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**District Advisory Council**  
The School Board of Broward County



Questions

**General Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, 6:15 pm - 8:45 pm**  
Indian Ridge Middle School  
1355 S Nob Hill Rd, Davie, FL 33324

Chair – Cynthia Dominique    Vice Chair – Dee Defoe    Recording Secretary – Michael Pezzicola  
Corresponding Secretary – Antoinette Bailey    Communications Chair – Brooke Bordy

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. by Chair Cynthia Dominique.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led at 6:23 p.m.

## Housekeeping & Governance Reminders

Governance documents reviewed: Policy 1070, Policy 1.2, DAC Committee Bylaws, Florida Sunshine Laws, and Robert’s Rules of Order.

Members were reminded:

- All representatives are required to attend DAC meetings.
- Missing more than three consecutive meetings or four meetings in a year may result in removal.
- Failure to complete Ethics Training results in members not being in good standing.
- To sign in upon arrival.
- To raise colored placards to be recognized for speaking or voting.
- The Chair will allow one round of comments per member before opening a second round if time permits.
- Additional questions may be submitted via the QR code on the agenda for follow-up.
- To remain respectful, concise, and mindful of time.
- To register for reminders and updates at: <https://browarddistrictadvisory.ch2v.com/>

### 2025–2026 Remaining Meeting Dates:

- March 4
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10

# Approval of Minutes

## January 2026 DAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Bob Mayerson; seconded by Linda Ferrara.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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## District Updates

**Presenter: Dr. Veda Hudge, Assistant Superintendent, Schools Transformation Office (STO)**

### Hiring Freeze & Teacher Staffing Follow-Up

Discussion continued from the prior meeting regarding staffing deployment.

#### Headquarters Staffing Overview:

- Approximately 1,000 individuals in HQ services.
- Over 500 are social workers and support personnel who cannot be reassigned to classrooms.
- Approximately 200 positions are grant-funded and restricted by grant requirements.
- Approximately 100 individuals identified as potentially deployable.

#### Current Deployment Status:

- 60 staff members deployed to schools to fill open instructional positions based on background and certification.
- 30 staff members remain available for deployment.
- Schools are required to submit updated staffing needs weekly (every Monday).

An estimated 1,200 students who previously did not have a teacher now have coverage (estimate provided; not official district data).

#### Concerns Raised:

- What happens in several months when the 1,200 placements need long-term solutions?
- What supports may be impacted by pulling staff from other roles?
- Whether ESE, support facilitators, or other critical roles are being reassigned.
- Whether formal written guidance exists specifying which roles cannot be touched.
  - District indicated guidance exists but is not a blanket prohibition list.

#### Follow-Up Requests:

- Identification of the specific prior roles held by individuals who were reassigned to classrooms
- Clarification on what operational or student-support functions are now left open as a result of those reassignments, and what risks those vacancies may create.
- Identification of specific roles that will NOT be reassigned (e.g., ESE, support facilitators, other protected positions).

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## Safety & Security Updates

The district reported being in final stages of security staffing assessment, noting daily movement of staff to address gaps.

### Concerns Raised by Members:

- Length of time to determine final staffing levels.
- Clarification on whether security positions are funded by referendum dollars.
- Reports from schools suggesting conflicting information regarding whether security roles are subject to the hiring freeze.
- Continued concern that board-level messaging indicates no safety impact, while schools report unfilled security roles.
- Perception and public messaging concerns, including comparisons to private school safety.

### Follow-Up Requests:

- Clarification regarding hiring freeze applicability to security staff.
  - Data on funded vs. filled positions.
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## Facilities Updates

### Presenter: Mark Dorsett, Task Assigned Chief of Operations

Chair acknowledged Mr. Dorsett's responsiveness earlier in the year regarding modular classroom intercom concerns, noting a rapid turnaround from Friday report to Monday resolution.

### Facilities Overview

A five-year facilities plan is in place.

### Work Order Tracking

- Priority ranking system in place since 2019 (1–4 scale).
- 21,604 active work orders in the system.
- Some work orders exceed 495 days.
- Most older work orders are lower priority or tied to long-term facilities decisions (e.g., removal of unused portables).
- Members requested:
  - Total number of urgent work orders.
  - Age of the oldest open high-priority work order.

### Vendor & Procurement Concerns

Members raised concerns about:

- Lengthy procurement processes.
- Playground and signage projects costing significantly more through district-approved vendor processes due to permitting and building requirements.

## **Playgrounds**

- 65% of district playgrounds have been inspected.
- Vendors addressing deficiencies and upgrades.
- Each elementary school should have designated K–2 and 3–5 playground areas.
- No current requirement for sunshades; under board review.
- Principals should be prepared to answer site-specific questions during SAC/SAF meetings.

### **Action Item:**

- Provide schedule of upcoming facilities updates (referenced in District Facilities Plan, fiscal year section).

## **Capital Plan Clarification**

“New construction” generally refers to replacement projects (e.g., demolishing and rebuilding existing structures such as Markham), not expansions or entirely new campuses.

## **Opening Process & Inspections**

- Each facility is inspected annually.
- Pre-opening walkthroughs conducted by principals.
- Maintenance issues must be submitted through work orders to trigger plant team response.

## **Mold, Asbestos & Water Testing**

- Moisture control is key prevention strategy.
- Mold concerns require an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Assessment Request submitted by administration (form available online).
- Asbestos notifications provided to all schools; abatement outsourced to certified firms.
- District cannot re-enter an affected area until cleared safe by an outside firm.
- State law requires testing of 20% of schools for water quality.
- Additional schools may request testing; district utilizing grant funds to increase sample collection.

**Next Facilities Task Force Meeting:** March 5.

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## **Laptop Rollout**

Members were informed:

- Students who signed the opt-in form are expected to receive new (not refurbished) laptops.
- If schools are issuing refurbished devices to students who opted in for new devices, members should report those schools to the DAC Gmail account for follow-up and documentation.

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## New Business

### Physical Education Policy & Delivery Models

Draft policy available on DAC website.

Scheduled for Board consideration in March or April.

- Aligns with state law requiring 150 minutes per week (recess does not count).
- District currently not meeting full 150-minute requirement at all schools.
- Exploring teacher-led classroom-based movement modules (e.g., 5-minute stretch blocks).
- Encouraged discussion in SAF meetings.

**Motion:** Add 10 additional minutes to PE time.

Motion by Bob Mayerson; seconded by Linda Ferrara.

Motion passed with all in favor except Michael Pezzicola.

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## Old Business

### Budget, SAC, AICE/AP Funds

- Questionnaire sent to principals regarding required testing funds.
- District retaining 20% off the top.
- Moving toward allocating funds based on demonstrated need rather than automatic rollover of student-earned AP/AICE funds.
- Rollover funds currently being held.
- Redefinition process ongoing.

### Food & Nutrition Services

Members encouraged families to contact Food & Nutrition Services regarding outstanding balances and payment plans.

### Academics – Testing

Board Workshop scheduled February 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Parent-Facing Assessment Guide available online.

Student data:

- 92,000 survey responses across two quarters.
- Only four mentions of overtesting at high school level.
- Parent narrative differs significantly from student narrative.
- Elementary-level feedback remains primary concern area.

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## Open Discussion / New Business

Topics raised:

- Attendance
  - Superintendent Q&A
  - Commitment to maintaining Specials in Elementary Schools
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## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Lisa Reas.

Meeting adjourned 8:54.

### I. Meeting Reminders

#### General And Steering Meetings

- NOT USUAL MEETING DAY
- Steering Meeting Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 8:00 am on Teams
- **General Meeting Wednesday, March 4th, 2026 at 6:15pm-8:45pm at KCW**

#### Elementary Subcommittee

- Thursday, February 12th at 7pm-9pm
- Board Workshop- Tuesday, February 17th at 4pm-6pm; Time Certain

#### Policy and Bylaws Subcommittee

- Friday, February 27th at 12pm-1:30pm on Teams
- Thursday, March 26th at 8:30am-10:30am on Teams
- Monday March 30th at 8pm-9:30pm on Teams

#### School Advisory Forum Chair Training

- Wednesday, February 25th at 7pm-9pm on Teams

#### Budget Training

- Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm-9pm on Teams
- The Budget Office has not received guidance from the Superintendent and Cabinet on allocations and changes for next year

- Have SAF chairs review the school's previous year budget to prepare for 26-27 changes.
- Shift to staffing allocation instead of budget allocation (positions vs dollars)
- Principals will need to seek approval for additional positions; less discretion at the school level

### **Advisory Chair Round Table with Communications Office**

TBD

## II. Adjourn

### **Meeting Documents and Resources:**

#### **Student Progression Policy 4000:**

[https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=POLICY\\_4000.pdf](https://schoolinfo.browardschools.com/bcpsweb/displaypdf.html?filename=POLICY_4000.pdf)

#### **Policy 1070 Redline as of 12/16/2025**

[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3777542/1070\\_Redline.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3777542/1070_Redline.pdf)

#### **School Advisory Forum Policy 6030 (Formerly Policy 1.3)**

[https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3455755/Policy\\_6030\\_Redline.pdf](https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/3455755/Policy_6030_Redline.pdf)

#### **Area Advisory Policies 1.21 now Policy 1260**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p6srzrQiLuJcBVKjVtgEYbVzosX2Yhmb/edit?usp=drive\\_link&rtopof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p6srzrQiLuJcBVKjVtgEYbVzosX2Yhmb/edit?usp=drive_link&rtopof=true&sd=true)

#### **DAC Policy 1.2 now Policy 1200**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UOEciIZNxTMUrcGb9munJbvRqsRWyCKY/edit?usp=drive\\_link&oid=110069112413619406240&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UOEciIZNxTMUrcGb9munJbvRqsRWyCKY/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=110069112413619406240&rtpof=true&sd=true)

#### **SAC Funds, Carryover, and A+ Funds Information:**

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