

School Advisory Forum (SAF)  
January 17th, 2024

Eagle Ridge Elementary  
11500 Westview Drive  
Coral Springs, FL 33076

## Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Miller following the School Advisory Council Meeting at 345pm.

October 2023 SAF minutes could not be approved due to a lack of members present. The NAAC Meeting was cancelled in November 2023 therefore no minutes to approve.

Mrs. Sierra sent out information in her newsletter regarding dismissal. The dismissal change form must be turned into the office by 11am on the day of the change. No early release of students between 1:30-2:00PM daily.

The district has a provisionally approved calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. It will start Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and end Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was not one of the options provided in the survey. The goal is to add more learning days to improve academic performance. January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next meeting for final approval.

There have been issues with school counselors and social workers being split among too many schools. They are not able to adequately investigate when students have chronic absenteeism. Debra Hixon to discuss the duties of the school counselor/social workers at the next board meeting to work on this problem.

The reproductive health motion that passed at the NAAC failed at the District Advisory due to the logistics of where to place the students who opt out. Still confusion regarding whether the legal amount of mace can be carried by students who do not feel safe getting home after school. According to the Code of Conduct, carrying mace is not allowed and now considered a weapon B instead of A. There will be a Behavior Summit to discuss acts against persons and consequences, but the exact date and location is still not clear.

There was a discussion on how school letter grades are determined. Principal Sierra just discussed in detail during SAC how Eagle Ridge students are tested, and the data used to measure improvement. Students are now being tested on computers and at Margate Elementary they added the need to learn typing to their curriculum. Jessica Miller asked if this would be possible to add at Eagle Ridge as well and the teachers present said it is not possible to add to their already hectic class day, but parents can take time at home to teach their children. Some typing instruction is currently taking place in the Media elective as well.

Next NAAC Meeting will take place on 1/18/24 at Monarch H.S. at 615pm. All are encouraged to attend.

#### PTA Updates

APEX-The goal was to raise funds for SMART boards and school improvement and ERE students raised \$37,288. Ms. Kat's first grade class raised the most funds and won the APEX sponsored class ice cream party. Coral Springs Middle School presents Stallion Round-up tonight, Jan.17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 6-8pm. This event is for interested and incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is Pelican's Snoballs. This month its Thursday due to Friday being an early release day. Pre-payment deadline is today at 4pm, parents can also send in cash. Volunteers are needed to serve Snoballs and help manage the line, sign-up genius has been sent via all the room parents. Mario the Maker Magician will be performing on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at ERE. "Mario's K-5 school assembly is a S.T.E.A.M. infused show full of MAGIC." Code Ninjas event is on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the ERE Cafeteria. For Staff/Teacher Appreciation on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the PTA will distribute glass water bottles with healthy water infused recipes. BCPS Wellness Department will have paraffin wax for hands and essential oils, make and take your own mini bottle of essential oils in the Teacher's Lounge between 10 and 1:30pm. Boca Raton Regional Hospital will be bringing out the Pressel Mammo Van for mammogram screenings to ERE on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9am-2pm., by appointment only. Spring Book Fair is February 26-March 1<sup>st</sup>, PTA will be sending out volunteer sign up information. The next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 from 630-730pm virtually. We are always welcoming new members, if you have not joined, consider joining, that's the best way to receive our PTA communications and for you to have a voice in PTA happenings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03pm.