

A SNAPSHOT COMPARISON OF THE MAJOR COMMUNITY/PARENT ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School Advisory Forum (SAF)	School Advisory Council (SAC)	Parent Teacher/Student Associations
<i>Authority: Policy 1.3 (Meetings are held in the Sunshine)</i>	<i>Authority: Policy 1403; FS 1001.452 (Meetings are held in the Sunshine)</i>	<i>Authority: Charters issued by the Florida PTSA and the National PTSA</i>
<p>Primary communication link between school and community</p> <p>Can take up any issue at any time. Often is the vehicle used to share information about the School Improvement Plan and waivers.</p> <p>Everyone in the school community is a member, is entitled and encouraged to speak.</p> <p>Follows a process that has the ability of linking other schools through the Area Advisory Council and the District Advisory Council. Can link schools of the same level or geographic area.</p> <p>Has established method of sharing successes and failures through area and district meetings. Allows schools to benefit from another school's experience.</p> <p>NETWORK!!! Has the ability to address district wide concerns.</p> <p>Open forum for global and community concerns. Stakeholders have a vote subject to the bylaws of the individual school.</p> <p>SAF has the ability to address issues and concerns immediately. Those issues can relate to, but are not limited to, such topics as: boundaries, charter schools, communication, curriculum, dress code, ESE ESOL, Gifted, legislation, magnet programs, safety, testing and transportation.</p> <p>Input into District policies and procedures, and committees including but not limited to: Code of Conduct, Boundaries, etc. Has a seat on SAC.</p>	<p>The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget.</p> <p>Can discuss any issues that impact student achievement and the SIP at any time. Funding (Accountability Funds) for use by the SAC should be allocated directly to the SAC, should be clearly earmarked for their use in the SIP and is not subject to override by the Principal or interim approvals by school district staff. These moneys may be expended only on programs or projects selected by the SAC. Not used for capital improvements.</p> <p>Each school must have a SAC. By law each SAC must be composed of the principal and an "appropriately balanced" number of "Stakeholders". The majority of SAC members (over 50%) must not be employed by the school District on whose SAC they serve.</p> <p>The SAC concentrates on its school's performance as measured by the monitoring of the School Improvement Plan. Sharing best practices with the Innovation Zones is encouraged.</p> <p>The SAC reviews relevant data (which is more than test scores), identifies problem areas, develops improvement strategies, monitors their implementation. Successes and failures are shared with stakeholders.</p> <p>Issues must relate to the School Improvement Plan and be Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely (SMART).</p> <p>Only elected members or members required by policy may vote.</p> <p>The SIP is reviewed and discussed at every meeting, but no immediate action can be taken.</p> <p>Input into school's budget, training, instructional materials, technology, staffing, student support services and other matters of resource allocation, including waivers as they relate to the School Improvement Plan. Is a member of SAF and is a representative at Area Advisory meetings.</p>	<p>Child advocacy organization. Works for the good of all children through local, state, and national legislative initiatives.</p> <p>Gathers support for initiatives through their membership</p> <p>Paid membership open to all.</p> <p>Follows a process that has the ability of linking other schools through the county, state and national levels. Can link schools of the same level or geographic area.</p> <p>Successes and failures are shared through county, state and national meetings, conferences, conventions and publications.</p> <p>Network through the PTSA county, state and national levels.</p> <p>Only members can vote on those issues brought before the school community via a PTSA meeting.</p> <p>Through their membership they have the ability to address issues and concerns as brought to the table by their membership.</p> <p>In the Broward County Public School District, PTSA is invited to bring their membership's position(s) to a large variety of district committees, councils and task forces. May have a seat on SAC.</p>

Title I Executive Parent Advisory Council	Other Committees Parents Can Engage In:
<i>Policy 1165; PL 107.110, ESEA, Section 1118. (Meetings are held in the Sunshine)</i>	<i>Policies listed below. (Meetings are held in the Sunshine)</i>

<p>Title I, Part A provides for substantive parental involvement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the State and local plan, and in carrying out the local educational agency (LEA) and school improvement provisions.</p>	<p>Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Advisory Council (<i>Policy 1.22</i>)</p>
<p>Each school's Title I school-wide plan is integrated into its school improvement plan and monitored by SAC.</p>	<p>English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Leadership Council (<i>Policy 1.23</i>) call (754) 321-2590 for more information</p>
<p>Parent representation elected to the Executive Parent Advisory Council.</p>	<p>Gifted Advisory Council (<i>Policy 1.24</i>) call 754.321.2119 for more info</p>
<p>Title I executive Parent Advisory Council that consists of parent representatives from each geographic area will convene quarterly. The district has established the District Parent Outreach and Support Committee to provide district-wide collaboration for parent outreach and related activities.</p>	<p>Facilities Task Force (<i>Policy 7012</i>) call (754) 321-2617</p>
<p>Parental Involvement activities will be held at individual schools. Evaluation and feedback of these activities are reviewed by the school SAF and SAC committees</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) check with your school.</p>
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<p>Parents are full partners in decisions that affect children and families.</p>	
<p>Establishes a School-Parent Compact with parents in Title I eligible schools. Recommendations made by parents shall be given consideration and responded to within thirty days.</p>	
<p>The Title I Executive Board will review the monthly Parent Training Academics which will be held to inform and provide training for parents of students in Title I Schools and gather feedback and evaluations from meetings and other parent involvement activities in order to update and revise the parent policy.</p>	

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