



Plantation Park Elementary School Advisory Council

SAF General Meeting
Plantation Park Elementary Media Center
October 21, 2024 3:00 p.m.

SAF Minutes

Call to Order/Old Business

1. Attendance
2. Approval of September minutes

New Business/Reports

Central Region Updates-

Referendum 2:

The School Board of Broward County (SBBC) is proposing an amendment to the Broward County Charter, which will be on the November 5, 2024, ballot. On the ballot, this amendment will be titled "Referendum 2," and it aims to give the Broward County Office of the Inspector General the authority to independently investigate matters related to SBBC operations. The amendment proposes expanding the BCOIG's role to include the investigation, audit, and review of SBBC operations. The BCOIG would be empowered to investigate potential issues such as misconduct, gross mismanagement, waste, and fraud. This measure will appear on the ballot as "Referendum 2."

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."

If voters approve the amendment, the BCOIG will establish a specialized branch dedicated to SBBC oversight. This branch will include two supervisors, an attorney, three auditors/agents, a manager and an administrative assistant. This special BCOIG branch will cost the District around \$1.2 million annually. BCOIG will have the authority to subpoena witnesses, require documents, and audit BCPS operations and contracts. If the amendment does not pass, the current oversight of SBBC will remain with existing agencies, such as the State Attorney's Office, the Commission on Ethics, and SBBC's own Audit Department. The BCOIG's role will not be expanded to include SBBC operations.

Storm Days:

Our school calendar that may impact our school calendar. This is more possible if there is an additional storm that causes school closure. This may include a reduction to Thanksgiving break. We are currently in compliance with school time for semester one, however, additional weather issues would cause us to be out of compliance and need to make up time.

Focus trainings

Trainings for parents in a face-to-face format was requested at a previous meeting and this is now in the works. Some feedback included a potential train the trainer model so that parents can train other parents at the local level. There was also a request to provide these trainings in multiple languages.

Cell Phone Updates:

Motion regarding students with Diabetes. There is consensus by Central Area to support the North Area motion as below:

We move that Broward County Public Schools automatically include a provision in all 504 plans for students with Type 1 diabetes, allowing the use of cell phones for direct communication between parents and students. This provision is essential for the timely management of blood sugar levels, particularly in light of recent cell phone policy changes that have hindered parent-student communication. Given the life-threatening nature of Type 1 diabetes and the current challenges in school nursing coverage and diabetes management knowledge, this motion is necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of students with this condition.

Adjourned: 3:15 PM

Meeting Dates 2024-2025

- October 21, 2024 @ 3:00 PM in PPE Media Center
- December 2, 2024 @ 3:00 PM in PPE Media Center
- January 27, 2025 @ 3:00 PM in PPE Media Center
- February 24, 2025 @ 3:00 PM in PPE Media Center
- April 2, 2025 @ 3:00 PM in PPE Media Center
- April 21, 2025 @ 3:00 PM in PPE Media Center
- May 28, 2025 @ 6:00 PM in PPE Media Center with PTA