

South Area Advisory Council  
Agenda  
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 9:15 am – 11am  
Pines Middle School  
200 Douglas Rd, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

Chair – Carmelo Borges III  
Elementary Vice Chair-Opal Raglin-King  
Secondary Vice Chair-Laurel Garfinkel  
Corresponding Secretary-Antoinette Bailey  
Recording Secretary – Maria Bracamante

1. Call to order

**2. Housekeeping:**

Please remember to sign in. All representatives are required to attend meetings, missing more than three consecutive meetings or four in a year will result in removal.

**3. Ethics Training:** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329>

Access annual required training via the Committee Training Program & Resource Page

4. New Business

**a. Metal Detectors - School Board Policy 2010 - Metal Detectors on School Board Property**

Ernie W. Lozano Task- Assigned, Chief Safety & Security Officer – Regional Superintendent Alan Strauss gave an update. Metal detectors have been effective this year. They have deterred students from bringing weapons on campus. Teachers and staff are not required to go through the detectors.

**b. Student Services Initiatives**

- FLDOE Feedback on Local Reproductive Health and Disease Prevention Curriculum
- Curriculum is required to be transmitted to the state for feedback. PowerPoint was reviewed with the recommended changes from the state. The sections identified need to be reworked and submitted for School Board approval and then resubmitted to the state for approval.
- For comments or questions contact information:  
[familylifehumansexuality@browardschools.com](mailto:familylifehumansexuality@browardschools.com)

**c. School Safety – Continued Issues**

Mr. Strauss provided clarification on how situations were identified. There is an annual fire and safety inspection at every school. Physical Plant Operations (PPO) oversees the maintenance of district buildings.

- AC's / Chillers not working – A/C will go out if the fire alarm is triggered.
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors – School Board approved carbon monoxide detectors for schools.
- Smoke Detectors

- Who checks facilities prior to the start of school? Maintenance personnel at the school checks the facilities.

d. **Recess** – following issues were raised about recess:

- Teachers not providing full 20 min
- Being used as a punishment if classwork not completed
- “Indoor Recess” Teacher is grading while students are on CPU
- Laps rather than non-structured activity
- [F.S. statute 1003.455](#) - (6) In addition to the requirements in subsection (3), each district school board shall provide at least 100 minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week for students in kindergarten through grade 5 so that there are at least 20 consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day. This requirement does not apply to charter schools.
- If anyone has concerns about Recess, speak to your principal first. If the issue is not resolved then call the South Regional Office, 754-321-3200

e. **Title 1 Funds – Effect on Schools**

- Free and Reduced Lunch Application
  - Not being filled out as kids already have free lunch
  - Marketing needs to fill out application
    - Possible loss/decline of funds if not filled out
    - Other opportunities for students (Not paying for field trips)

f. **Redefining Schools**

- Meeting Dates
- Schools being discussed

g. Office of Inspector General Ballot question.

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/80598>

**Ballot Language**

- *"Amends the Broward County Charter to allow the Broward County Inspector General to provide inspector general services to The School Board of Broward County and the constitutional officers of Broward County if the applicable entity (The School Board or the constitutional officer) contracts with the Broward County Office of Inspector General and with Broward County regarding such inspector general services."*

**h. Policy 1280 School Advisory Forum**

Motion to approve Policy 1280 as amended. Made by Linda Ferrara, seconded by Carmelo Borges. Passed unanimously.