

**WELCOME TO SCHOOL
ADVISORY FORUM OR SAF 😊
DID YOU ASK YOURSELF,
“WHAT AM I DOING HERE????”**



NOW ask yourself:

Do I care about my child?

Do I care about my school?

Do I want to be involved with the decision-making at the school, area and district level?

Would I like to promote involvement?

Would I like to make recommendations?

**THEN YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT
PLACE!!**

WHAT SAF HAS DONE FOR US LATELY..

You are now part of a team that advocates for children, our schools and our community stakeholders

- Advisory has:
- Advocated for not using social security numbers to identify children, the schools now use a new randomly generated number to prevent identify theft and other privacy issues.
- Advocated for defibrillators in every high school.
- Advocated that recess must not be used as punishment and all elementary students are entitled to at least 15 minutes of recess.
- Advocated to share nurses between schools to care for our medically needy students.
- Advocated to have online lunch payments.
- Advocated to make Pinnacle available to parents to make student grades easily accessible.

WHO WE ARE

As SAF Chairs we do not claim to represent every parent or community member at our school; we simply provide a means by which the community can discuss concerns at your school that are not addressed by the School Advisory Council (SAC). The SAC writes the School Improvement Plan and monitors its progress.



POLICY 1.3 - PURPOSE

Every school shall have a School Advisory Forum (SAF) that shall foster and promote communication between its stakeholders, the school, and the Area Advisory Council.



POLICY 1.3

MEMBERSHIP

- 1. The membership of the School Advisory Forum (SAF) shall be representative of the school community to include parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, students of the school, business partners of the school, community members and business people. Participation from all ethnic, religious, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds is welcomed and encouraged.**
- 2. A Broward County School Board employee shall not be the chair at the school where employed. The Chair and Vice-chair shall be a parent or custodial guardian of a student who will be enrolled and attending the school during their term of service. Officers should be elected per their school bylaws**

POLICY 1.3 – DUTIES - COMMUNITY



All Duties will be advisory in nature

Address parent/community concerns; work with the administration to solve problems and to initiate desirable change.

Assist in planning, developing and implementing parent/community programs and training activities.

Record, maintain, and post minutes of all meetings at the school in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Laws

POLICY 1.3 DUTIES – ON SAC



A member of the School Advisory Council per policy 1403

School Advisory Forum (SAF) chairperson or designee shall represent SAF as a voting member at School Advisory Council meetings.

In addition to individual School Advisory Forum meetings, hold semi-annual meetings jointly with the School Advisory Council.

Participate in joint training opportunities with the School Advisory Council.

Each SAF Committee should have at least three (3) officers.
A brief Election should be held and noted in our minutes.
Below are the duties of each member as stated by our SAF By-Laws.

Section 5: Chairperson Duties. The Chairperson shall have the following duties:

- a. Preside at all the Maplewood Elementary SAF meetings;
- b. Sign all correspondence as well as, distribute all correspondence to the elected officers of the Maplewood Elementary SAF;
- c. Attend all Area Advisory Meetings
- d. Attend the School Advisory Council meetings as a voting member or appoint a permanent designee to attend the meetings;
- e. Act in a professional, prompt and organized manner at all times and,
- f. Represent the majority opinion of the Maplewood Elementary SAF.

Section 6: Vice-Chairperson Duties. The Vice-Chairperson shall have the following duties:

- a. Assume all the duties of the Chairperson in the event that she/he becomes incapacitated, unavailable, or must step down;
- b. Assist the Chairperson in performing his/her duties;
- c. Act in a professional, prompt and organized manner at all times.

Section 7: Recording Secretary Duties. The Recording Secretary shall have the following duties:

- a. Ensure the recording of minutes at each Maplewood Elementary SAF Meeting.
- b. Present the minutes at the next Maplewood Elementary SAF meeting for review.
- c. Retain copies of all minutes of any Maplewood Elementary SAF meetings and committees.
- d. Transmit the approved Maplewood Elementary SAF minutes to the Principal and to such other persons as the Forum may direct. Retain copies of all the Maplewood Elementary SAF correspondences, chairperson's reports, and meeting/committee reports

POLICY 1.3 DUTIES – AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL



SAF Chair or designee shall represent SAF as voting member of the Area Advisory Council meetings.

The SAF shall bring forth recommendations, concerns and interests to and from their Area Advisory Council.

NEW NEWS FROM NAAC

- **It is proposed to make Early Release Days, October 19 & December 22, extended full days. This will fulfilled the number of hours students are required to be in the classroom.**
- **The District opposes HB 7069, which is 54 bills crammed into 1 bill. The Bill was passed but can be amended, IF we rally against it.**
- **Florida Constitution Review Commission FLCRC.gov Will be meeting this year. It meets every 20 years. Motions/bills need 60% to pass. Hot topic-universal voucher system**
- **This week is College & Career Readiness Week. Florida ranks 30 in country. Goal 2025-state plan to get to 60% threshold of credential obtainment, includes Associates Degrees and Trade Certifications.**
- **College Fair on October 9 from 6 to 9pm @ NSU**
- **SAT is FREE for everyone who wants to take it in November. Register before October 25th for November test.**
- **College Board & Khan Academy offers Official SAT Practice**
- **Florida College Decision Day is third Tuesday in April-Show school Pride**
- **Expect influx of students from Puerto Rico. Over 150 registered last Friday, should have started school yesterday in schools across Broward.**

THE LOOPING PROCESS

