

# Everglades Elementary

## SAC Minutes DRAFT- Dec. 9, 2024

### **Attendance:**

Jessica Schneider – *Chair*  
Shannon Lirio – *Co-Chair*  
Allison Berry - *Secretary*  
Jennifer Kaiser – *Teacher representative*  
Marcia Martin-Henry – *Teacher, BTU representative*  
Cristiane Silva – *Non-instructional Representative*  
Arthi Devarajan – *SAF parent liaison*  
Ricardo Paz – *Gifted Parent representative*  
Mildred Sosa – *Parent representative*  
Dr. Jeremy Saef – *Pre-K Parent representative*  
Susan Hines: Assistant Principal, Guest

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Everglades Elementary School Advisory Council was held on Dec. 9, 2024. Chair Jessica Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM. Allison Berry recorded minutes for this meeting.

### **Review Previous Draft Minutes:**

Mrs. Schneider asked all participants to review the previous meeting minutes, and a motion was made to approve as is by Mrs. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Lirio. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

### **2024-2025 School Improvement Plan:**

Mrs. Schneider announced that 2024-25 School Improvement Plan (SIP) monitoring and 25-26 SIP planning will now be stable meeting agenda items at all future SAC meetings.

### **Account Balances:**

**School Recognition (A+) funds = \$131,654.04 (updated to include rollover plus FSR award amount) / Accountability = \$3,842.87**

Mrs. Schneider noted an update on Florida School Recognition funds. Mrs. Hines mentioned that at an upcoming SAC meeting the topic of funding the after-school tutorial programs will be discussed as some of the leftover FSR funds may be earmarked for that program (grant funding will not be provided to pay for the after-school tutorial program this year). Mrs. Schneider asked committee members to review the current FSR (A+) proposals that had been submitted by Everglades faculty and staff and provided the previous year's ballot text for discussion. Dr. Saef then made a motion that the ballot include a definitive amount of funds being given back to the school be included on both proposal options; Mrs. Devarajan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Guest speakers were recognized to speak and gave input as to the work that support staff do on campus, all speakers were in favor of a ballot choice that would equally distribute FSR funds after giving back 10% to the school for educational use such as tutorial camps. Mrs. Lirio motioned that the previous year's ballot be used with the two choices of A) equal distribution and B) 90% equal, and 10% extra to instructional staff, with a change made in the amount of funds given back to the school (change to \$12,000) for both A) and B) choices, which Mr. Paz seconded. Mrs. Schneider reminded that the ballot must include a choice of None of the Above in accordance with state requirements for FSR voting. Mrs. Schneider then asked for a roll call vote from

the SAC committee on the motion made by Mrs. Lirio. The motion carried 7 to 1, with Mrs. Sosa dissenting in favor of a possible greater amount to be reserved for school needs, for the same ballot to be used for the 2024-25 year. Dr. Saef then motioned to accept the wording of Choice A) on the ballot with Mrs. Kaiser seconding the motion. A unanimous vote was given in accepting Choice A) by the SAC committee. Dr. Saef requested knowing the cost of the after-school tutorial program at future meetings to better determine the percentage of funds that would be given back to the school. Mrs. Martin made a motion to accept the wording of Choice B) on the ballot, Mrs. Devarajan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Saef motioned to accept the ballot for the 2024-25 FSR program, with choices A) and B) as noted, and C) None of the Above and Mrs. Martin seconded. A roll call vote was taken by Mrs. Schneider and the ballot wording as attached passed unanimously, accepting the FSR program ballot for the 2024-25 school year. School staff will vote on the ballot on December 16, 2024.

**SESIR**

No incidents reported to the committee at this time.

**Safety and Security**

No updates since the previous meeting.

**Updates/Concerns**

No concerns at the present meeting.

SAC meeting schedule was discussed with the next meeting being held on January 14<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>, with Jan. 14 being a storm make-up meeting. Jan. 6 is also being held in reserve by committee in case the FSR ballot voting does not result in a 51% majority win next week.

Mrs. Schneider motioned to adjourn at 3:35 PM. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

**SAC Adjourns at 3:36 PM****SAF called to order at 3:37 PM**

Mrs. Schneider called the School Advisory Forum meeting to order at 3:37 PM.

**Everglades Updates:**

No new updates.

**Zone Updates:**

No new updates. Mr. Tillinger will update SAF next month on South Area Zone information.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

SAF meeting schedule was discussed with the next meeting being held on January 14th.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Mrs. Schneider motioned to adjourn at 3:40 PM, Mrs. Martin seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was carried unanimously. Mrs. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 3:41 PM.

**Submitted by:**

Allison Berry, secretary for SAC 2024-25.