

Everglades Elementary

SAC Minutes DRAFT- May 19, 2025

Attendance:

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

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Everglades Elementary School Advisory Council was held on May 19th, 2025. Co-Chair Shannon Lirio called the meeting to order at 2:36 PM. Allison Berry recorded minutes for this meeting.

Review Previous Draft Minutes:

Mrs. Lirio asked all participants to review the past two previous meeting minutes (March and April), a motion was made to approve as is by Ms. Martin and seconded by Ms. Silva. March and April Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2024-2025 School Improvement Plan:

Mrs. Lirio mentioned that although the bulk of end-of-year testing (i.e. FAST, STAR, iReady) has concluded, we are still collecting and analyzing data for PM 3 and alternative promotion assessments. Make-up testing is still going on, but current data indicates that Math continues to be the stronger academic area for our school, whereas ELA will need support in the next school year. Mrs. Hines affirmed that once all data is complete it will be looked at in greater detail to determine what specific areas in literacy need to be reinforced school-wide and per grade level band.

2025-2026 Budget Projection:

Mrs. Hines shared the 2025-2026 budget projection presentation (attached) for our school and stated that next year's enrollment is approximately 100 students less (around 730 students) than the 2024-2025 enrollment. Six teaching positions are projected to be cut from the budget. We do have some teachers moving/retiring this year, so this will alleviate some movement from our school site. Should enrollment increase within the first month of the school year (by FTE week), then it is possible that more classes would be created. The current breakdown of classes per grade level for the 2025-26 school year is as follows: Pre-K = 3 classes, Kindergarten = 4 classes (1 less than the previous year), First Grade = 4 classes, Second Grade = 5 classes (2 less than the previous year), Third Grade = 6 classes, Fourth Grade = 5 classes (1 less than the previous year), and Fifth Grade = 6 classes (2 less than the previous year). Specials classes will remain the same, 4 specials areas (Art, Music, PE, Media). There is projected to be one less class in the school autism cluster next year. There is no change to school front office support staff or administration, however school custodial positions will decrease from 4 to 3 for the afternoon/evening crew.

Account Balances:

School Recognition (A+) funds = \$27,515.12 (as of 5/19/25)

Accountability = -\$5,319.91 (amount to be taken out) Mrs. Hines noted that the business support center will be correcting the errors in accountability funds by the end of the month.

SESIR

No incidents reported to the committee at this time.

Safety and Security

Mr. Tillinger mentioned that certain schools within the district are letting go of campus monitors and security specialists; no indication has been made that Everglades will be decreasing any security positions in the coming school year.

Updates/Concerns

No concerns at the present meeting.

The next SAC meeting will be held in August 2025 to prepare for the 2025-26 school year, to include nominations and elections, per by-laws.

Mrs. Lirio adjourned the SAC meeting at 2:50 P.M.

SAC Adjourns at 2:50 PM

SAF called to order at 2:51 PM

Mrs. Lirio called the School Advisory Forum meeting to order at 2:51 PM.

Everglades Updates:

Mr. Tillinger mentioned that enrollment should be higher than currently anticipated by the start of the 2025-26 school year. The unused portables in the back part of the school will remain on our campus for now (there is no need for them in any other location within the district). Mrs. Hines mentioned that Honor Roll ceremonies have begun and acknowledged PTA for providing gifts for students who made honor roll achievements, as well as for their support of SAC this year. 5th grade end of year activities will begin next week, with the end of year ceremony scheduled for the morning of May 30th. Former Everglades students who are currently graduating high school seniors are welcome to come back and visit former teachers on the afternoon of May 30th. Mrs. Schneider reminded that all library books are due by May 30th as well. Mrs. Schneider mentioned that all library books/materials are due by 5/23/2025. Library media was a successful year with an average of 16 books per student circulated and a total of 17,860 items circulated which includes print books, ebooks, and audio books.

Zone Updates:

According to the district, universal free lunches for students will not be offered next year. However, students truly in need will have access to free/reduced lunches if parents/caregivers fill out the appropriate forms. Universal free breakfasts will still be offered.

Meeting Adjournment:

Mrs. Schneider adjourned at 3:12 PM, the next meeting will be held in August 2025 to prepare for the 2025-26 school year, to include nominations and elections.

Submitted by:

Allison Berry, secretary for SAC 2024-25.