

Everglades High School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 16, 2025,

Location: Everglades High School, 17100 SW 48 CT, Miramar, FL 33027

A. Call to order

B. House Keeping: Reminder to sign in.

C. Previous Month Minutes Approval: November 2025 Meeting Approved

D. District Advisory Committee Updates

a. School safety and Security: Chief Michael Gregory

i. Raptor Screening, and Access to Schools-

1. Single Point of Entry Concerns: Remote Door unLocking not always working, thus having staff to manually unlock the door was brought up highlighting safety concerns.
2. Also discussed was the constant defection of the Raptor System (which checks against the National Sex Offender Registry on a weekly basis)
3. Visitor vs. Volunteer: Everyone MUST check in at the front desk. Visitors are escorted at all times, whereas volunteers have had to undergo a thorough background check (at the very minimum a level 1 BC, or level 2 for chaperoning field trips and overnight stay, and coaches)

ii. Campus Monitor Staffing

1. HIRING FREEZE announced on December 8th, by Superintendent Hepburn
2. Security Specialist is currently at 93% staffing capacity with 737/789 not including School Resource Officers (SROs). The Ratio for campus monitor to students/campus size depends on baseline security needs and SESIR data
3. Campus security or Police determination for events: based on the nature of the events, leadership assessment and walkthrough of the campus to assess the needs and allocate security accordingly.

iii. General Campus Safety

1. Perimeter Campus fences: Security Risk Assessment is performed to assess viability of request.
 - a. Millions of dollars are allocated for fencing.
 - b. In the event, a fence is damaged, such request will be forwarded to the Maintenance & Repair department. If the cost to repair is beyond the repair threshold, then the request may be escalated for a Security Risk Assessment to determine if a new fence is needed and the level of prioritization.

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2. Doors: ALL doors must remain locked so long there are students present and instruction occurring. The one Exception to the rule, is having someone at arm's length of the door. Failure to lock door can result in noncompliance with the State.
 3. PA System: It was confirmed by Chief Gregory that in accordance with the State law, all schools across the county including temporary/movable buildings have functional PA systems
 4. Visual Alerts for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH Alert): Concerns routed to the district for remediation
- iv. Cameras
1. There are current over 12,000 cameras installed across the districts with more than 18,000 views being fed to the District Security and School Administration (DSA) office.
 - a. Restricted user permission only and SROs are approved to view footages.
 - b. Footage kept for 30 days then archived.
 - c. Outdated cameras are being upgraded/changed from analog to digital.
- v. Emergency Response
1. Alyssa Alert Panic Button: State Statue Requirement.
 2. Allows school staff to instantly notify law enforcement and first responders of a life-threatening emergency
 3. Available webinar and training available- contact school administration
- vi. Open Carry Guidance- Florida's No-Carry Law prohibiting firearms on school grounds.
1. NOT ALLOWED_ WILL RESULT IN ARREST
- b. Academic Updates, Melissa Holtz- Director of Elementary Learning**
- i. Secondary Academic Topics
1. AICE Expansion: Concerns are being raised from many school principals being unaware of available funding for the expansion of the AICE program. A cost details summary is being requested and will be made available soon. Also contact the school's AICE coordinator.
 2. PM 1 and 2 Student Performance Concerns
 - a. Students are purposely failing or not trying their best for the above subtopic, causing delay in needed help.

E. Important Dates

- a. December 17, 9:30 AM
 - i. 9:30 AM_ South Area Advisory meeting

Pines Collegiate Academy: 200 Douglas Rd, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

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- ii. 6:15 PM_ ESE Advisory Council

Plantation Middle: 6600 W. Sunrise Blvd, Plantation, FL 33313

- b. January 6, 2026, 8AM via Teams_ DAC Steering Meeting

- c. January 14, 2026, 6:15 PM (2nd Wednesday of the month)

- i. DAC scheduled meeting

Kathleen C. Wright (KCW) Boardroom 600 S.E. Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

- d. January 19, 2026, 8:30AM-11:30AM Policy Review Meeting

- e. January 22, 2026, 7PM via Teams_ SAF Training

- f. January 27, 2026, 3PM

- i. SAC Meeting

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- g. January 29, 2026, 7 PM-9 PM

- i. DAC Advisory Chairs Roundtable

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- F. Meeting Adjournment : 4:47 PM**