

Everglades Elementary

SAC Minutes DRAFT- April 21, 2025

Attendance:

Jessica Schneider – *Chair*
Shannon Lirio – *Co-Chair*
Cristiane Silva – *Non-Instructional Representative*
Arthi Devarajan – *SAF parent liaison*
Ricardo Paz – *Parent*
Rafael Buitrago – *Community liaison*
Dr. Jeremy Saef – *Parent Pre-K representative*
Susan Hines – *Assistant Principal, Guest*

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Everglades Elementary School Advisory Council was held on April 21st, 2025. Chair Jessica Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM. Mrs. Lirio seconded the motion. Cristiane Silva recorded minutes in place of Secretary Allison Berry for this meeting.

This will be an informational meeting only as quorum is not met.

Mrs. Hines noted that May 19th will be our next meeting date (instead of May 5), due to budget meetings and mandated budget presentation.

Review Previous Draft Minutes:

Mrs. Schneider asked all participants to review the previous meeting minutes, no changes were noted. Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next SAC meeting, when we have quorum met.

2024-2025 School Improvement Plan:

Agenda item number 3 - our areas of focus for our school improvement plan, Mrs. Hines discussed that right now we're going to be getting some helpful data as the students are preparing to take their PM 3 assessments. We're at that time of the year when the after-school tutorials have been up and going, and this week is actually the last week of the tutorial. Mrs. Hines explained that PM3 stands for "progress monitoring period 3"

2025-26 SIP Planning:

Mrs. Lirio spoke about Agenda item number 4 - Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Lirio both attended the SAC chair meeting for quarter 4 and shared some information about how we're going to be closing out this school year by looking at data from PM 3 to help us to work on the plan for next school year. We will definitely be looking at that data by the end of May. We're starting this week with our primary testing so K through 2 will be testing over the next couple weeks doing their PM 3 and then starting May 6th is when we'll start working on the 3 through 5 PM3. All testing will be done approximately around May 20th, although some make-up sessions may be needed.

SESIR

No incidents reported to the committee this month.

Safety and Security

No updates at this time.

Account Balances:

School Recognition (A+) funds = \$31,342.68

Accountability = -\$1,185.18

Mrs. Hines spoke to the account balances Agenda item number 7- the accountability funds that we're in the negative with accountability because administration is talking with our budget department as it looks like they were supposed to use what was there and then go into the A+ account and it doesn't look like they're doing that, so they have to correct it and that's why there's a negative amount of the - \$1,185.18 reflected right now in accountability because they didn't switch over to the A+ money with that the school recognition. For what we carried over from last year in school recognition was \$21,040.04, and we added \$12,000 from this year's A+ (school recognition) which brought us up to \$33,040.04. We earmarked the \$7757.13 to the tutorial, and we also have \$3827.56 that SAC voted previously for Science Boot Camp Speedbag materials, and we have \$3646.50 for the Magnetic Readers. Once the tutorial, Science Boot Camp, and Magnetic Readers goes through, we should be carrying over approximately \$17,808.95 into next school year. That would be if for some reason we don't get A+ (school recognition) funds next year because it is always a year-to-year allocation. We would still have more than enough to run tutorial camps at least for another year. A question was asked by Mrs. Buitrago if there is going to be potentially be a need for the balance transfer for the negative accountability situation to be corrected? Mrs. Hines answered that the budget department will correct that situation, and they'll put the money back because we've already approved and set that money as the \$7000 coming out of school recognition. SAC will be carrying over approximately \$17,000. Another question was asked by Dr. Saef, when does the school usually get information if we have qualified for the A+ monies for next year? Mrs. Hines answered that it will be around October generally when we hear regarding the A+ or school recognition program. Clarification on one thing from last time was the \$761.00 for the Sadler Phonics materials for K-2. Mrs. Hines reminded the committee that Mrs. Fernandes had stated in the last month's SAC meeting that this is not a crucial item to spend money on until next June in order to be ready for the next school year.

Mrs. Hines also mentioned as an FYI that we run our own aftercare program here at Everglades. It's run by us, and we do get a percentage of that back and the school was actually able to use a portion of that money to purchase 10 Promethean smart boards so we can get more into the classrooms. We are almost to the point where we have all classrooms with Promethean boards. Then aftercare was able to get some new iPads too with that money. There was about \$40,000 available to the school from that amount funded as a percentage back from the aftercare program.

Updates/Concerns

Mrs. Hines reminded the committee that end of year testing is coming up in the month of May. We are also right now in the middle of our school-wide APEX fundraiser. It's our big one for PTA for the school year. The APEX color run will be held this Friday morning. Right after testing at the end of May, we will get into honor roll assemblies and end of the year activities. May is a very busy month. During the second week in May, the 5th through 9th is Teacher Appreciation week. Our amazing PTA always does such an awesome job with our teachers, organizing things and they've already sent home things for the students to be working on for their teachers.

Mrs. Hines stated that the reason why we are changing the meeting next month to May 19th is because administration is in the middle of our projected budget, and it will need to be presented to the SAC team before the end of the year. Budget conferences are scheduled between May 5th and May 14th, so if the meeting is moved to May 19th, we'll be able to present the budget to the SAC committee.

Mrs. Schneider reminded the committee again that the final SAC meetings for the 2024-2025 school year has been changed from May 5 to now MAY 19th.

Mrs. Lirio motioned to adjourn at 2:50 PM. Mr. Buitrago seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Mrs. Schneider adjourned the SAC meeting at 2:50 P.M.

SAC Adjourns at 2:50 PM

SAF called to order at 2:51 PM

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

Everglades Updates:

Mrs. Schneider mentioned the second-grade students performed 2 very successful shows of “The Share Bears” on March 11th for all Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st 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 20th. 1st grade classes will be performing the “Fantastic Spring Adventures” show on April 10th for both school audience during the day and community/families in the evening.

Zone Updates:

There are a lot of special events coming up for 5th grade and from PTA for teacher appreciation week, all in May. Mrs. Hines shared that we did set the date for the invite to Cypress Bay graduates to come to the school for May 30th, after school. The invitation is being finalized so that PTA can share it with the community. Cypress Bay officially graduates June 2nd, on the Monday, so that's why we had to change our Everglades 5th grade award ceremony to Friday, May 30th to not conflict with CBHS graduation.

Mrs. Schneider also shared that last week we were able to host the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum Pop-Up Museum exhibit on the Bermuda Triangle mysteries. This was made possible by a community programming connecting us with Mr. Kelly the media specialist at Cypress Bay. All 4th and 5th grade students were able to visit the pop-up in our media center here at Everglades and learn Social Studies and Science information aligned with grade-level standards. Students participated in a scavenger hunt style activity to get through the information.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

SAF meeting schedule was discussed with the next meeting now being held on May 19.

Meeting Adjournment:

Mrs. Schneider motioned to adjourn at 3:01 PM, Mr. Buitrago seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was carried unanimously. Mrs. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 3:01 PM.

Submitted by:

Cristiane Silva (in for Allison Berry)