



**Broward County Association of Student Councils**  
**General Meeting**  
**Blanche Ely High School**  
**September 28, 2023, at 8:30 am**

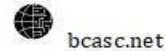
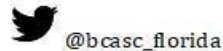
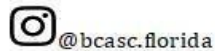
- I. Call to Order
  - A. BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, called this meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.
- II. National Anthem & Pledge of Allegiance
  - A. Presentation of Colors - Blanche Ely HS JROTC
  - B. National Anthem - Ms. Niya Golatt, Blanche Ely HS JROTC
- III. Welcome
  - A. Ms. Bihanca Jusme, Student Government President, Blanche Ely HS
  - B. Mr. Tavures Williams, Principal, Blanche Ely HS
  - C. Blanche Ely High School presentation
- IV. Ice Breaker
  - A. This or That
    1. Students walked to a different side of the room to answer questions on which of the two options they most relate to.
- V. Roll Call
  - A. Charles W. Flanagan High School, Coral Springs Charter High School, Coral Springs High School, Hollywood Hills High School, JP Taravella High School, Miramar High School, Northeast High School, Pompano Beach High School, South Plantation High School, Western High School, Gulfstream Academy, McArthur High School, Blanche Ely High School, Everglades High School, Cooper City High School, Coral Glades High School, Cypress Bay High School, Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy, Indian Ridge Middle School, South Broward High School, Broward Virtual School, and Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED were all in attendance at today's meeting.
- VI. Guest Speaker
  - A. Ms. Elaine Fiore, Founder of the Food Conservation Alliance
    1. Ms. Elaine Fiore talked about the importance of food forests and how they benefit many habitats by making it so that pesticides and synthetic fertilizers never have to be used on plants.
  - B. Ms. Jodi Washington, Director, Equity, Diversity and School Climate, BCPS
    1. Ms. Jodi Washington talked about reproductive health and disease prevention education for K-12.
- VII. Treasurer's Report - BCASC Treasurer, Hayley Polsenberg
  - A. Balance
    1. There is currently \$930 which is subject to audit in the general account.
  - B. Scholarship
    1. There is currently \$2,020.31 in the scholarship account.
  - C. Members
    1. Coral Springs MS, Cypress Bay HS, Pompano Beach HS, and Western HS have paid their dues.
  - D. Wacky Registrations
    1. Pompano Beach HS and McFatter Technical HS have paid for Wacky Olympics.
  - E. Dodgeball Registrations
    1. Pompano Beach HS and McFatter Technical HS have paid for the Dodgeball Tournament.
- VIII. Officer Reports
  - A. President's Report - Cristina Castresana
    1. She's working on her President's project and preparing for the upcoming meetings.
  - B. High School Vice Presidents' Report - Amanda Safrin and Ella Shuch
    1. They're contacting guest speakers for the upcoming meetings.
  - C. Middle School Vice President's Report - Athena Gamoneda
    1. The Middle School Leadership Workshop is on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

- D. Parliamentarian's Report - Christina Lamas
  1. She's working on icebreakers and is open to suggestions.
- IX. Student Advisors to the School Board Report
  - A. The Student Advisors, Ava Havidic and Bihanca Jusme, report that there's an opening for the Diversity Committee and you must be a student at one of the following high schools:
    - Blanche Ely HS
    - Coconut Creek HS
    - Coral Glades HS
    - Coral Springs HS
    - Deerfield HS
    - Millenium 6-12 Collegiate Academy
    - Monarch HS
    - Northeast HS
    - Pompano Beach HS
    - Stoneman Douglas HS
    - JP Taravella HS
  - B. The Student Advisors also report that there's an opening for the Technology Advisory Committee.
  - C. Anyone interested in these opportunities may contact Landyn Spellberg.
- X. Student Activities Liaison Report, Xenia Santiago, [xenia.santiago@browardschools.com](mailto:xenia.santiago@browardschools.com)
  1. Schools should RSVP a week before a BCASC event and be on time, which means they need to arrive early.
  2. Meeting protocol requires that we stand for the Presentation of Colors and remain standing until the Colors leave the room, and show respect when Guest Speakers are presenting.
- XI. Planned Activity - Ms. Kimberly Young, Mental Health Services, BCPS
  - A. Mental Wellness
    1. Students split into 18 groups and discussed mental health projects they would like to see at their schools. Group leaders are to email their responses to the BCASC Secretary, Desire Abraham.
- XII. BCASC Committees | Chairperson Application Form: <https://tinyurl.com/BCASC-Chair>
  - A. Harvest Drive / Food Drive - Still need a chair
    1. Chair:
    2. Contact:
    3. No report.
  - 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 the Collaboration Project encourages teams or groups of people to work better together.
  - 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 are planning to have a week full of projects during Human Trafficking Awareness Month which is January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26th. Some ideas they have are the Red Sand Project and a "taking a walk in her shoes" race.
  - D. Wellness Wednesday
    1. Chair: Deerfield Beach High School
    2. Contact: Kelsey Fort | [kgfort7@gmail.com](mailto:kgfort7@gmail.com)
    3. The chair reports that Wellness Wednesdays help promote healthy habits and happiness. They have also started brainstorming.
  - 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: Kyle Simon | [kylasimon613@gmail.com](mailto:kylasimon613@gmail.com)
  3. The chair reports that the Middle School Leadership Workshop will be on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> with the next staff meeting on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 deadline to register is Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The first Ethics staff meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m. at Pompano Beach HS. Ethics will be held on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at Pompano Beach HS from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 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 be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 and the registration is due by Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- I. Dodgeball Tournament
1. Chair: Monarch High School
  2. Contact: Serena Rauf | [serenar.monarchsga@gmail.com](mailto:serenar.monarchsga@gmail.com)
  3. Monarch HS reports that registration for the Dodgeball Tournament will be due on January 25, 2024, with more information on how to register on the way. The tournament will take place on February 3, 2024, 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 the first meeting with Superintendent Licata is on October 23, 2023 at 4 pm at Plantation High School.
- K. President's Project
1. Chair: Pompano Beach High School
  2. Contact: Cristina Castresana | [crsitiunacastresana1@gmail.com](mailto:crsitiunacastresana1@gmail.com)
  3. The chair asked schools to reach out to any teachers or kids that need their rooms/offices decorated so they can start working on a plan for decorating their rooms.
- XIII. New Business
- A. Vote for the BCASC Theme
1. Candy Land, "The Sweet Life of Leadership"
  2. Fairy Tale, "Once Upon a Leader"
  3. Safar, "Expedition Leadership"
- B. Announce winning theme
1. The BCASC theme is Candy Land, "The Sweet Life of Leadership".
- XIV. FASC Report | [fasa.net](http://fasa.net)
- A. District 6 Report
1. Sat., October 21, @ 9am @ Cooper City High School
  2. Sat., December 9th, @ 9am @ Mater Academy
  3. Sat., Jan 27th, @ 9am @ West Broward High School
  4. TBD, 9am @ Newly Elected D6 President School
- B. FASC Kickoff | Nov 10th-11th | Gainesville, FL
1. Registration due: Tuesday, October 24, 2023
- C. FASC State Convention | Feb 23-25 | Panama City, FL
1. Registration due: TBA (sometime in January)
- XV. SASC Report | [sascschools.weebly.com](http://sascschools.weebly.com)

- A. 2023 Convention | Chapin High School | Chapin, SC
  - 1. Registration deadline was September 22, 2023.
- 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. No report due to lack of time.
- XVIII. Roll Call
  - A. Charles W. Flanagan High School, Coral Springs Charter High School, Coral Springs High School, Hollywood Hills High School, JP Taravella High School, Miramar High School, Northeast High School, Pompano Beach High School, South Plantation High School, Western High School, Gulfstream Academy, McArthur High School, Blanche Ely High School, Everglades High School, Cooper City High School, Coral Glades High School, Cypress Bay High School, Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy, Indian Ridge Middle School, South Broward High School, Broward Virtual School, and Lauderhill 6-12 STEM-MED were all in attendance at today's meeting.
- XIX. Announcements:
  - A. The deadline to submit your BCASC membership dues is November 1, 2023.
  - B. Join the BCASC Band App, 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: October 26, 2023, hosted by McArthur HS @ 1:30 pm.
- XX. Adjournment
  - A. The BCASC President, Cristina Castresana, adjourned this meeting at 10:31 am.

*“What you do has far greater impact than what you say” – Stephen Covey*



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