

**March 4, 2025 8:30 AM**

- 3/20- Debate Team Tournament

3/21- No School - Teacher Planning Day

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4/1- School Resumes

Curent library collection 12208 books, some books are outdated. We are covered on the number of books per student. 35% of SEL books,

Weeding priority is to get the books out that are no longer being checked out, replace our graphic novels that are falling apart, and removing multiple copies of certain books.

School annual library budget 12,948.68

Ms. Chrystie- Kindergarten round up is coming up this Friday at 9:00 am, we have a presentation that shows Tropical is a school about community and flyer has been distributed to other community preschools.

Ms. Howard has been very busy with science, and we can from the beginning to the middle of the year tremendous growth in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade maintained the same, 4<sup>th</sup> grade dropped a few points and 5<sup>th</sup> grade went up a few points. This information shows that we are in the right track, and we continue to work on this.

We just finished PM2, primary tested before the break and the intermediate grades tested when they came back from break. A lot of kids were absent so there were a lot of make up testing.

Projected proficiency based on Iready 5<sup>th</sup> grade 68% proficient with an overall proficiency of 62%. According to data, if we continue in the same path, we are projected to maintain our A score.

We have tutoring groups to help the kids who need a bit of a push to move up. We have 11 teachers in the program, and we are at full capacity. The focus for the school this year is to be a stronger A. We have a plan of incentives to push our students to complete Iready.

Ufil Phonics instruction. Next year, Tropical will be considered a Ufil school because we will all be working on phonics using this program. Teachers will be receiving training on this. We are very excited about this program coming to our school.

Black History Month is in February and lots of things will be coming up in the classroom, media center etc.

Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week

School safety- We are going to have a group of people come and we will have a scenario presented and Tropical has an opportunity to explain how they would respond. We do this twice a year and because they are real life situations, it is very important.

South Plantation Innovation Zone- schools that are within this group will be at South Plantation showcasing the things we do at our school for our community member to join.

Motion to adjourned meeting by Scott Gorde second by Felix Mollard

Next meeting is March 4<sup>th</sup>

Calendar events

Update SAC

**Tropical Elementary School**  
**School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum Joint Meeting**  
**March 4, 2025 8:30 AM**  
**Minutes**



1. Welcome and Introductions Called to meeting 8:34 AM
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting, February 4, 2023 Questions were asked about the UFLI program. It was explained in full detail by Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Chrystie. Motion to approve Scott Gorde and second by Liza Khan.
3. Attendance 95.1% Average daily attendance Attendance went down to 94%
4. Budget Update SAME
  - a. Accountability Balance: \$11,293.34
  - b. A+ Funds-approximately \$23,145.36(BBs will have A+ funds this week on March 7 and AAs will have it next week on March 14)
5. SESIR Update District Total: Incidents as of Nov. 30, 2024 235-August 602-Sept. 774 -October 587-November 488-December 623-January Tropical Total-0 WE WILL SEE HOW FEB WAS – TROPICAL STILL HAD ZERO TO REPORT
6. Customer Survey- We need 20% of Parents, 40% of grades 3-5 students, and 60% of staff to complete the customer service this month. We will be sending it weekly and the Tropical Updates for parents to complete. FRIDAY PARENT LINK- SURVEY – PARENTS DO IT AT HOME AND STUDENTS WILL DO IT IN CLASS. TEACHERS WILL DO IT IN STAFF MEETING ON MARCH 11
7. Chrystie spoke about the MOCK writing test for grades 3-5.
8. IReady is doing much better because of the incentives that have been used lately.
9. UFLI
10. Testing is upcoming – PIE graph was shown regarding validation throughout the state of Florida-technology like cell phones and glasses that are techy – if a student is caught with a phone, smart watch, smart glasses will have test invalidated no matter what. Testing dates 1-2 April; K-March; 3,4,5 May. Then alternative testing immediately afterwards. Ask teachers to contact parents to make sure that parents get notified about testing and to mention how important it is to be present on testing dates. Ms Khan asked if there will ever be a limited time frame for testing. Ms Chrystie stated that there is no time limit. Students can take all day long if they need it. For the writing test, however, there is a three hour limit. If a child has to go home during the test because they feel ill in the middle of the test, test administrators are able to reopen a test on the next day or when they come better. However, if they go home just because or they have a doctor's appointment they cannot complete the test. Teachers are asked to check their students' eyes, i.e., to make sure that they are not sick. Ms Khan suggested that parents be notified of all future test dates. Ms Chrystie, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Gorde all agreed.
11. Ms Villases has an update for ELL community (114) students. She started testing in January and should be done by the deadline of March 14. Will look at data to determine how proficient they are with their language acquisition.
12. Title I Review what we have done and Plans for Next Year: Susan Antunez  
**TITLE 1 – Susan Antunez, Liaison**

We must close out some Title 1 documents. Although we do not yet know if we are Title One for next school year, we need to prepare next year's Title 1 documents in advance per the requirements.

  1. Review Title 1 Survey results

Mrs. Antunez, Title One Liaison showed the survey results on the screen. Stakeholders in attendance were given many opportunities to comment or ask questions during this presentation. Reviewed questions that had the most negative responses.

"I often receive info about whether my student moves on to the next grade or not – 12 people disagree. Ms Kahn says that usually this is being spoken about in third grade. Mr Gorde states that he believes that parents are expected to be more hands on regarding their child. Teachers should be contacting parents before the EOY regarding retaining them in same grade level.
  2. Review 2024/2025 and Develop School Parent Compact

The parents and staff had the opportunity to view this year's compact, ask questions, and give feedback. Mr. Gorde states that the compact is very clear. Mrs. Khan stated that the compact was clear and concise, and no revisions were recommended.
  3. Review 2023/2024 and Develop 2025/2026 School Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan

This year's PFEP was reviewed. We discussed the turnout of each of the family nights. Mrs. Khan and Mr. Gorde said that they could not attend because of schedule conflict, but that they heard very good things about it. Everyone loved STEM night, they suggested that we do it again next year.

Mrs. Antunez suggested we could do a literacy night at Barnes and Noble. Mrs. Khan loved this idea and said it would be a great activity off campus. Ms. Blinsky said she's been to these events at the bookstore and they are wonderful. Ms. Thomas suggested we do a math family activity at Publix or Target. We could ask about Saturday. We will reach out to Target and Publix (Target on Griffin and Stirling was suggested because of parking)

4. Develop 2025/2026 School Improvement Plan and Title 1 Addendum

**TITLE 1 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ALLOCATION BUDGET**

Reviewed where our funds are allocated this year, \$500 for MODS outreach and 2 interventionists– Mrs. Antunez suggested to increase the budget to possibly \$700 because this year they increased their price and we were \$50 short in budget. Mr. Gorde suggested that we ask MODS to let us use the money as we feel it would work best. Dr. Green agreed that we should continue funding two interventionist on Title 1 budget plan going for next year. Ms. Thomas suggested that we add an interventionist to see students in the “bubble” who are in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Ms Khan stated that she is concerned about the “bubble kids” because she feels that they are not necessarily looked at.

13. Principal Updates – Next meeting on April 2 (Wednesday) Mr. Schneider praised Ms Villases and Ms Belinski Kelly services handles our substitutes – sees extra funding therefore is able to put an extra monitor in classrooms for more support. To help teachers and students with classroom instruction. Should push us up to earn an A+. Schneider is proud of the incentives in place for iReady instruction. Everyone gets awarded. Feels that it is working. Every two weeks the prices are changed. Last week it was donuts and next week will be ice cream. Same technique will be done with science. Very exciting. Ms Thomas and Berryman are still waiting for their teacher prizes. DHH system-display panels might not still be where they should be. Testing will begin on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Currently, DHH is functioning with two systems. Apparently itinerants were not able to hear the system, hence, a trial must be done. Last week we had a 'secure' system to test the panels because several people said that they could not hear the system in hallways. He will make sure that everyone understands why a code will occur. Places in the school that the new system is not working appropriately will be updated. School social worker week, March 3-7 appreciation week. Spring Break ends on March 31 because it is Ramadan Day. Calendar is working smoothly. Mr. Schneider and Dr. Brown are very proud of their staff and students.

14. Ms Hernandez is discussing the calendar dates. Everything looks great!!!

15. **Upcoming Calendar Dates 3/3/25 - 3/7/25**

3/3- Celebrate School Social Worker Week

3/4- SAC Meeting 8:30 a.m.

3/4- Class Pictures

3/6&7- Grade 4 Trip to the Old Davie School

**Upcoming Calendar Dates**

3/10-14- PTA Store Open

3/11- PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m. In cafeteria

3/11- Grade 3 Trip to Kennedy Space Center(select students)

3/13- Tropical Trek Movie Day (select students)

3/14- Kids of Character Awards 9:00 a.m. In cafeteria (select students)

3/14- End 3rd Quarter

3/17- 4th Quarter Begins

3/18- "GRADE" Graduation (Grade 5 students) in cafeteria 9:00 a.m.

3/19- Family Night – Night at the Museum 6:00 p.m.

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☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

SAC/SAF JOINT

Date: 3/4/25

Time: 8:30

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Bilynsky, Jessica	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Yes	<i>in Bi</i>
2	Colon, Melissa	Parent	No	Yes	
3	Gorde, Scott	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	<i>ph-</i>
4	Green, Marilyn	SAC Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	<i>M of G</i>
5	Hernandez, Cheryl	SAC Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Yes	<i>Cheryl Hernandez</i>
6	Jany, Sarah	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
7	Jervis, Chevaughn	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
8	Jose Mollard, Felix	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	<i>Felix</i>
9	Khan, Liza	Parent	No	Yes	<i>Azakhan</i>
10	Odom, Geranda	SAC Co-Chair, Teacher	Yes	Yes	
11	Peach, John	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
12	Schneider, Robert	Principal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	<i>Robert</i>
13	Thomas, Liv	BTU Steward (or designee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	<i>Liv</i>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
14	Villasis, Maria	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	Maria Villasis
15	Washington, Kimberly	Parent	No	Yes	

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GUESTS

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Scott Goode		✓		
2	Liza Khan		✓		Apakhan
3	Few Moland		✓		
4	Robert Solach	✓			Robert Solach
5	Kennedy Goncalves				Kennedy Goncalves
6	Maria Villasis	✓			Maria Villasis
7	Susan Antunez	✓			Susan Antunez
8	Marilyn Green	✓			Marilyn Green
9	Jessica Bilynsky	✓			Jessica Bilynsky
10	Liv Thomas	✓			Liv Thomas
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