

School Advisory Forum
Charles W. Flanagan High School
12800 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines, FL
General Meeting
September 23rd, 2024.

1. Call to order: 4:45 pm by Mrs. Aloy
2. Attendance: Rachel Aloy, Kathleen Bledsoe, Stania Collins, Brian Edwards, Brad Fatout, Nancy Gold, Daniela Gold, Karen Hugh Sam, Hannah Hugh, Errica Maddox, Shirley Simmonds, Natalie Socorro, Emma Stines, Lily Suarez, Maria Lacavalle, Mokisha Spencer.
3. Approval or correction to August minutes with corrections adding Maria Lacavalle, Mokisha Spencer, Hannah Hugh Motion to Approve N. Socorro, Second Nancy Gold.
4. Accountability Fund: \$ 7,200
5. Report by Ms. Suarez- On 8/28 and 9/19
 - a. Discussed Policy 5000. School boundaries decisions on closing schools, 5 projected closures only affect 25-26 school year, under enrollment
 - b. Cell phone ban, metal detector, reproductive health curriculum, school safety and mandated non-instructional 20 minutes.
 - c. They will be addressing these topics in the upcoming town hall meetings.
 - d. The district's school choice policy is shifting, with the open enrollment application window now being just 30 days. Parents are trying to align their schedules, pushing back the cell phone ban and the districts disconnect-to-reconnect policy during instructional time. Many parents are concerned about not being able to communicate with their kids during unexpected changes throughout the day. This is going to be an ongoing issue.
 - e. Metal detectors, and while there was a glitch at the beginning, there haven't been any major issues since then—only one incident involving a student with a box cutter.
 - f. As for the reproductive health curriculum, no pictures will be shown that illustrate contraceptive use at any grade level. Community members are worried that the curriculum is being watered down, which affects the most vulnerable students. They're trying to get the new curriculum approved for schools by October 6th, but right now, the districts can only send recommendations to the state.
 - g. There are also concerns about school facilities, especially alarms and air conditioning, needing to be fixed before the school year starts.
 - h. Some elementary school members are worried about students having to do schoolwork during recess. There's a mandate that requires at least 20 minutes of physical activity during recess, and it can't be used as punishment. Some families feel that their kids are being told to sit out during recess, which could lead to disciplinary actions.

- i. Additionally, there are concerns about reduced lunch applications. Many parents aren't filling them out, which impacts Title I funding for schools. Our school has experienced this; some parents assume that since lunch is free, they don't need to apply. It's important to spread the word that filling out these applications affects the school budget and funding for field trips, as well as SAT and ACT waivers for high school students.
- 6. Announcement: The next full advisory meeting will be on October 16th at 9:00 AM at Pines Middle School.
- 7. Adjourn: Mrs. Aloy Adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm