

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida**  
**Central Area Advisory Council – General Meeting**  
**Indian Ridge Middle School**  
**March 20, 2025 9:45 – 11:45 am**  
**Minutes**

**Call to order:**

- Welcome and Meeting Etiquette
  - inform Chair prior to recording meeting to allow those that do not want to be recorded to move from the view of the camera
  - questions will be taken at the end of the presentation
  - raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged
- Membership Explanations: DAC representatives must attend monthly DAC meetings to maintain their seat. After 3 absences, the seat is vacated.
- Move approval of November, December, January and February Minutes to next month

**School Spotlight by I-Zone:**

Boyd Anderson: BAHS introducing equestrian studies for '26-'27 school year. Oriole ES – still celebrating Ms. Blue and hosted successful math night + honor roll. STEM night at Broadview ES.

Dillard: Rock Island hosted reading event. Zone event for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for 4<sup>th</sup> annual Career City at Dillard Elementary with over 70 vendors.

Fort Lauderdale: Harbordale visited by Dr. Hepburn for breakfast. Ft Lauderdale High School 149 students earned their AICE diploma, a full scholarship by finished 7 AICE courses + talent show. Kid of character program. Bayview student won first place for Black History Month essay contest and went to Tallahassee. Debate team preparing for competition at Western High School. Gearing up for testing with math and science camps.

Nova: 2 elementary schools are undergoing construction in bus loop and parking lot. Nova High School had Lion King. Middle School pre-law programming preparing for We the People competition.

Piper: 10 schools participated in special Olympics. Focusing on Cambridge program, 100% Cambridge certified schools. Hosting Career Day. Piper High school will host career pathway night.

Plantation: Panther Prowl 5k at Sawgrass ES + Partnered with new Barnes and Noble to host a reading night + putting on Lion King show in May. Mirror Lake had first Dolphin Dash – raised over 48K for new basketball court pavilion. Plantation MS 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent night. Peters ES focused on upcoming PM3 and upcoming ESPN night. Central Park has summer camp registration opening + Spring Music showcase.

South Plantation: Seminole MS literacy at Barnes in Noble on April 9. Band won excellence rating at MPA with new band director. South Plantation HS working on projects with FAU for thriving ecosystem with community impact. Seminole MS hosted first bingo night, and all South Plantation ES host bingo night. Tropical had matriculation visit to Seminole. Zone event held at South Plantation HS ending with a song by all ES, MS, and SPHS choruses.

Stranahan: Meadowbrook hosting special Olympics soon + hosting ELA and math camps for 125 students. North Fork partnering with Soles for Souls - over 400 pairs of shoes were given. Riverland – ASD and PreK programs added. Stephen Foster – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade multicultural concert and upcoming arts showcase. New River MS – ecology club participated in BC Water Matters event + participated in ROV competition. Stranahan boys' basketball – STATE Champions! Seagull Alternative HS – hosted spring dance and upcoming awards ceremony. Zone meeting will be on May 13.

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Western: Flamingo ES – book fair and Grandparents Day upcoming. Silver Ridge – Boy Scouts Garden project during spring break. Western High school collaborating with Indian Ridge to bring JROTC next year.

**New Business:**

The Nominating Committee was created with the chair appointed. The committee will present its recommendations for each office at least 2 weeks prior to the election.

Midge Royer, chair  
Ebonni Chrispin  
Cyndi McCord

**Brooke Bordy, Superintendent Task Force**

Dec. 17 – SBBC Workshop: A motion passes to open Policy 1070 and policies related to advisories for rulemaking.

Mid Feb – Superintendent’s office posted Policy 1070 redline (changes included term limits) and presentation consolidating 19 advisories to 5 or 6 (see March 4 SBBC Agenda)

March 4 – Superintendent’s presentation and redline pulled from consideration. Task Force created. 11 members: 2 superintendent appointees, 1 appointee per board member.

Task Force met March 13 (recording available on Beacon). Created 3 subcommittees: Advisory/Community Feedback, Liaison Feedback, and Documents. Will meet again first week of April. Please email all feedback to [Supt\\_taskforce@browardschools.com](mailto:Supt_taskforce@browardschools.com).

**Updates:**

**Pamela Taylor**, Superintendent Review Committee (SRC) Report  
No more meetings for rest of school year, emailed report

**Dee Defoe, CAAC Chair Report**

1. Invite/email to school improvement Q4 virtual training April 9, 10, 11. SIPs are due Aug 1. Request to ensure emails are up to date.

**Wednesday,  
April 9, 2025**

AM Session All Regions  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

PM Session All Regions  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.

**Thursday,  
April 10, 2025**

AM Session All Regions  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

PM Session All Regions  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.

**Friday,  
April 11, 2025**

AM Session All Regions  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.

PM Session All Regions  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.

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2. School budgets are usually done at SAC/SAF meeting in May. DAC hopes to do an online training, maybe over spring break. Please look at training before signing school budget.
3. Website Redesign. They are holding a website redesign focus group in April. There was concern with previous presentation that it was static screen shots and not the live website. Also concern with the small focus group and their ability to provide adequate feedback.
4. Discussion of Broward Estates. History. Current Climate. Concerns about STEM feeder pattern and afterschool activity bussing. Suggestion for Broward Estates Community Task Force. Explanation that staff are visiting and reviewing MLK ES (Ms. Hudge) and Plantation ES (Dr. Toomer)—looking at classrooms, curriculum, books, IT, etc.

“September 17, 2024- a community town hall to discuss redefining several schools, including Broward Estates. There were many schools discussed, and only one public comment on BEE, to ADD an early learning center. No one advocated for closing the school.

(Dr. Wanza states the District will come back to the community in October to discuss what she believes the superintendent will recommend, before going to the board, but they did not).

October 8, 2024- A proposal to close Broward Estates and repurpose into an early learning center was brought before the board for consensus. This proposal was said to be based on discussion from the September 17 community meeting at Dillard. The board was informed that the community had asked for Broward Estates to be repurposed into an early learning center. There was also mention of having employees work out of the building. The board members present reached consensus. No one from the Broward Estates community was present. All other schools made multiple proposals. Broward Estates had only the option to close.

November 18, 2024- The district came to Broward Estates Elementary with the one proposal that the board had already given consensus on. This was to combine BEE with MLK and make Broward Estates an early learning center. The unanimous parent input was to keep BEE a community school. Parents asked for alternatives to closure.

December 2024- Boundary Committee votes AGAINST closing Broward Estates.

January 22, 2024 - The school Board votes to close one school, Broward Estates Elementary, against the recommendation from the Boundary Committee.

On February 27, 2025 I attended the BEE SAC meeting. Dr. Wanza, Joe Beck, and Dante Collins were present. Dr. Wanza fielded all questions regarding the closure, where students will transfer to, concerns about bussing, programming, creation of the Early Learning Center, and availability of Head Start.

On March 3, 2025 BCPS hosted a community meeting about the Creation of the Early Learning Center and the programming that should be available. Dr. Wanza moderated and answered questions. Dr. Hepburn, Dr. Holness, and Ms. Hixon also spoke and answered some questions. The

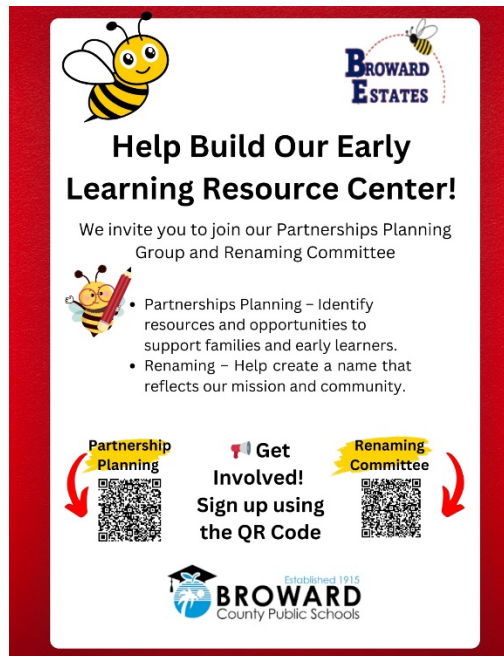
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overwhelming feedback was emotional rejection of the decision to close. There were many questions about the unused bond money and where it will go. There was a formal call for a board member to bring the closure back for a vote. Many programming ideas were floated by the District and some audience members, but given the contentious atmosphere, there was no consensus. I think it will be necessary for the District to gather community input regarding community programming on another occasion or in a different manner.

I feel two important commitments were made during this March 3 meeting. Dr. Hepburn and Dr. Wanza both confirmed that Head Start will be available starting in August and that all community programming will be free. As of now, Broward Estates is not on the Head Start list for August. There have also been many mentions of "community partners" dating back to the Sept 16 meeting at Dillard. Personally, I don't believe that any of the services should be for-profit or business oriented. One idea from this meeting was to offer partnerships with organizations already active and invested in the Broward Estates neighborhood."

There are meaningful opportunities for you to continue making an impact. BCPSs are inviting stakeholders to participate in the **Partnerships Planning Group** and the **Renaming Committee**, both of which will play a vital role in supporting Broward Estates Elementary's transformation into an Early Learning Resource Center.



5. Discussion about doors. Dr. Toomer – follow up request to answer on door safety problems.

**Dr. Nathalie Lynch-Walsh**, Audit, Facilities Task Force and District Advisory Reports

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- Concerns about consolidation of Facilities Task Forces.
- Work orders – concerned about massive backlog. Nova HS, Dillard and Western all have highest number of open work orders. SAF chairs can and should have list of open work orders—principal should have it.
- Comments about Western – Indoor air quality report and toilet concerns. Request for Chief Paul to come discuss facility concerns.

**Dr. Toomer, Superintendent Report**

Tech colleges have high LPN nursing testing scores in the state. As we start 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, gearing up for testing and graduation. Successful Career Path Day. Beautification in progress at MLK. Ms. Hudge holding STO roundtable—includes facilities. Dr. Hepburn and students in Tallahassee to advocate for Broward.

**Announcements:**

Quarterly SAC/SAF virtual training April 9, 10, 11. Will be discussing items from the meeting agenda.

Meeting Agenda:

- 2025-2026 School Improvement Plan Pre-Planning (SIPs due for all schools August 1, 2025)
- BCPS Customer Survey Window: March 3 - May 2, 2025
- 2024 -2025 School Improvement End-of-Year Checklist
- School Improvement Support and Updates
- Present potential improvements based on survey results

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 minutes for new members):

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329>

Volunteer Application

[Get Involved with BCPS / Volunteer Services \(browardschools.com\)](#)

**Dates to Remember:**

DAC General Meeting on April 9, 2025 at 6:15 pm

Website: [Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com](http://Browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com)

Central Advisory General Meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 9:45 am

Location: Indian Ridge Middle School Media Center

**Adjourn: 11:48am**

2024-25 Meeting Dates

August 15, 2024 9:45-11:45 am  
September 19, 2024 9:45-11:45 am  
\*October 16, 2024 6:30-8:30 pm  
November 21, 2024 9:45-11:45 am

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\*Evening meeting from 6:30-8:30 pm