



Lakeside Elementary School
School Advisory Forum (SAF)

October 22, 2025

Agenda

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. New Business
- IV. Open Agenda- Questions and Concerns
- V. Next Meeting- November 19, 2025- following the SAC meeting which starts at 2:20 pm in Lakeside's Media Center

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Lakeside School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting Minutes

10-22-25

Meeting Called to Order at 3:02 pm

South Area Advisory Council

October 15, 2025 Meeting

Presentation by Ms. Ciotti, Director of ESE Specialized Instruction and Dr. Shapiro, Director of School Counseling

- Ms. Ciotti spoke about ESE department has 3 functions – curriculum, support & compliance, and specialized instruction
- Enrollment of ESE students has been stable and increasing even with school population totals decreasing
- Sabrina Sheib is ESE Director of Curriculum Pre-K through Transition
- Stephanie Acosta Castro is ESE Director for Support/Compliance Pre-K through Transition
- Andrea Ciotti is ESE Director for Specialized Instruction Pre-K through Transition
- Heather Katcher is Director of Coordinated Student Health Services
- Dr. Shapiro spoke about the Mental Health department
- Vernicca Wynter is Director of Mental Health Services
- Primary programs supporting mental health including resiliency education, suicide prevention, etc. There is also a free family counseling program (up to approx 12 sessions)
- Dr. Jodi Washington is Director of School Culture and Student Support
- Dr. Shapiro is the Director of School Counseling.
- School counseling has three domains: academics, college & career readiness, and personal & social
- Direct services offered by school counseling include: individual counseling, small group counseling, and classroom lessons
- Inner Explorer is a mindfulness app to help manage everyday stress
- Help is Here campaign to ensure students know there is a trusted adult if they need help
- Xello is a comprehensive college, career, and post-secondary platform, grades k-12. There are other apps that help with college, career, and life readiness
- Recovery services implement trauma-responsive and grief sensitive approaches to support academic achievement, behavior, and resiliency.
- Marisa Sotelo, Director of Student Services Department. Mission is to promote academic achievement by removing social and emotional barriers to success for all students in BCPS.

- This department includes – district attendance office, foster care & prevention services, homeless education, school social work services

Presentation by Alan Strauss to review items discussed at recent school board meeting

- Code of Conduct discussion at recent school board meeting regarding cell phones; it was amended and only specific to high school students – they can use their cell phones only at lunch time.
- Facility rentals policy was discussed by school board members. No more leasing of facility as previously stated in policy language. If a school allied group wants to do a fundraiser on a weekend, it requires certificate of insurance and additional paperwork/approval.
- Banner policy creates uniformity around banners hanging at schools.
- Redefining Phase 2 presented at workshop last week. There is a meeting on 11/13 at Miramar High School.
 - o Pines Lakes and Palm Cover potential merger
 - o Fairway and Sunshine potential merger
 - o Glades Middle School closing as a middle and transitioning to technical school
 - o Everglades zone to have all elementary schools become a K-8
 - o WCY to turn it into a gifted/dual language academy
 - o Panther Run to merge into Chapel Trail, or stay open and collocate with autism school within the school
 - o Silver Palms elementary to move from Flanagan to West Broward zone
 - o Hallandale magnet high school possibly turned to sister high school with Pompano Beach high school. Choice program, 4-day school week; west boundary of Hallandale to become part of Miramar boundary
- School choice window begins November 3rd
- HB 1255, HB 1105 – legislation allowing charter schools to occupy public school buildings “rent free” and district must share funding (effective 7/1/25)

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm

Approved 10-22-25

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9-24-25

Meeting Called to Order at 2:51 pm

Overview of Improvements to Customer Service and Accessibility Across the District Website presented by Farah Wilson

- BCPS websites were overhauled for the new school year
- 235 school sites, 90+ department sites, ultimately 80k landing pages
- Push over the last year to market BCPS. From Dec 2024-June 2025, there were 1200 enrollment inquiries. From July 2025 – September 2025 there were 1070 enrollment inquiries (when “enroll now” button was added to district website)
- Individual school websites are similar to district site
- Schools can edit the homepage, but not the structure of the homepage
- Images to go on “hero showcase” are vetted before school can use on homepage to ensure they are in line with branding/identity.
- Channels for additional feedback: future focus groups/surveys, area and student advisories, district and school web content manager trainings and support
- Each school has an Outlook calendar which feeds directly into school’s website, schools designate someone to manage that
- BCPS Cares was launched this year for submitting school-related concern
 - o Speak with teacher, guidance counselor, staff member
 - o If not resolved, school principal
 - o If not resolved, contact regional/assistant superintendent’s office by calling or web submission form
- Do not submit multiple concerns on the website regarding same issue as it can slow the process down, someone will always reply within 48 hours

Update from District Advisory Council meetings, priorities, and initiatives presented by Cynthia Dominique

- Story shared regarding portables/modulars at a school did not have intercom system; she asked that parents go back to their schools to ensure their “relocatables” have communication
- Budget training on October 29th at 6:30pm via TEAMS which explains how district and schools are funded
- Discussion on Title I, previous district threshold was 51% students on free and reduced lunch. This was increased to 62% (Miami is 75%)

- Strong push for everyone to do free and reduced lunch application regardless of income, because loss of \$\$ can result in loss of teacher.
- Ask principals what happens when student doesn't have money for lunch
- Some schools do not have school nurses due to funding issues, important to find out if school has one
- Some school staff can be certified to administer medication, but they are not nurses
- Presenter shared a story about a contracted nurse at her child's school who had less than a year of experience where BCPS requires nurses to have 2 years of experience
- Every school has access to telehealth. Clinical nurses rotate between about 15 schools throughout the week
- Policy 1930 – regarding banners, district suspended policies on this, now there is clear design standards and guidelines for banner creation
- Policy 820 – facilities request, principals do not charge groups for events
- Classrooms for ESE students, self-contained classrooms, Policy 4900 regarding cameras in these classrooms (all parents need to opt in)
- FOCUS – parents having difficulty finding 504 plan in Focus. Also archived IEPs cannot be sorted, difficult to look through since they aren't in date order
- Students are given surveys, if wanting to opt-out you need to get the form from district website
- September 29th 6:30pm via TEAMS is a training for current/potential SAF chairs
- Schools will receive A+ funding in October
- For anyone interested DAC group meets 2nd Wednesday of every month (next on 10/8)




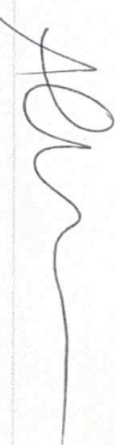

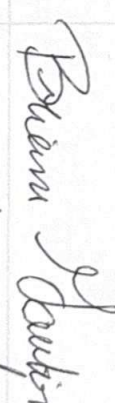

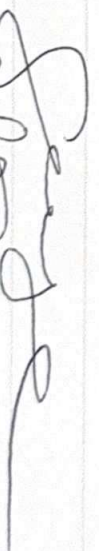

Election is vacant SAAC positions.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:19 pm

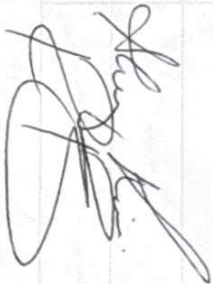
★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Lakeside ES (3591)

Date: 10/22/25

Time: 8:20pm

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBEC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Amaro, Maria	SAC Secretary, Teacher, Gifted Parent of a student at the school	Yes	Yes	
2	Batista, Yomeira	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
3	Biesel, Tara	SAC Chair	Yes	No	
4	Chavez, Alexandria	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
5	Cortes Ayala, Melanie	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher)	No	Yes	
6	Deonarirae, Patty	Parent, Community / Eusiness Representatives	No	Yes	
7	Gautier, Briana	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
8	Lafortuna, Ann-So'fie	ESE Parent of a student at the school, ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
9	Lengnick, Georgina	BTJ Stewarc (or designee)	Yes	No	
10	Lopez, Jennifer	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	

Date: <u>10/22/25</u>		Time: <u>2:20 PM</u>		Sign Here
SAC Member Full Name		Position		
11	Qureshy, Dana	Parent	SBEC Employee	Parent of Student
12	Rini, Sherry	Parent	No	No
13	Rodriguez, Riquelme	Principal	Yes	No



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#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	M. Restrepo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2	Bonnie Bernstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	Rita Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4	Melissa Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5	Amber Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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