

Falcon Cove Middle

School Advisory Council

Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 8:35 am



Call to order



Principal Report



Approval for February 2026 minutes



Budget Report

a. Accountability as of March 24, 2026

\$ 2682,80

b. School Recognition as of March 24, 2026

\$ 5685.52

c. Budget Requests



Presentation

a. SESIR (School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting)

b. Overview of State and District Assessments



Upcoming events



Adjournment




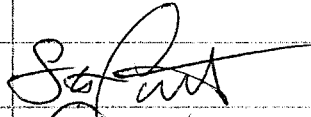
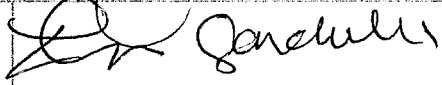
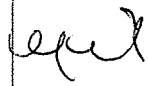


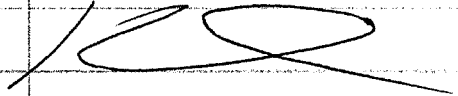
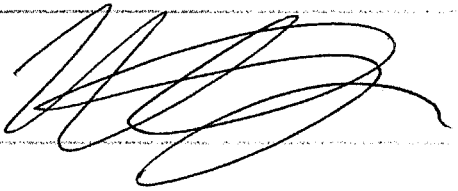
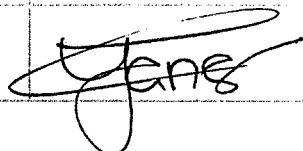
Next Meeting date: April 30, 2026

SAF Meeting 9:00 am

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Falcon Cove MS (3622)

Date: March 26, 2020

Time: 8:30 am

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Apraiz, Florencia	ESE Parent of a student at the school , SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	No	
2	Braud Jr. , Bryan	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
3	Carruth, Steven	Principal	Yes	Yes	
4	Gandullia, Elsa	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
5	Garcia, Connie	Non-Instructional Support Employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
6	Malone, Judith	BTU Steward (or designee) , SAC Chair / Co-Chair	Yes	No	
7	Manes, Coral	Community School Representative (if applicable)	No	No	
8	Phan, Phuc	Parent	No	Yes	
9	Roca, Jennifer	Parent	No	Yes	
10	Saddler, Craig	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	Yes	Yes	
11	Shaller, Meridith	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	Yes	Yes	
12	Singh, Khandra	SAC Secretary , Teacher	Yes	No	
13	Snell, Adelina	Community School Representative (if applicable)	No	Yes	
14	Strohminger, Nicolas	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
15	Tobares, Vanessa	Parent	No	Yes	
16	Yanes, Cristina	Non-Instructional Support Employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	

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#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1		Robin Rubin			
2	Dara Martina				
3	Shawn Smedley				
4	BRIAN FERNANDEZ	yes			
5	Theresa Schwager	yes			
6	Nick Strohminger		✓		
7	Madison S				MS
8	Kiara Nunez				K.N
9	Laurie Zlichow	yes	yes	-	
10	Laura Pantin	yes	no		Laura & Pat
11	Kami McLaughlin	yes	no		
12	Jhana Arrien	yes	no		
13	Francheska Diaz Whit	yes	no		
14	Meredith Cardini	yes	yes		
15	C. Lawford	yes	no		
16	Richard Keeney	Yes	No		
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**Falcon Cove Middle School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes
February 26, 2026**

A meeting of Falcon Cove SAC was held at FCMS in the Nest Media Room. Judith Malone called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

A motion to accept January's minutes was approved.

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Falcon Cove Middle School Advisory Council was held in The Nest on February 26, 2026

SAC Chair Judith Malone called the meeting to order at 8:35 am

Secretary Kalondra Singh will record the minutes of this meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting minutes of January 2026 were considered.

Judith Malone - motioned to approve the January 2026 Meeting Minutes.

Kalondra Singh – 1st

Kami McLaughlin – 2nd

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Principal Report by Mr. Carruth: "Trip to the Moon" is happening this Thursday and Friday. The Flight of the Falcons is happening on February 27th. Finances are struggling in the district; there are potentially five elementary schools and one middle school that will be closing. The district is on a hiring freeze. No open positions due to staff placement from closing schools.

Falcon Cove's enrollment is stable; we take 200 reassignment students per year. If we did not accept reassignment, our numbers would drop significantly. Peer counselors are visiting the elementary schools; we have been consistently proactive to gain new students. The state is expecting us to lose 7-9,000 students for the next school year. This issue is impacting schools statewide. Private schools have seen an increase in enrollment due to the voucher program. The ESE Dept has lost one paraprofessional position. There are security vacancies on campus currently. Our core class size is still below the average size of Broward County.

Budget Report and Updates by Mrs. Judith Malone: The account is currently at \$5685.52. School Recognition is currently \$2682.80. There are no new budget requests; funds are going to calculators and certificates for the honor rolls. PTSA has funded the reading camp for after school.

FOCUS allows us to recognize if students are ESOL, ESE, and we are now able to pull the testing data of their students. This helps for teachers to differentiate instruction and reinforce skills across all classes.

PBIS would like to have a walkthrough with the school for a model school recognition application. *Shoutout to PTSA and teachers for the continued support of the Falcon Feather program.* Falcon Cove was chosen as a taste test pilot for new items being presented to schools soon. *Shoutout to Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Singh for the Black History Exhibition and the Black History Doors.* Yearbook is coming to a close and May 22nd will be the yearbook signing party.

SESIR Report by Steven Carruth: Can be found on the school website. The report for Falcon Cove is behind/delayed.

PTA Report: Flight of the Falcons is February 27. We look forward to a successful and fun time.

Upcoming Events: Flight of Falcons will be held on Feb 27th.

Department Updates

Math Report by Kami McLaughlin: The math department has been going strong continuing its tutoring programs with Cypress bay and the morning HS math study sessions. We did extremely well on BSA 2 and are preparing for the last BSA before Spring Break.

The Math Club is very busy. We have won 4 team and multiple individual awards at the Mu Alpha Theta competitions in January and February. This weekend will be the MathCounts County competition, where we will compete for a chance at the State.

Yesterday, we competed in MathCON. 90% of the club was awarded outstanding achievement. Invitations to Nationals in Chicago will be sent out on Pi Day.

We have been participating in Engineering Month through MathCounts with various activities and engineering enriched challenges. Today we will be building Boat Hulls with nets and matching them up to the US Navy ships.

World Languages Report by Clara Martinez: Students will be taking a placement test at Cypress Bay High School. 200 students were tested, and most of them were placed into AP or AICE. The kids did outstanding.

Fine Arts Report by Theresa Schrager: The drama production will be held February 26 – 27 and March 5 - 6. Creative writing is also entering the Holocaust reflection competition.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:10 AM

Judith Malone - motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 AM

Kalondra Singh - 1st

Richard Keery – 2nd

Motion carried unanimously by vocal affirmation.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2026

Submitted by:

Kalondra Singh

SAC Secretary

Draft



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Judith Malone - motioned to approve the February 2026 Meeting Minutes.

Meredith Schaller – 1st

Theresa Schrage – 2nd

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Principal Report by Mr. Carruth: The last round of PM testing is approaching. The Writing test will be held from April 7 – 10; the bell schedule will be the same as it's been for previous testing this school year. The State is saying that the Writing test will not be counted towards their ELA score this year. May will be the PM3 testing, as well as the EOCs for Algebra, Geometry,

Civics, etc. Teachers have about 12 more instructional days before PM3 begins. The initial budget projection has been given; this is an estimate. The district-estimated student count 1,991 which is the lowest its been for FCMS. This number is not reflective of what we will actually have; we will most likely have more students than the budget estimates once the actual projection is seen at the beginning of the school year. The district is facing about 9,000 – 12,000 decrease in student enrollment. FCMS is holding steady with enrollment. We are getting a new school monitor on campus.

Budget Report and Updates by Mrs. Judith Malone: \$2682.80 is the school recognition balance and \$5685.52 is accountability funds. SAC will be covering calculators, and PTA will be doing certificates. No current budget requests or funds available.

Course recovery has begun and students are being pulled; the amount of students that are in course recovery has drastically decreased.

SESIR Report by Saddler: The report can be found on the school website. It has not been updated since Sep/Oct. We are still dealing with vaping infractions both THC and nicotine. There has also been an uptick in bullying and harassment.

PTA Report: April 22nd is 6th grade dance. First week of May is teacher appreciation. No stress fundraiser is still ongoing. New board members are being sought out.

Upcoming Events: Testing. Yearbook signing breakfast on May 22nd. EOY 8th grade award ceremony is 28th and the 29th is the 8th grade dance and the 8th grade field trip is March 27th.

Department Updates

Math Report by Kami McLaughlin: The math department is working on finishing up standards while addressing weaker standards based on data from the BSA 3 in Algebra/Geometry and PM2 in 6-8 grade mathematics. Our BSA results in Algebra and Geometry were outstanding. The district is rolling out Khanmingo, powered by Khan Academy. Our teachers will be starting training on it on April 6th, along with a FAST/EOC prep training.

Our Cypress tutoring is still going strong. We have 5 more sessions for the year. We continue to encourage Algebra/Geometry students to come on Wednesday mornings for study sessions.

The Math club is wrapping up. We have 2 students who qualified for MathCON Nationals in Chicago. Four students traveled to Daytona Beach over spring break where we took 2nd place in

Cyphering, 8th place team and Roy Deng took 7th place individual. On the latest ASMA report, we are still going strong internationally. We are in the top 12 teams, with a lot of ties that will hopefully be broken over the last 2 contests. The last Mu Alpha Theta competition is this Saturday at Nova University.

ELA Report by Laurie Reichow: ELA teachers continue to work on writing skills through a variety of activities and lessons such as short and extended response prompts in addition to essays. The ELA teachers are also working on orienting students to the FAST practice portal and tools for BEST Writing which looks slightly different this year.

Technology Report by Brian Fernandez: Certification testing has begun, and 153 students have certified which is triple the amount of last years' certifications. Python has 31 passing and 7 for redemption. The chess students won a high school level competition that students decided to independently enter and travel to.

SCIENCE: There was a 98% pass rate in Biology BSA. We have 16 sections of Biology which is higher than other middle schools.

World Languages Report by Clara Martinez: The World Language competition is happening in 2 weeks, and students are preparing.

ESOL Report by Johanna Arien De Camejo : Students are attending the ESOL showcase; students and families are very excited events will be declamation, spelling bee, impromptu speaking. ACCESS testing is complete; first year for online testing and it worked better than paper-based.

Fine Arts Report by Theresa Schragar: Several competitions have been going on. Beetlejuice is coming up and parents are helping to design the sets. Dance is having a Spring how. A film festival will be happening. Holocaust Contest at FAU earned honorable mentions for students.

Social Studies Report by Shaun Smedley: Finished BSA and results are very good. Broward Standard Assessment for Civics. 80% in green and yellow is 90%.

Shoutout: Technology staff for preparing computers and conducting repairs to ensure smooth testing. Custodial staff for consistently amazing work and dedication. PBIS team for staying up to date with Model school requirements. PTA for unending support. Security for upholding service in the midst of shortages.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:06 AM

Judith Malone - motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 AM

Kalondra Singh - 1st

Cristina Yanes – 2nd

Motion carried unanimously by vocal affirmation.

Next Meeting: April 30, 2026

Submitted by:

Kalondra Singh

SAC Secretary



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School Advisory Forum (SAF) Minutes
March 26, 2026

A motion to begin at 9:08

1st – Richard Keery

2nd – Meredith Schaller

- Vape detector roll-out delayed
- EdFed expanded into Broward County offering Financial Literacy for staff
- Academic presentation given on the additional options that Broward County students have over attending a private school; 45 transfer that have come back to Broward County Public Schools from private school
- The closing of schools is still ongoing; changes still being made
- Rental spaces owned by district are going to be repurposed and leased out to save money
- Chief Safety and Security Officer presentation given on emergency preparedness; no changes being made
- BCPS is under a hiring freeze for any positions not seen as a necessity
- District is looking at updating the Physical Education policy and models
- South Area Council is down several positions that they are looking to fill – teacher, citizen, and legislative positions available