



**Broward County Association of Student Councils**  
**Monarch High School**  
**December 14, 2023, at 8:30 am**

- I. Call to Order - BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, called this meeting to order at 8:40 am.
- II. Presentation of Colors - Monarch High School HS JROTC
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. National anthem - Monarch High School Choir
- III. Welcome
  - A. Ms. Jessenia Almanzar, Student Government President, Monarch HS
  - B. Dr. Sweeting-Miller, Assistant Principal, Monarch HS
  - C. Monarch High School Dance Team Performance
- IV. Ice Breaker
  - A. "Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament"
    1. Students will find a partner and play "Rock, Paper, Scissors" against each other until the first person wins. Then the winner must find a new opponent and the losing player becomes a fan of the winner. The winner of the second game searches for a new opponent, while the losing team joins their fan base. Repeat until there are only two opponents with a huge fan base cheering for them and one person wins.
- V. Roll Call & Minutes
- VI. Blanche Ely High School, Boyd Anderson High School, Broward Virtual High School, Charles W. Flanagan High School, Cooper City High School, Coral Glades High School, Coral Springs Charter High School, Coral Springs High School, Cypress Bay High School, Everglades High School, Hollywood Hills High School, JP Taravella High School, McArthur High School, Miramar High School, Northeast High School, Plantation High School, Pompano Beach High School, South Broward High School, South Plantation High School, and Western High School were all in attendance at today's meeting.
- VII. Guest Speaker
  - A. Ms. Nancy Whittaker - Xello Educational platform specialist  
[nancy.whittaker@browardschools.com](mailto:nancy.whittaker@browardschools.com)
    1. Ms. Nancy Whittaker spoke about Xello and encouraged students to utilize and explore the program. It offers scholarships for all grade levels, k-12, and applications are now open. Ms. Whittaker also asked for feedback from the students about the program so that she and her team could adjust their system to meet the needs of students for the coming years.
  - B. Showering Love Inc. [contact@showeringlove.org](mailto:contact@showeringlove.org)
    1. No representative was present.
- VIII. Planned Activity - Awards Overview
  - A. The BCASC officers gave a brief description of the award categories and shared projects that other schools can implement in their councils based on the categories. Project books were also put on display for anyone who wanted to look through them. Then students went over the BCASC Awards Cheat Sheet, located in the Canvas, and took a mini quiz on it.
- IX. Treasurer's Report
  - A. BCASC Treasurer, Hayley Polsenberg, reports that there is \$6,000.31, subject to audit, in the general account and there is \$2,010 in the scholarship fund.
  - B. Apollo MS, Beachside Montessori Village, Blanche Ely HS, Boyd Anderson HS, Broward Virtual, Championship Academy of Distinction, City of Pembroke Pines MS, Cooper City HS, Coral Springs Charter, Coral Springs MS, Cypress Bay HS, Dillard HS, Everglades HS, Forest

- Glen MS, Gulfstream Academy, Henry D. Perry 6-12, Hollywood Hills HS, Indian Ridge MS, JP Taravella HS, Margate MS, McFatter Tech HS, Millenium 6-12 Collegiate Academy, Miramar HS, Northeast HS, Nova HS, Pines MS, Pompano Beach HS, Ramblewood MS, Sheridan Tech, South Broward HS, South Plantation HS, West Broward HS, Pioneer MS, Rickards MS, Hallandale HS, and Western HS have paid their BCASC dues.
- C. Boyd Anderson HS, Coral Springs Charter, Everglades HS, Gulfstream Academy, Margate MS, McFatter Tech HS, Miramar HS, Northeast HS, Nova HS, Pompano Beach HS, South Plantation HS, and Western HS have paid for Wacky Olympics.
- D. Apollo MS, Boyd Anderson HS, Coral Springs Charter, Everglades HS, Forest Glen MS, JP Taravella HS, Margate MS, McFatter Tech HS, Miramar HS, Northeast HS, Nova HS, , Pompano Beach HS have paid for the Dodgeball Tournament.
- X. Officer Reports
- A. President's Report
1. BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, reports that she's been working on the agendas for upcoming meetings as well as working hard on the President's Project.
- B. High School Vice President's Report
1. BCASC Vice Presidents, Amanda Safrin and Ella Shuch report that they have been contacting potential guest speakers for the upcoming meeting.
- C. Middle School Vice President's Report
1. BCASC Middle School Vice President, Athena Gamoneda, reports that she is encouraging more middle schools to get involved in BCASC.
- D. Parliamentarian's Report
1. BCASC Parliamentarians, Christina Lamas, and Alexis Osorio report that they've been working on icebreakers for the upcoming meetings and asked the audience to give any 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 speaking with the board members about the 4 by 1 rule and with the Calendar Committee about adding more days to the school year.
  2. They also report that the first Speak Up, Speak Out will be hosted by Blanche Ely HS sometime in January and a QR Code and sign-up link will be posted on the Band App for schools who would like to host a Speak Up, Speak Out.
- XI. Student Activities Liaison Report, Xenia Santiago, [xenia.santiago@browardschools.com](mailto:xenia.santiago@browardschools.com)
- A. Marco Diaz talked about his experience as an Alternate Student Advisor and shared the opportunity for students to run for Student Advisor in the upcoming elections.
- B. Student Activities Liaison, Xenia Santiago, explained that Student advisors are the ones representing the students' opinions and recognized the Superintendent Advisory Committees, so students are made aware of who their representatives are so that their opinions are voiced to higher-ups. Santo announced that applications are open on the Canvas page and advised students to plan their schedules accordingly if they want to run for that office.
- C. Outstanding Senior Leaders Banquet - March 11 or 13
1. The Outstanding Senior Leaders Banquet dates will depend on the location of your school in relation to Sunrise Blvd. If your school is North of Sunrise, the date is March 11<sup>th</sup> and if your school is South of Sunrise, the date is March 13<sup>th</sup>. Leaders who've received the applications are to turn them into their schools soon and remember that their application should describe their achievements and their legacy in the school.
- D. Broward Student Leaders Day – February

1. Broward Student Leaders Day will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Each school is only allowed to send 10 leaders and any seniors wanting to participate must apply to be on staff and attend the planning dates. The application is now open.

## 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 they wrapped up the harvest drive at their school and shared that items collected aren't strictly for Thanksgiving, they can keep collecting and handing out items any time of the year.

### 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 held an Open House for 8<sup>th</sup> graders recently and had other clubs talk to them about their organizations. Schools were also advised to contact the chair regarding any questions they might have.

### 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 they have planned tentative dates for January, which is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Some ideas they have are the Red Sand Project, Blue Teacher Day, and Poster Stories.

### 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. No report.

### F. 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 Wacky Olympics is this Saturday and over 200 students are attending. The chair also reminded schools to bring a scooter or skateboard, and a blanket.

### G. 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 the theme of the tournament is Toys Story and there will be a costume contest. The chair also reported that registration is due on January 25th and can be found on the Canvas page.

### H. 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. No report.

### I. 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 we are partnering with an Organization called “Once Upon a Room” to decorate hospital rooms for kids in long-term care. To do that all schools are asked to hold a coin drive and fill up a small Gatorade bottle filled with coins. She also reports that later in February, councils will be invited go to Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital to start decorating the rooms.
  - J. Student Liaison, Joss Collins, presented an idea called “Mascot Mania”. The event would serve as a fundraiser for SFLTC. Hosted by the E-Board, there would be a pageant for all school mascots where there would be different categories for them to present in followed by a 30-second dance battle and finally judged by a panel of judges. There would be a \$50 fee to participate with the school mascot and 2 SGA students going in for free. If your school has a designated person, they are still allowed to be the mascot, however, the 2 free people must be from your school’s SGA. Joss gave students time to discuss with their councils and vote on whether they were interested by scanning a QR code.
- XIII. New Business
- A. Convention T-shirt design winner announced
    1. The winner of the Convention T-shirt design is Hollywood Hills High School.
  - B. Ugly sweater competition
    1. BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, called up potential winners to the stage and students took a vote on who had the ugliest sweater. The winner was Joss Collins. Congratulations!
- XIV. FASC Report | [fasa.net](http://fasa.net)
- A. District 6 Report
    1. Sat., January 27, 2024, @ 9am @ West Broward High School, \$45pp
    2. TBD, 9 am @ Newly Elected D6 President School
  - B. FASC State Convention | Feb 23-25 | Panama City, FL
    1. Registration due: January 12, 2024
    2. Principal, Member, and Advisor of the Year Awards are due January 19, 2024
- XV. SASC Report | [sascschools.weebly.com](http://sascschools.weebly.com)
- A. 2024 Convention | Lake Buena Vista High School | Orlando, FL
- 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. South Plantation HS
    1. Announced their candidacy for FASC President.
  - B. JP Taravella
    1. Announced their candidacy for FASC Vice president.
  - C. Northeast HS
    1. Started their Winter Spirit Week and are hosting a PowerPoint Day for their SGA members to present about random things.
  - D. McArthur HS
    1. Hosting a Secret Santa for their SGA Members, a Book Drive for Elementary school students, and they’re planning their Law Enforcement Appreciation Week.
  - E. Blanche Ely HS
    1. Hosted a Soul Bow Tailgate recently.
  - F. Monarch HS
    1. Gave candy canes and marshmallows to special needs students at their school.
  - G. Everglades HS
    1. Started their Winter Spirit Week and they’re having their Secret Santa party next week as well as celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their school.

H. Coral Springs Charter

1. Recently hosted a Spike for a Flight fundraiser.

I. Coral Glades HS

1. Hosting a football game called Jag Bowl for their students to raise school spirit.

XVIII.

XIX. Announcements:

A. Join the BCASC Band App, simply scan the QR code

B. 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>

C. Next BCASC Meeting: January 18, 2024, hosted by C.W. Flanagan HS @ 1:30 pm

D. Adjournment

BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, adjourned at 10:28 am.

*“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”*

*” – John F. Kennedy*