

# Everglades Elementary

## SAC Minutes DRAFT- Mar. 17, 2025

### Attendance:

Jessica Schneider – *Chair*  
Shannon Lirio – *Co-Chair*  
Allison Berry – *Secretary*  
Cristiane Silva – *Non-Instructional Representative*  
Arthi Devarajan – *SAF parent liaison*  
Ricardo Paz – *Parent*  
Rafael Buitrago – *Community liaison*  
Marcia Martin – *BTU Representative*  
Dr. Jeremy Saef – *Parent Pre-K representative*  
Eliot Tillinger – *Principal*  
Susan Hines – *Assistant Principal, Guest*  
Anabela Fernandes - *Guest*

### Call to Order:

A meeting of the Everglades Elementary School Advisory Council was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Chair Jessica Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. Mrs. Lirio seconded the motion. Allison Berry recorded minutes for this meeting.

### Review Previous Draft Minutes:

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

### 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan:

Mrs. Schneider mentioned that the after-school tutorial camps are up and running. Mrs. Hines added that grade-level data chats have finished and teachers are currently using the “crunch time” preparation plan to review specific standards in the classroom. Testing data from the PM3 assessment period will be used to determine next year’s SIP goals, tutorial needs, as well as analyzing funds for supplemental materials.

### Account Balances:

**School Recognition (A+) funds = ~~\$131,654.04~~ \$44,468.55 (as of 3/17/25)**

**-Approximate total \$99,000 staff bonuses (distribution has begun as of 3/17/25)**

**-Approximate \$7,757.13 to be spent on 2025 after-school tutorial camp**

### -Supplemental materials request (presented by literacy coach AP and teachers):

-Science Boot Camp Speedbag – book for supporting science instruction for 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, approximate cost \$3,827.56. This was submitted as requested by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers as it has been used successfully by other schools in the Weston area. Discussion surrounding science and positive impacts of supplemental materials, as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade assessment covers material taught from grades 3-5. Mr. Buitrago made a motion to approve using School Recognition funds to help cover the cost of this supplemental material, with Mrs. Martin seconding the motion. Mrs. Schneider restated the motion to vote on funding the Science Boot Camp Speedbag, and the motion carried unanimously.

-Magnetic Reading books (to be used with 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> classes at the beginning of the new school year, estimated cost \$3,646.50). Mrs. Fernandes stated that this resource has been used over the past few years with a positive impact on student reading achievement. Ms. Martin explained the details of how the program helps teachers target instruction and differentiate for individual student instructional needs. Mr. Buitrago made a motion to approve the use of the \$3,646.50 to pay for the Magnetic Readers next year; Dr. Saef seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

-K-2 Sadler Phonics workbook – presented by Ms. Fernandes, used in after-school tutorial camps, cost is approximately \$761. Voting on this material was tabled as it would be used in the upcoming school year for after-school tutorial, starting in Jan. 2026

**Accountability = \$3,842.87 (estimated to be spent in total on 2025 tutorial)**

#### **SESIR**

No incidents reported to the committee at this time.

#### **Safety and Security**

A new security monitor for the school has officially been trained, and floater monitors are available in the county should a school's monitor be absent.

#### **Updates/Concerns**

No concerns at the present meeting. Mrs. Schneider reminded the committee that the final 2 SAC meetings for the 2024-2025 school year will be held on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Schneider motioned to adjourn at 3:00 PM. Mr. Buitrago seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Mrs. Schneider adjourned the SAC meeting at 3:00 P.M.

#### **SAC Adjourns at 3:00 PM**

#### **SAF called to order at 3:01 PM**

Mrs. Schneider called the School Advisory Forum meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

#### **Everglades Updates:**

Mrs. Schneider mentioned the second-grade students performed 2 very successful shows of "The Share Bears" on March 11<sup>th</sup> for all Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students (morning show) and the second-grade parents and families, community show (evening show). Spring Book Fair was also a great success, with PTA commenting on high sales for both food and books, especially during Family Night last week. Many Everglades alumni students from MS and HS came to volunteer. PTA parents mentioned that students enjoyed shopping and being with their friends in the book fair setting, and that there was increased interest in re-establishing 2 book fairs each year (Fall and Spring). Kindergarten classes enjoyed a recent field trip to Flamingo Gardens. Speech and Debate team students in grades 3-5 have their final tournament of the year this week at Cypress Bay HS on March 20<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes will be performing the "Fantastic Spring Adventures" show on April 10<sup>th</sup> for both school audience during the day and community/families in the evening.

#### **Zone Updates:**

Mrs. Schneider stated that Falcon Cove Middle School is holding a PTA meeting for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Kindergarten Round-Up was a success last month with the two offered times, morning and evening.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

SAF meeting schedule was discussed with the next meeting being held on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Mrs. Schneider motioned to adjourn at 3:11 PM, Mr. Buitrago seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was carried unanimously. Mrs. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 3:11 PM.

**Submitted by:**

Allison Berry, secretary for SAC 2024-25.