

Deerfield Beach Middle School

SAC Minutes - 9/3/2025

Attendance: Dr. Kears-Creech, Ms. Scott, Mrs. Philpart, Mrs. Mays, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Dunfee, Mrs. Matias, Deputy Williams, Dr. Fulton, Mr. Lubin, Mrs. Rock, Mrs. Golding, Ms. Ali, Ms. Butler, Ms. Murphy, Mrs. Paslowski, Mrs. George, Nash Bennett, Ms. Townsend, Ms. Davisson, Mrs. Smith

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Deerfield Beach Middle School, School Advisory Council was held on 5/7/25. Chair Erika Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:48pm. Dr. Kears-Creech will record the minutes for this meeting.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, at this time they will be accepted as is and placed online in draft form. Mrs. Philpart discussed the FAST-testing calendar. Testing will begin with reading on September 9th, following with math beginning on September 16th.

Algebra and Geometry students do not take PM1 or PM2 assessments. The schedules are altered so that students see all their teachers during the day. The assessments are adaptive.

Dr. Fulton gave the principal's update: We were 3 points away from reaching a grade of B. This year we are working on reciprocal teaching as a strategy. This strategy will be used in every classroom. This year the enrollment is at 1080. We are short of about 60 students. Several of our ESOL population have left the country or state. A small portion of the students went to charter schools.

The school grade was a C; we increased by 5 percent. 56% of our students are reading above grade level.

Our learning gains decreased by 4 points, which means the students are not getting a year's worth of growth; these are our advanced and honors students.

There was a 90% passing rate for Biology, algebra students were in the high 80s. Math overall increased by 5 points. Priorities this year are to get to a score of 55%. The 8th grade general studies Science test is the hardest test; it goes back to what they learned in 6th grade.

Teachers will be working with a variety of instructional practices to get students where they need to be.

Dr. Fulton reviewed the school's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Only a minimal amount of the 10,000 dollars that was asked for last year was spent. IReady assessments were just finished.

The district will visit tomorrow to look at the instructional practices.

Progress monitoring will continually be in progress. We will continue to have monthly data reviews. Administrators meet with teachers, and teachers meet with students. Schedule changes were made this week due to low enrollment.

Our staff was reduced by 3 teachers. These teachers had substitutes, since teachers were not hired from teachers who left the profession or retired. The average class sizes are not 25.

Mrs. Dunfee asked when FTE takes place, it is in October. Ms. Butler asked about camps. Dr. Fulton stated that he would work on those after assessments are finished.

Mrs. Bennett reviewed the SAC budget: The SAC Budget can be utilized yearly for Staff Development, Preplanning, ELO Tutoring, and substitute coverage as needed. Dr. Fulton advised that any money he asks for is used for student achievement.

Mrs. Bennett reviewed the School Advisory Council By-Laws purpose. Membership rules were reviewed. We need an IZone representative. Ms. Dunfee explained that the Izone representative goes to our 5 feeder schools. The ESOL parent will be called to see if she would like to continue. We need an ESE student. Mr. Lubin is the community-based representative. Deputy Williams is also our community representative. We must always have quorum to vote. All votes must be conducted in person. Officers do one annual term. Votes will be in October. All statutes and policies must be fulfilled.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on 10/1/25 in the Media Center and via teams.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Mrs. Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Juanita Kears-Creech,

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: _____