

Everglades High School
School Advisory Council (SAC)
March 24, 2026
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:24pm by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez.
- II. Welcome to our March meeting.
- III. Attendance taken. Quron not met, but no voting taking place today.
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
 - a. Approval of February 24, 2026 minutes.
 1. Motion to approve started by Mr. Klasner
 2. Motion second by Dr. Mahecha
- V. New Business
 - a. Customer Service Survey
 1. Sent out to parents 3/23/26.
 - Quota needs to be met. 20% of parent population, 40% of students, 60% of staff.
 - Reminders will be sent out weekly.
 - BCPS wants to know how we are doing as a district as a whole.
 - b. Guest Speaker: Bob McKinney from the Dept of Secondary Learning, BCPS
 1. Presentation geared towards parents as a brief overview of what is offered at Everglades High School.
 - How can BCPS help?
 - i. Time and money.
 - ii. Take advantage of what is being offered at the high school level.
 - Dual Enrollment
 - i. College courses taken while still in high school.
 - ii. Students receive both high school and college credits.
 - iii. High school students can take courses with a dual enrollment partner (ex BC, FIU, etc).
 - iv. Help with academic record by improving GPA.
 - v. High school student can almost graduate with an AA.
 - vi. No extra cost (free tuition/textbooks).
 - vii. Student needs to qualify (GPA, etc).
 - viii. Dual enrollment credits are guaranteed to transfer into in-state Florida colleges.
 - Advanced Placement
 - i. College level courses taught by BCPS school teachers at the high school campus.

- ii. Students have to be motivated.
- iii. Earn college credit if score 3 or higher, but it depends on the college.
- iv. Qualifies for Bright Futures.
- v. Credits transfer easier to out-of-state colleges.
- Cambridge
 - i. Structured -seven courses - core groups & electives.
 - ii. Diploma qualifies for Bright Futures.
 - iii. Credits transfer easier to out-of-state colleges.
- Scholarships
 - i. A lot of scholarship opportunities are left on the table.
 - ii. Bright Futures include service hours, some working hours can count for service hours.
- Action Plan for families start now
 - i. Talk to your children, talk to the school counseling department.
 - ii. Look at colleges, college board website, create timelines by grade level, back up plans. Plans save time and money. Highly competitive time.
- A lot of colleges are looking for well-rounded students.
- Take advantage of what is being offered at the high school level

VI. Reports

a. Principal's Updates.

1. SAT Grant

- We signed up for an SAT grant.
- The grant is offered so we can get competitive scores.
- Parents stated that outside tutoring is expensive.
- One of the requirements was that we had a someone speak regarding our advanced academics (Bob McKinney).
- This is aligning with the vision I have to expand our post secondary access. We are in a climate where we need to be competitive. Next year we will have 14 dual enrollment/college credit courses. Thankful to AP Ms. Roman and the school counseling department for maximizing our school hours.

2. Concerns

- Students are being dropped off in the middle of the road.
- Students are parking in the area between our school and Glades Middle. The City will be coming to look into those cars parking there. Possible towing will take place.
- Tardies and Early Sign Outs – We want the students in school so we can prepare them for testing. There is tutoring happening during school hours. We are maximizing school hours.

- We have information from the Budget Dept. They are projecting less students for next school year than what we currently have (1800). We have to stand out more and market our school.
- 3. Everglades High School Updates
 - Math Modeling Team competition went well.
 - We have great talent, great programs, and passionate teachers.
 - We are receiving communication from kids who want to attend our school.
 - We are an AP Honorable School because of the number of exams we give – over 730 exams for the year.
- b. SAC Accountability funds is \$31, 916.27
- c. School Environmental Safety Incident Report (SESIR)
 1. Mr. Smith stated we are in a good place.
 2. Number of referrals this year close to 95.
 3. Most referrals are due to skipping and out of area.
 4. No one has brought anything of concern to admin.(Parents were asked if they knew anything, there was no response).
- d. School Improvement Plan Monitoring
 1. Ms. Thompson stated she had a meeting with Principal Duperval.
 2. How is she going to meet the 65%?
 3. Assistant Principals are required to meet individual goals.
 4. Learning gains have been an issue. Students are passing but they are going down (ex 5 to 4).
 5. Monitoring needs to happen, which will begin next year.
 6. ELA is going to close the gap next year with unit-based assessments showing that students are doing well on particular standards.

VII. Subcommittee updates

- a. Student Concerns
 1. No students present.
- b. Reading and Language Arts
 1. Tutoring
 - There is tutoring during the school day. Students need to be in class (study hall).
 - 9th and 10th grade attendance have been good.
 - Extra support provided to high level 2s that need strategy level instruction. Tier 2 based instruction.
- c. Social Science / CTE / Technology (Mr. Henry)
 1. Social Science / CTE
 - Teachers prepping students for US History EOC.
 - Administered District BSAs
 - Internal data is promising for how they will do on the EOC.

- Study Hall review sessions on silver days with a new way. Each student is expected to receive 11 review sessions. All students welcomed.

2. Technology

- We are in the middle of an audit.

d. Science (Ms. Roman)

1. Biology working on analyzing data from BSA. We are at 88%. We continue to celebrate success
2. We have one Biology teacher retiring.
 - Other teachers have stepped up to pick up classes.
 - Review sessions during study hall will continue to be done.

e. Math (Mr. Smith)

1. Tutoring
 - Tutoring is happening Tuesdays, Wednesdays and also during study hall.
 - EOC will be on May 12.
2. Observation
 - When I am observing a class, I am not only observing the class (teacher) he is also observing the students.

VIII. PTSA Update

1. Not present.

IX. Unfinished Business

1. None.

X. Announcement(s)

1. Next meeting April 28, 2026 in the media center.
2. Zone talent showcase April 9th at 5:30pm.

XI. Adjourn-The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm by Ms. Thompson, second by Ms. Rodriguez.