongoing support throughout the year
- Xello supports student planning from elementary thru high school with interactive student-centered platform where students explore careers and research postsecondary options
 - o Different programs for K-2, 3-5, middle school, high school which are self-paced
 - o Program has a matchmaker quiz to help students find jobs that match their answers to various questions
 - o At elementary school level, schools have done assemblies, incorporated this into reading block rotation, used this in curriculum leading up to Career Day
 - o Broward is #1 in state for Xello usage
- BRACE and Xello work together and create consistent messaging and support across schools and grade levels
- Xello offers tools and data for career exploration, while BRACE Advisors provide personalized guidance to interpret it
- BRACE cadet program for 10-12 grade students to become BRACE peer advisors
- CCLR team, south region support is Dr. Nancy Whittaker, nancy.whittaker@browardschools.com
- Website for more info:
 - o School Counseling website: www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/school-counseling
 - o College, Career, and Life Readiness website: www.browardschools.com/bcps-departments/school-counseling/college-career-life-readiness
 - o There is a Canvas course which the presenter navigated through various programs for each grade level
- Upcoming event on 4/22: Senior Year Starts Now, Step by Step Plan for Life After High School (webinar)
- Contact School Counselor to receive family portal link for Xello. If you have multiple children, then you only need one account to see all children's information

- Students are not required to meet with BRACE advisors during their high school career; however, they are encouraged to. BRACE advisors do meet with groups of students and students can later schedule one-on-one meetings or communicate directly with BRACE advisors. There is only one BRACE advisor at each high school.
- For ESE, students and their families work with the ESE department for post-secondary planning and vocational rehab. ESE takes the lead and brings in BRACE advisor if needed.
- On a separate topic, all schools also have one CTE advisor.

Open Discussion

- Nominating Committee – all positions for next year are open
- Meta glasses
 - o Discussion at recent disciplinary committee meeting
 - o Prescription Meta glasses are not permitted during state testing, SAT/ACT due to AI functionality and the opportunity for recording, cheating. Current rules allow students to wear them in classrooms and committee wants to change language to be stricter.
 - o They are used for students with dyslexia, reading to blind students, etc. Translation for ESOL students. New rules need to take into consideration these necessary accommodations.
- Redefining Our Schools
 - o Upcoming workshop (5/12) is a recap of this year and what to explore next year.
 - o It is anticipated that enrollment will decrease by 10k next year.
- Budget decrease by 10% due to lower enrollment numbers in February count, original numbers were based on October. If school feels they won't have a drop in enrollment, they can reach out to budget office.
- Proposed referendum
 - o 75% would go to staff supplements
 - o 18% for mental health
 - o 7% for security
 - o This will be on November ballot
- Transportation Efficiencies for the School Choice Program
 - o Magnet programs, school choice programs discussed at recent workshop
 - o Idea to use "smart stop" where local high school will be pick-up/drop off spot for magnet schools.
- Before and After Care – not discussed.

Next meeting on May 20, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm

Approved 4-22-26

Lakeside School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting Minutes

3/25/2026

Meeting called to order at 3:18 pm

SAAC General Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Pines Middle School

Presentation by Angela Fulton, Deputy Superintendent BCPS on Regional Offices Support Model

- Explanation of regional offices and school transformation offices are structured to support schools and communities and the role each plays in delivering direct support to students and families
- Regional office benefits:
 - o Setup to be a hub to support parents, provide connection between school and district offices for parents
 - o Help parents resolve problems which cannot be resolved at school level
 - o Direct support to principals and school leadership
 - o Ensure consistency, accountability, and rapid response to school needs
- Currently there are three regional offices (north, central, and south) and school transformation office (STO established in 2024)
- STO follows structure in Miami Dade (Dade has ETO). This office supports a unique structure of schools (low achieving schools which needed more individualized support)
- BCPS student population is 187,847 with 226 schools
- Our model is similar to Dade, Palm Beach, Hillsborough, Orange, and Clark counties
- North region covers 66 schools, Central region 65 schools, South region 75 schools, and STO 20 schools
- Each regional office has a superintendent who represents superintendent at a regional level as well as directors (2 for STO, and 4 for each geographic region) who work with principals and school leadership teams to support day to day implementation district initiatives; there are also assistant director for each office who assists and responds to parents' calls and concerns. Asst director manages operational responsibilities to ensure principals can devote their time to instructional leadership
- Our south regional office is located at WCY campus, Alan Strauss is south area superintendent
- BCPS was rated "A" district for the second year. Two years in a row with no D or F schools, and the number of C-rated schools reduced from 70 to 34 at the end of 2024/2025 year
- BCPS credits their success to the establishment of regional and STO offices
- Vision of 2026/2027 year is to strengthen regional office model, a student-centered vision which brings ESE, mental health, social work, wellness and coordinated student health, and behavioral and tiered intervention support brought to regional level
- Regional office feedback requested, QR code provided
- Dr. Fulton addressed concerns regarding testing as follows:
 - o This year the testing calendar was given with what was mandated and what was not
 - o Schools have three I-Ready checkpoints, three checkpoints (PM1, PM2, PM3), local assessments which are decided by principal/teachers
 - o Looking at testing calendar to scale back in future years

Presentation by Director Luwando Wright and Patricia Ciceron from Federal Programs Department

- Provide overview of department, highlight services and operational support to schools, present key programs and funding alignment, and explain relationship to Free and Reduced Lunch data
- This department was formerly known as Title I Migrant Education and Special Programs and now aligned under Title I Part A, Title II Part A, Title I Part C, and Title I Part D
- Department serves the following Title 1 schools -- 169 public schools, 93 private schools, 46 charter schools, 19 neglected residential facilities, and delinquent facilities
- Title I funding support includes, but not limited to, staffing positions, professional development opportunities, and parent engagement activities
- Parent engagement opportunities include events like STEM Fest (3 times annually), Parent Training Academy (6 annually)
- Fund allocation model has student's economic need as the primary indicator.
- Currently district has 61% threshold for Free and Reduced Lunch to receive per-pupil allocation. Higher poverty schools (75-100%) receive higher per pupil allocation
- Each Title I school is required to have a parent-family engagement plan
- This department submits an application on behalf of the schools which qualify, and the schools should have a plan on how to use the funds
- Any questions, you can call 754-321-1400

Open Discussion with Alan Strauss

- Board workshop on 3/24/26, one topic is redefining process i.e. what was decided this year, what will happen with district spaces where schools are closing. Next workshop in May 2026 the discussions of redefining phase 3 which begins next school year
- Clarification on hiring freeze – there is a freeze but still hiring for certain positions. If a teacher leaves at the end of the year, likely a sub or a district staff member would take the role to finish the school year. Teachers will likely be hired over the summer for next school year.

Next meeting on April 15, 2026

Next SAF meeting at Lakeside will be on 4/22/26 in the media center, immediately following the SAC meeting which starts at 2:20 pm.


Meeting adjourned 3:28 pm

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Lakeside ES (3591)

Date: 4/22/24

Time: 2:20pm

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Amaro, Marie	SAC Secretary, Teacher, Gifted Parent of a student at the school	Yes	Yes	<i>M. Amaro</i>
2	Batista, Yomaira	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<i>Y. Batista</i>
3	Biesel, Tara	SAC Chair	Yes	No	<i>Tara Biesel</i>
4	Chavez, Alexandria	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<i>Alexandra</i>
5	Cortes Ayala, Melanie	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher)	No	Yes	
6	Deonarinae, Patty	Parent, Community / Business Representatives	No	Yes	
7	Gautier, Briana	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	<i>Briana Gautier</i>
8	Lafortune, Ann-Sofie	ESE Parent of a student at the school, ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	<i>Ann Sofie</i>
9	Lengnick, Georgina	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	<i>Georgina</i>
10	Lopez, Jennifer	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	

Date: <u>4/22/26</u>		Time: <u>2:00pm</u>			
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
11	Oureshy, Dara	Parent	No	Yes	
12	Rini, Sherry	Parent	No	No	
13	Rodriguez, Riquelme	Principal	Yes	No	

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Lakeside ES (3591)

Date: 11/22/20

Time: 2:20pm

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Amber RIVERA	✓	—	BCPS	Amber Rivera
2	Zoe Leas	✓	—	BCPS	Zoe Leas
3	Elaine Cantillo	✓	X	BCPS	Elaine Cantillo
4	Rita Rodriguez	✓	—	BCPS	Rita Rodriguez
5	Monica Ramussen	✓	—	BCPS	Monica Ramussen
6	Latrice Daniels	✓	—	BCPS	Latrice Daniels
7	Selene Ruiz	✓	—	BCPS	Selene R.
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