

**Everglades High School
School Advisory Forum (SAF)
Minutes
General Meeting
April 17, 2024**

Approval of March 2024 Minutes will be done at May's meeting.

Announcement made at 4/16/24 SAC meeting: Anyone interested in running for the 2024-2025 SAF Chair to submit name to current SAF Chair prior to May's meeting. Email: 4maxine4@gmail.com

- Election to be held at the May 21, 2024 SAC/SAF meeting

School's SAC meeting held on April 16, 2024; one day prior to the South Region's SAAC meeting. Thus, email being sent to all members with the minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting.

Email being sent to members on April 18, 2024.

Guest Speakers:

Policy 8010 (formerly 5000)

Presented by Jill Young - Director, Demographics and Enrollment Planning.

This policy covers Educational Facilities, Designation of Schools, Schools Attendance Zone Boundaries, Development of Positive Alternatives to Accommodate Growth, to Keep Schools Open, and Eliminate, Consolidate, or Re-Purpose Schools. There are two Guardrails included in this policy:

- Guardrail 1 – Equity. The Superintendent will ensure equitable distribution of resources.
- Guardrail 2 – Accountability. The Superintendent will ensure the district operate with accountability for policy implementation that includes expectations, evaluation, transparency and continuous improvement. The current policy is not adequate for supporting the strategic realignment of the district's portfolio of school sites with its student enrollment.
- Overcrowded schools are now called Over-enrolled schools. Schools are considered Over-enrolled when enrollment is greater than 110% of gross capacity.
- Broward schools as a whole is under-enrolled. Embassy Creek Elementary is the only school in the district that is currently over-enrolled. (FYI: Everglades H.S. is listed at 82.5% capacity)
- Need to come up with five (5) schools to be repurpose.

Policy 6400 (formerly 5004.1) – School Choice

Presented by: Donte Collins - Director, Choice/Charter School Management

Lashawn Thompson (Tia Gail could not make the meeting) - Manager,
Choice/Charter School Management

Chris Bolden - Assistant Director, Non-Traditional

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Some of the proposed revisions for this policy includes:

- Creating an earlier timeline for receiving Choice/Magnet applications and awarding seats. The current application window opens within the first week of December each year and closes in February. Families are notified of their reward in early March.
- Nova Schools’ applications are currently accepted only during the first phase application window. Phase 1 opens up on December 1st. The proposed changes will allow applications for Nova Schools to be accepted during each application window, same as that of the Choice/Magnet schools.
- These proposed changes will increase the district ability to be more competitive with Charter and private schools who sends out their award letter earlier than the school board.
- We are a 100% school choice district

Policy 4000 -- Student Progression

Presented by Guy Barmoha – Director Secondary Learning

Melissa Holtz – Director Elementary Learning

- Proposes changes to Elementary Schools Promotion/Retention criteria. The old policy requires Elementary students to pass the math and reading test to get promoted. Last year the district got rid of the math testing criteria. Now looking to remove the reading test criteria. Want to look holistically at the students ‘grade, and not have one test determine promotion. **This change is for K-5, excluding 3rd grade.**
- 3rd grade promotion criteria will remain as that is dictated by the state. It is a state statute and the district cannot change it. The state statute for 3rd grade promotion mandate that they use FAST and state assessment.

Policy 5.1 -- Enrollment and Withdrawal

Presented by Daniel H. Shapiro, Ed.D Director of School Counseling - Student Services Initiatives Division.

2022-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

■ **Guardrail 2- Equity**

The Superintendent may not allow resources to be allocated without firm evidence of their equitable distribution.

■ **Guardrail 4- Accountability**

The Superintendent may not allow the district to operate without an accountability system for policy implementation that includes expectations, evaluation, transparency and continuous improvement.

- The purpose of this policy is to facilitate enrollment of students and to ensure that students register in the assigned school based upon their primary residence, address overcrowding, and prohibit barriers to registration for families who may lack certain documentation based upon their extenuating circumstances or hardships.

- If a student has graduated from a high school program or equivalent from another country, they cannot re-enroll in K-12 school here. They must go to a post-secondary school.
- Students/parents that are renting, no longer has to provide a notarized lease, they can use a rental payment receipt as proof of residency.

Policy workshops are scheduled as follow:

- Board (Policy) workshop – scheduled for May 29, 2024
- Board vote – scheduled for June 18, 2024

Metal Detector

Metal detector is being piloted at two high schools. Then it will be rolled out to other schools. The metal detector will be at the entrance of the schools and students will walk through it to enter the school. The two pilot high schools are **Flanigan and Taravella.**

Title 1 parent training Academy is scheduled for April 25, 2024 at 7 p.m. This is virtual.

Each listed policy can be viewed at the South Area Advisory Council website:

<https://southareaadvisory1.ch2v.com>

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Minutes submitted by Maxine Linton, SAF Chair.