The School Board of Broward County, Florida
Central Area Advisory Council – General Meeting
Indian Ridge Middle School
August 28, 2026, 9:45-11:45am
Minutes

Call to order at 9:56 am

Welcome to our new and returning CAAC members!

- Introductions – CAAC Board and Central Regional Office
- Explanation of Membership

Meeting Reminders:

- Remember to sign in for attendance.
- Inform Chair prior to recording meeting
- Questions will be taken at the end of presentations
- DAC Representatives **must** attend monthly DAC meetings to maintain their seat. After 3 absences, the seat is vacated.

Please complete the Sunshine Law and Ethics Training prior to returning to CAAC in September(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)
Please complete the survey on the CAAC Website re meeting times and discussion topics
Welcome by Adrienne Dixson Paul, CAAC Liaison

- BCPS Cares – seeking school feedback from stakeholders and community. Concern is sent to the school that day.
- QR Code - Communication Form (see attached) for CAAC members. When a concern is submitted via this form, it gets sent to the CAAC Chair.
- Central has 67 schools
- Dr. Toomer is Central Regional Supt
- Instructional reviews happening this week
- Class sizes – stabilizing through end of September

CAAC is experiencing difficulty with email delivery—emails using ATT, Bellsouth, Yahoo, and AOL are bouncing back. Please re-register on the CAAC website with a different email address: https://centralareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/

***School Spotlight by I-Zone*: Principals not present—needed on campus in August**

Boyd Anderson	Nova	South Plantation
Dillard	Piper	Stranahan
Fort Lauderdale	Plantation	Western

CAAC Elections

Vacant Seats: Recording Secretary, ESE Rep, Gifted Rep, ESOL Rep
Accepting Nominations of current CAAC Members

***New Business*:**

- **26-27 CAAC Meeting Schedule:** 9/17, 10/15*, 11/12, 12/10, 1/21, 2/18*, 3/11, 4/15, 5/20
  - All meetings are at **Indian Ridge Middle School – Media Center**

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- Meetings are 9:45-11:45 AM, **EXCEPT** Oct. 15 and Feb. 18 which are 6:30-8:30 PM
- Please attend all meetings. CAAC requires quorum in order to conduct business.

- **Class sizes**
  - Florida Statute 1003.03 Maximum Class Size
    - **Grades PK-3**: 18 students
    - **Grade 4-8**: 22 students in core classes
    - **Grades 9-12**: 25 students in core classes
  - Superintendent's Rebalancing Plan + BCPS Memo 8/14/26 re Class Sizes
  - Motion by Brooke Bordy, seconded by Kiersten Hope
    - Central Area Advisory Council recommends that the Board direct the Chief Auditor to audit class sized, identify all instances of noncompliance with Florida Statute 1003.03, and direct the Superintendent to create a plan that will bring the District into compliance by January 1, 2027.
    - Motion withdrawn to incorporate feedback
  - Motion by Brooke Bordy, seconded by Mark Foxwell
    - Central Area Advisory Council recommends that the Board direct that Superintendent to produce a class size report, identify all instances of noncompliance with Florida Statute 1003.03, and direct the Superintendent to create a plan that will bring the District into compliance by January 1, 2027.
    - Passed unanimously
- **AICE/AP Concerns**
  - Parents/guardians are purchasing required textbooks for scholars
  - Teachers do not have enough textbooks for their class size, so students must share them.
- **Specials:** Elementary specials should have been discussed with stakeholders at PTA/PTO/PTSA and SAC. The Board has expressed a preference for schools to have a minimum of Music, Art, and PE offered with some leeway for innovative/magnet programs such as STEM/STEAM.
- **Elementary Testing, Screen Time, iReady, and AI**
  - Testing Reductions: Elimination of district-required assessments for K and 1, reduction of testing for Grades 2-5
  - I-Ready: Eliminated for grade K and 1, awaiting guidance for use of I-Ready for grades 2-5
  - Board prohibited the use of AI chatbots for Grades K-5
  - Implementation of student facing AI (Magic School) on hold due to Board inquiry into safety and privacy.
  - Commentary from parent: the district has overly stripped technology for PK-1 to remove robotics. Concerns about weaponization of the technology reduction. Concerns about parent communication and implementation across the district. Request for clarity.

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- Motion by Kiersten Hope, seconded by Amy Berman. "CAAC recommends that the District to publish screen time data, differentiated by program and grade level, to the public by November 1 for the 2025-2026 school year." Passes unanimously.

Transportation

- Bus Route + ESE Transportation
- Here Comes the Bus

- **Food and Nutrition**
  - Changes to Meal Charges this Year
  - Meal Benefits Application: Important at ALL SCHOOLS FOR ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Status
  - Threshold for Title 1 changed last year and may change again, making it harder for schools to qualify
- **Back to School Forms**
  - Issues with this year's rollout of forms
  - Understanding what the forms mean for your scholar
- **Redefining**
  - SBBC Workshop on Redefining Our Schools – occurred on August 25, 2026 Link to Presentation
    - Central Area Schools Addressed for 2027/28 School Year:
      - Banyan would go to Discovery Elementary and Village Elementary
      - William Dandy Middle to Parkway Middle – on pause
    - **Additional School Considerations:**
      - North Side to Walker
      - Lauderhill Paul Turner and Dillard Elementary to Larkdale Elementary **(Future Master Planning group)**
      - Sawgrass and Horizon Elementary to Nob Hill Elementary **(Future Master Planning group)**
      - Bair Middle to Westpine Middle (2nd Year Consideration)
- **School Advisory Forum (SAF)**
  - **SAF Elections** – if not already done, please complete ASAP
  - Request **I-Zone** meeting Calendar from Principal
  - **Sept SAF Meeting Agendas**
    - Review/Amend/Vote on SAF Bylaws
    - Schedule Meeting Dates/Times for 26-27
    - Possible Agenda "Business" Items:
      - PM 3 Data + School Grade (https://edudata.fldoe.org/), safety/security, facilities (including open work orders), class size, iReady + ed Tech (minute requirement and opt out), TurnItIn, dismissal/busses/carlines, Certified teachers for programs, ESE/Gifted/ESOL concerns, field trips, recess/playgrounds, unified dress code, enrichment/clubs, free/reduced lunch applications or surveys

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***Updates*:**

- Pamela Taylor, CAAC Chair Report
- T. Nikki Watkins, Legislative Report
    - See attached

Motion to extend meeting to 12:00 pm by Brooke Bordy, second by Felicia Jehaludi.

***Old Business*:**

- The Referendum
- The Organizational Chart
- Safety and Security: School Resource Offices and Campus Monitors
- Artificial Intelligence: Student safety, wellbeing, privacy; parental consent; plagiarism false positives; educational value
- Vape Detectors
- Elementary: Playgrounds, Recess, PE Policy
- Nurses in Schools

Open Discussion:

ADJOURNED at 12:08 PM