

# Deerfield Beach Middle School

SAC Minutes - 11/05/2025

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**Attendance:** Dr. Fulton, Dr. Kears-Creech, Mrs. Alli, Mrs. Golding, Mrs. Bennett, Deputy Williams, Ms. Gabby, Ms. Esther, Ms. Wa, Ms. Woodson, Ms. Butler, Ms. Dunfee, Ms. Mays, Ms. Matias, Ms. Limage, Ms. Dieujuste

## **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Deerfield Beach Middle School, School Advisory Council, was held in the media center on 11/5/25. Chair Erika Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. Dr. Juanita Kears-Creech will record minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes will be accepted in draft form to be uploaded in the SAC composition.

Dr. Kears-Creech advised parents that the SIP and Title 1 addendum is located on the school's website. Mrs. Bennett, magnet coordinator, advised that the school choice application window is 11/3/25-12/19/25. The roadshows are in the works to recruit. Last year we brought in over 100 students. IB parent night will take place on 11/18/25 6:00-8:00 pm. The rotary club, ECO Arts, DBHS, Atlantic Tech, and auxiliary team have all been invited. October 31<sup>st</sup> was a magnet redefining event at DBMS. The school did a fabulous job. JBTV did their first interview with Dr. Fried (director of magnet innovator) With the redefining of schools, there are will be only 1 IB magnet school in the north area and 1 in the south area. The district did not extend the transportation boundary line. Ms. Dunfee stated that she feels there is a disconnect between middle school and high school. She stated that it is very hard to get into the IB high school magnet school. Mrs. Ali disagreed, stating that the IB program provides a variety of avenues. Ms. Ali stated that the students are on the path to success, and it is a hard program. She stated that you have to look at the whole program. Ms. Dunfee stated that Pompano is a safe bet as a magnet school. Ms. Ali stated that she feels the students just look at Pompano being a 4-day week. Ms. Ali stated the IB program that it is very competitive, very personalized, and based on the student's end goal. Ms. Ali stated that the students are prepared when they get to university. Dr. Fulton stated that the diploma program is very rigorous, and the district is starting to merge Cambridge with IB. Ms. Dunfee stated that parents don't understand that there is also a Cambridge program that students can go into. Ms. Ali stated that students with the IB diploma get college acceptance wherever they apply with full funding.

Ms. Bennett stated that there are 50 IB ambassadors. IB shirts came in today and students will wear them on 11/18<sup>th</sup>. The district regional expo is on 12/9/25. There is only one this year for recruitment.

Mrs. Ester asked about the event being held tonight. The event is an ELL parent night from 6:00-8:00. Dr. Fulton(principal's update) shared a video of redefining school's visit. Dr. Fulton stated that he will be downtown tomorrow reporting on the school's progress for the first quarter. The data is better than we were this time last year. Last week the science department was trained in annotating and guided reading. Truancy increased in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade last year. We have implemented a plan with the counselors. There are 12 days before PM2. One area that needs improvement is math 6<sup>th</sup> grade from PM1. The curriculum is being spiraled, with a review of previous covered material during the warmup. The basketball team won yesterday.

SAF worked with the district to allow us to get our SAC budget back. We can now work to ensure Saturday camps and other initiatives. This year the money must be spent, there will be rollover. In 2020 the state stopped replenishing SAC funds. Whatever is not spent from class wallet, that money will roll into the SAC account.

Mrs. Bennett discussed the FACE plan. The district requires more artifacts. Items must be uploaded each month. Ms. Matias stated that anything dealing with community will stay up. The next Parent Engagement will be 11/20/25. There is a partnership with the ART classes, and they are working on a Native American project. The Art classes will be going on a field trip to POW WOW. Eco Arts will be doing a 6-week in-house field trip, run through Dr. Balesteri's class. Dr. Fulton stated this is focused on project-based learning.

Ms. Dunfee stated that FAU does hands-on marine projects, and maybe we can invite them.

The SAC/SIP yearly budget may be used for Instructional and Non-Instructional Staff to assist with substitutes, pay for ELO (i.e. pull outs and or AM/PM tutoring) Staff Development, Before and after school events, and Preplanning as needed.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on 12/3/25 in the media center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Erika Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:44pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Juanita Kears-Creech,

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_