



**Broward County Association of Student Councils**  
**McArthur High School**  
**October 26, 2023, at 1:30 pm**

- I. Call to Order - BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, called this meeting to order at 1:32 pm.
- II. National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance
  - A. Presentation of Colors - McArthur HS JROTC
  - B. National Anthem - Ms. Angela Estrada
- III. Welcome
  - A. Ms. Jada Jones, Student Government President, McArthur HS
  - B. Mr. Alfred Broomfield, Principal, McArthur HS
- IV. McArthur HS Dance Team Performance
- V. Ice Breaker
  - A. "Getting to Know You Tic Tac Toe"
    1. Students received a Tic Tac Toe board and wrote one fact about themselves in each box. Then they will go around the room and get signatures from anyone who matches their fact. First person to get Tic Tac Toe wins.
- VI. Roll Call & Minutes
  - A. Cooper City HS, Coral Glades HS, Coral Springs Charter, Coral Springs HS, Cypress Bay HS, HD Perry Education Center, Hollywood Hills HS, JP Taravella HS, Miramar HS, Northeast HS, Pompano Beach HS, South Plantation HS, Western HS, Apollo MS, Gulfstream Academy, Margate MS, Silver Trail MS. Eagles Nest Charter, Plantation HS, McArthur HS, Everglades HS, Monarch HS, and Sheridan Tech were all in attendance for both roll calls at today's meeting.
  - B. Nova HS, Silver Trail MS, and Boyd Anderson were all in attendance for only one roll call at today's meeting.
- VII. Guest Speaker
  - A. Continental Societies, Inc.- North Dade-Broward County Chapter
    1. Cynthia Rider - [crider417@gmail.com](mailto:crider417@gmail.com)
    2. Ms. Cynthia Rider spoke about the importance of youth voting and how they are the voice that determines their future.
  - B. BCPS Stem in Action / Youth Climate Summit
    1. Summer R. Scarlatelli - [summer.scarlatelli@browardschools.com](mailto:summer.scarlatelli@browardschools.com)
    2. Debra K. Thomas - [kelly.thomas@browardschools.com](mailto:kelly.thomas@browardschools.com)
    3. The guest speakers spoke about STEM and Computer programs and shared opportunities for pre-college STEM programs. They also asked for feedback on what we would like to see in these programs.
- VIII. Planned Activity (guest speaker led)
  - A. Students were split into 20 groups and discussed what they would like to see in STEM programs and gave suggestions on how to get students interested in the programs.
- IX. Treasurer's Report
  - A. BCASC Treasurer, Hayley Polsenberg, reports that there is \$5,300.31, subject to audit, in the general account.
  - B. Championship Academy of Distinction, Coral Glades HS, Coral Springs MS, Cypress Bay HS, Everglades HS, JP Taravella HS, McFatter Technical HS, Millenium Collegiate Academy, Miramar HS, Pines MS, Pompano Beach HS, Ramblewood MS, Sheridan Technical College, Western HS, Apollo MS, Beachside Montessorri Village, Broward Virtual School, City of Pembroke Pines MS, Cooper City HS, Coral Springs Charter, Dillard 6-12 HS, Forest Glenn MS, Gulfstream Academy, Hollywood Hills HS, Indian Ridge MS, Nova HS, South Plantation HS, and West Broward HS have paid their BCASC dues.

- C. Everglades HS, JP Taravella, McFatter Tech, Miramar HS, and Pompano Beach HS have paid for the Dodgeball Tournament.
  - D. Everglades HS, McFatter Tech, and Miramar HS have paid for Wacky Olympics.
- X. Officer Reports
- A. President's Report
    - 1. BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, reports that she attended the Ethics workshop, is working on the President's Project, and preparing for the next General meeting.
  - B. High School Vice President's Report
    - 1. BCASC Vice Presidents, Amanda Safrin and Ella Shuch report that they're contacting more guest speakers for the next meetings and are open to suggestions.
  - C. Middle School Vice President's Report
    - 1. BCASC Middle School Vice President, Athena Gamoneda, reports that she attended the Middle School Leadership Workshop and says that it gave lots of useful ideas for middle schools.
  - D. Parliamentarian's Report
    - 1. BCASC Parliamentarians, Christina Lamas and Alexis Osorio report that they're working on ice breakers for the next general meeting and are open to more suggestions.
  - E. Student Advisors to the School Board Report
    - 1. BCASC Student Advisors to the School Board, Bihanca Jusme and Ava Havidic, report that they have been working on scheduling Speak Up. Speak Out meetings, are finalizing the Student Advisory policy, and they recently had a meeting to discuss policies regarding school safety, resources, and goals for this school year.
    - 2. They also took a survey on whether students would prefer for school to start on Mondays or Wednesdays next school year. The majority rules in favor of school starting on Wednesdays.
- XI. Student Activities Liaison Report, Xenia Santiago, [xenia.santiago@browardschools.com](mailto:xenia.santiago@browardschools.com)
- 1. Student Activities Liaison, Xenia Santiago, stated that schools must commit to staying for the full length of the general meeting, which is always 2 hours.
- XII. BCASC Committees
- A. Harvest Drive / Food Drive
    - 1. Chair: Cypress Bay High School
    - 2. Contact: Daniela Gonzalez | [dg029158@gmail.com](mailto:dg029158@gmail.com)
    - 3. The chair reports that collections have started and asked schools to contact her if they have questions.
  - B. Collaboration Project
    - 1. Chair: Pompano Beach High School
    - 2. Contact: Ayla Friedman | [ayla\\_friedman@yahoo.com](mailto:ayla_friedman@yahoo.com)
    - 3. The chair reports that they had a Homecoming Tailgate and asked different clubs to come out to the event. The Collaboration Project will also be reaching out to other schools in hopes of partnering with them.
  - C. Human Trafficking Awareness Project
    - 1. Chair: Monarch High School
    - 2. Contact: Serena & Sabrina Rauf | [serenar.monarchsga@gmail.com](mailto:serenar.monarchsga@gmail.com)
    - 3. The chair reports that January is National Human Trafficking Month and they're planning activities during 23rd-26th of that month.
  - D. Wellness Wednesday
    - 1. Chair: Deerfield Beach High School.
    - 2. Contact: Kelsey Fort | [kgfort7@gmail.com](mailto:kgfort7@gmail.com)
    - 3. No report.
  - E. Appreciation Project
    - 1. Chair: Nova High School
    - 2. Contact: Skyler Smith | [justskyv@yahoo.com](mailto:justskyv@yahoo.com)
    - 3. The chair reports that the Appreciation Project is centered around showing your gratitude to people and they've come up with some ideas for this Project.

- F. Middle School Leadership Workshop
    1. Chair: Northeast High School
    2. Contact: Kyla Simon | [kylasimon613@gmail.com](mailto:kylasimon613@gmail.com)
    3. The chair reports that the workshop's theme was "The Amazing World of Leadership" and it was very successful. The middle schools received lots of ideas to take back to their schools and had a great time with the staff members.
  - G. Ethics Forum
    1. Chair: Hollywood Hills High School
    2. Contact: Alana Borrero | [ali.borrero24@gmail.com](mailto:ali.borrero24@gmail.com)
    3. The chair reports that the Ethics Forum was last Friday, and the schools learned about ethical and nonethical aspects of leadership and life in general.
  - H. Wacky Olympics
    1. Chair: Cooper City High School
    2. Contact: Hailey Fellerman | [h.fellerman@aol.com](mailto:h.fellerman@aol.com)
    3. The chair reports that the Wacky Olympics will take place on December 16th. The chair also reports that they'll have more games this year and they're happy to see more schools participate this year.
  - I. Dodgeball Tournament
    1. Chair: Monarch High School
    2. Contact: Serena Rauf | [serenar.monarchsga@gmail.com](mailto:serenar.monarchsga@gmail.com)
    3. The chair reports that registration is due on January 25th and the tournament will be on Feb 3rd from 9 am-3 pm at Monarch High School.
  - J. Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee
    1. Chairs: Ava Havidic & Bihanca Jusme
    2. Contact: [student.advisor@browardschools.com](mailto:student.advisor@browardschools.com) & [student.advisor.alt@browardschools.com](mailto:student.advisor.alt@browardschools.com)
    3. The chair reports that at the first meeting, they discussed goals for the upcoming school year and asked schools to contact them with any questions or problems to bring up to the Superintendent.
  - K. President's Project
    1. Chair: Pompano Beach High School
    2. Contact: Cristina Castresana | [crsitiunacastresana1@gmail.com](mailto:crsitiunacastresana1@gmail.com)
    3. The chair reports that she's in contact with the SOS children's village and would like to do a service project with them. The chair also asked schools to reach out with suggestions for anyone who needs their room decorated.
- XIII. New Business
- A. Convention Theme T-Shirt Design Contest | Deadline: November 9, 2023
    1. One design per school, upload submission to the Band App
    2. Winning school receives 3 complimentary convention registration
    3. We will vote on a design at the November BCASC GM - one vote per school
  - B. Officer Stoles
    1. The BCASC Parliamentarian, Christina Lamas entertained a motion for a vote on whether the BCASC covers the cost of graduation stoles for the BCASC Officers who are graduating in 2024. Amounts not to exceed \$35 each.
    2. McArthur moved that the BCASC cover the cost of graduation stoles for the BCASC Officers who are graduating in 2024. Amounts not to exceed \$35 each.
    3. South Plantation HS seconded.
    4. The ayes have it, motion passed with a majority vote.
- XIV. FASC Report | [fasa.net](http://fasa.net)
- A. District 6 Report
    1. Sat., December 9, 2023, @ 9 am @ Mater Academy
    2. Sat., January 27, 2024, @ 9 am @ West Broward High School
    3. TBD, 9am @ Newly Elected D6 President School

- 4. The D6 representative reports that the first meeting went well.
- B. FASC Kickoff | Nov 10-11 | Gainesville, FL
- C. FASC State Convention | Feb 23-25 | Panama City, FL
  - 1. Registration due: TBA (sometime in January)
- XV. SASC Report | sascschools.weebly.com
  - A. 2024 Convention | Lake Buena Vista High School | Orlando, FL
    - 1. The SASC representative reports that the 2023 convention at Chapin HS went well and loved seeing the attending schools.
- XVI. BCASC Annual Conference | April 19, 2024 | Pompano Beach HS
  - A. Conference Canvas - <https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/1174142>
- XVII. At my school we...
  - A. Everglades HS
    - 1. They're getting ready to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Everglades HS.
  - B. Hollywood Hills
    - 1. They had a Haunted House-themed event in their school's hallways with scare actors and invited kids to come and enjoy the event.
  - C. Plantation HS
    - 1. Hosting a Haunted House in their auditorium on Halloween during their A and B lunches.
  - D. Coral Springs Charter
    - 1. Partnering with Bright Horizons where they'll plan fun activities with children in their community.
  - E. McArthur HS
    - 1. Hosting the annual Mustang Fest and welcomed other clubs on their campus to gather in the courtyard and fundraise for themselves.
  - F. South Plantation HS
    - 1. Hosting their annual Trunk or Treat this Sunday and asked for candy donations. Hosting a Virtual Honor Flight on Dec 1st and announced that they are running for FASC President.
  - G. JP Taravella HS
    - 1. Having their Homecoming tomorrow.
  - H. Western HS
    - 1. Hosting an event on Nov. 15th their goal is to have 360 families attend.
  - I. Nova HS
    - 1. Hosting a Harvest Drive in collab with their school's NHS they also had a lock-in at their gym.
  - J. Coral Springs HS
    - 1. Preparing for their pink-out football game today against Coconut Creek.
  - K. Cooper City HS
    - 1. Gave out lucky rubber ducks with numbers on them to use in a raffle for their teachers and the winners get gift cards.
  - L. Gulfstream Academy
    - 1. Hosting a Fall Social with games, music, and snacks. They're also planning to do a Snack Shack every other Friday.
  - M. Pompano Beach HS
    - 1. Hosting a Harvest drive in collab with other clubs at their school.
  - N. Eagles Nest Charter-
    - 1. Upcoming Trunk or Treat and Winter play.
  - O. Northeast HS
    - 1. Hosting a haunted hallway with the theme of Dracula's Dungeon and they started their Harvest Drive.
  - P. Cypress Bay HS
    - 1. They are finishing up Homecoming preparations for next Saturday and are working on their Harvest Drive.
  - Q. Boyd Anderson HS

1. Selling red cups as a fundraiser for their club.

R. Monarch HS

1. Making letters for Veterans and collaborating with other clubs to help make the letters.

XVIII. Roll Call

A. Cooper City HS, Coral Glades HS, Coral Springs Charter, Coral Springs HS, Cypress Bay HS, HD Perry Education Center, Hollywood Hills HS, JP Taravella HS, Miramar HS, Northeast HS, Pompano Beach HS, South Plantation HS, Western HS, Apollo MS, Gulfstream Academy, Margate MS, Silver Trail MS. Eagles Nest Charter, Plantation HS, McArthur HS, Everglades HS, Monarch HS, and Sheridan Tech were all in attendance for both roll calls at today's meeting.

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XIX. Announcements:

A. The deadline to submit your BCASC membership dues is November 1, 2023.

B. Join the BCASC Band App, simply scan the QR code!

C. Advisor & Officer Guide via Canvas, scan QR code

1. Charter Schools – you will not be able to enroll, so please bookmark:

<https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/783202>

D. Next BCASC Meeting: November 16, 2023, hosted by **Stranahan High School @ 4:30 pm** - **NOTE:** this is a new location from what we previously announced.

E. Adjournment

1. BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, adjourned this meeting at 3:12 pm.

*“A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them.*

*” – John C. Maxwell*



BCASC Band App



Advisor & Officer Guide  
via Canvas