

# Deerfield Beach Middle School

## SAC Minutes -2 /5/ 2025

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**Attendance:** Deputy Williams, Dr. Fulton, Ms. Dunfee, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Lubin, Dr. Kears-Creech, Mrs. Matias, Mrs. Bennett, Ms. Ali, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Golding, Ms. Dieujuste, Ms. Golding, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Collot, Dr. Moore, Kayla Dumerjean, Mrs. Townsend

### Call to Order:

A meeting of the Deerfield Beach Middle School, School Advisory Council was held in on 2/5/25. Chair Erika Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:37pm. Dr. Kears-Creech will record minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:** Mrs. Bennett asked that the meeting go out of order due to some people having to leave early. Dr. Fulton gave an overview of extended learning and the purpose. This month we will begin pull out services where teachers pull kids out during electives based on deficiencies and work with them in small group twice a week. Teachers are paid \$40.00 an hour during their planning. Teachers see students with 2 groups 160.00 a week. We will also do Civics Saturday camp for 3-4 hours paying the teachers \$40.00 and hour. The camp runs for about 6 weeks. Another extended learning opportunity is for high school course, during lunches and before school. Teachers see the students 4 times a week, Algebra, Geometry, Biology. The first half of the year we did after school tutoring spending approximately \$17,000. There were 18 teachers, and the students were tutored 2 hours a day.

27, 863 is allocated for Title 1 tutoring.

Another option we are looking at is Online tutoring for students who cannot stay afterschool.

Ms. Dunfee asked if the district is still doing online tutoring for students. Mrs. Matias stated they did offer this during Covid and a year or so after, but not anymore. Dr. Fulton advised that there is a tutoring platform used at other schools that are in critical need.

Dr. Fulton stated that the current SAC budget is 57, 858, and he is asking for \$10,000 to help with the various tutoring.

Ms. Ali stated that this is less money that has been asked for in the past and if money would be coming from some where else. Dr. Fulton stated that he will be pulling money from the general fund also as to not to deplete all the SAC funds.

Mrs. Dunfee asked if there would be no more afterschool and if it was just for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year. This is correct.

Dr. Fulton stated he would be starting first with Civics camp. Dr. Fulton gave an overview of all the data he looked at to know where to pull students from to help them achieve the most.

Dr. Fulton is trying to get some high school teachers for Biology and Geometry to get the 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested. If students don't pass the high school courses now, they will have to retake the course in high school. An incentive to get the 8<sup>th</sup> graders involved is to go back increase a letter grade from a previous quarter. The goal is for them to master the skill. Next will also look at afterschool tutoring and online.

Mr. Lubin asked how many students did not pass the Algebra EOC? Over 75% passed. Mrs. Dunfee asked what Saturday the tutoring would begin. It will begin the last Saturday in February.

Dr. Fulton asked for the committee for \$10,000 to proceed with the extended learning opportunity Mr. Lubin gave a motion to pass the item, Mrs. Ali gave a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed with 51% voting yes.

Mr. Smith (Security Specialist) gave an overview of school safety and security, and the roles during the school day.

Mrs. Dunfee stated the superintendent asked about a pilot program for vaping in the bathroom, and a picking up key word. Mr. Smith stated he had not heard anything from the superintendent, but he has looked into grant programs dedicated to vaping detectors and digital radios.

Deputy Williams spoke on her background. She works for law enforcement and not the school board. Since the Stoneman Douglas incident she no longer goes into the classroom teaching programs. Deputy Williams is connected the city through her radio. If an emergency takes place, she supersedes the principal. Ms. Dunfee asked how many years she has been at the school. Deputy Williams has been here approximately 20 years.

Ms. Golding (Literacy Coach) gave an overview of the media center. The current budget for books is 10, 641.31. The state did not give money for books. We are looking for donations of books or funds.

Mr. Lubin asked if book donations were allowed? Mrs. Golding said we can accept books and there is a form on the website if parents want to opt out of a student not reading something. We are trying to circulate books next school year, so kids can start to check out books.

Mrs. Matias stated she got books from the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach, and she will check with them. We are allowed to take book from 2010, plus classics.

Mrs. Ali asked about the books in the cafeteria book room. Mrs. Golding stated that those are class sets, and some are "banned books" which needs a permission slip if they are read. The average year of our collection is 2019.

Mrs. Townsend asked about the book levels. Mrs. Golding stated elementary to high school.

Mrs. Dunfee stated that the Jr. League of Boca has a grant program.

Minutes of January meeting were reviewed Ms. Ali motioned for the minutes to be accepted, Ms. Dieujuste 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
DBMS Electives:

Dr. Moore gave an overview of his computer classes. Microsoft Office Suite, Internet Safety, Coding, Certificate program for basic computer skills. Students who pass the certification class brings money into the school.

Mr. Roberts (ART) gave an overview of what is taught within his classes. 2d-3d drawing, shading techniques, still life drawings.

Deputy Williams thanked Mr. Roberts for allowing the students to participate in red ribbon week.

Mr. Lubin asked question reference to medical illustrating. Mrs. Dunfee asked if the classes touch on photography. The classes do not focus on this area.

Mr. Collot gave an overview of the band program, which is a full year program. Rehearsals are afterschool. The band is currently preparing for the band competition in March. The auxiliary and chorus is a part of the band.

Mr. Lubin asked if the band would be performing in the Founders Day, and they will.

Mrs. Dunfee asked what the requirements were for afterschool band. Advanced students assist band 1 and 2 students. Tues-Thur 3-5 every week.

Dr. Kears-Creech gave an overview of the Title 1 survey and discussed each item. There were 123 participants, and the survey was on the school's website as well as a QR code was located in the front office for parent to scan Mrs. Ali asked about section 6 and where parents get information. The highest is parent teacher conference. Some of the section in Section 6 are outdated ie. Magazines.

Dr. Kears-Creech went over the review of the Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP). At this time there was no input into the review of PFEP. Ms. Phillips gave an overview of the Title 1 parental engagement event she attended and shared some of the information received.

Mrs. Bennett (Magnet Coordinator) gave the IB overview

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> to accept all applications. The district will be mailed to families March 10<sup>th</sup> 14 of whether students were accepted

1/15/25 Somerset online parent night

The late window for IB applications will open April 7<sup>th</sup>. Parent will be able to make changes if they want a different school.

The road shows ended last week. DBMS will be visiting Deerfield Elementary on 2/18/25 for the matriculation meeting.

Mrs. Dunfee stated that they will speak about all things 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

2/19-2/21/25 will be a volunteer day and several groups of students will be having field trips over to Deerfield Beach Elem.

There have been about 15 students coming out shadowing DBMS IB ambassadors.

We currently have 51 students who have committed to coming to DBMS in the fall. Dr. Fulton DBMS goal is to get another 70 students.

Mrs. Dunfee stated she thinks it would be better to get with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to help promote our school. Mrs. Bennett stated that when she goes out to school, she talks to teachers and she connects with them on the remind app.

#### **Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on 3/5/25 in the media center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Mrs. Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:53pm Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Juanita Kearse-Creech,

SAC Secretary

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