

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Central Area Advisory Council – General Meeting
Indian Ridge Middle School
February 18, 2026 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Minutes**

Call to order at 6:40 pm

- Welcome and Meeting Etiquette
 - inform Chair prior to recording meeting to allow those that do not want to be recorded to move from the view of the camera
 - questions will be taken at the end of the presentation
 - raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged
- Membership Explanations: DAC representatives must attend monthly DAC meetings to maintain their seat. After 3 absences, the seat is vacated.
- Approve November, December, January Minutes

School Spotlight by I-Zone:

**Boyd Anderson
Dillard
Fort Lauderdale**

**Piper
Plantation**

**South Plantation
Stranahan
Western**

Updates:

Pamela Taylor, CAAC Chair Report

- Hiring freeze
 - over 60 district staff deployed to fill school-based vacancies
 - Safety and Security - no new hires unless deemed critical by Supt.
- School closures
 - Concern about facilities and ensuring the schools that students move to are ready. Eg playgrounds.
- Laptop roll out
- Physical education and recess
- Elementary testing update

Dr. Toomer, Superintendent Report

T. Nikki Watkins, Legislative Update

- 5 majors areas
 1. Safety and Student Supports
 - a. improvement of elopement provisions and mass casualty responses
 2. Education Omnibus and Governance Bills
 - a. Senate Bill 7036 Education Omnibus
 - b. SB 1620/HB 1073 Public Education/School Board Governance
 3. Teacher Compensation, Certification, and Labor
 - a. SB 1216 Personnel Compensation
 - b. SB 1296/1298 PERC Overhaul
 - c. HB 561 Educator Certification

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4. Content, DEI, & Parents Rights
 - a. HB 1119 Materials harmful to Minors
 - b. HB 1071 Education (DEI and Parent Opt Out)
 - c. HB 173 Parental Rights
5. Safety, Technology, and District Operations
 - a. HB 757/SB896 - School Safety Expansion
 - b. HB 859 ESE Classroom Cameras

Guest Speaker/Presentation:

Saemone Hollingsworth, Chief Student Services Officer
Coordinated Health Services
Hazel Health
See Attached presentation

1. Hazel Health
379 visits this school year
2. Nursing
47 Schools without a nurse
134,500 clinic visits this school year
Screenings
Parents must send in written notice to opt out of screenings
3. Psychological services

Open Discussion:

Announcements:

Sunshine Law and Ethics Training (10 minutes for returning members; 45 minutes for new members):
<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329>

Volunteer Application

[Get Involved with BCPS / Volunteer Services \(browardschools.com\)](https://www.browardschools.com/Page/41329)

Dates to Remember:

SAF Training: February 25, 2026 7pm on Team

Budget Training: March 25 at 7pm on Teams

DAC Meeting: March 4 6:15 at KCW

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Adjourn at 8:15