

Everglades Elementary

SAC Minutes DRAFT- Nov. 4, 2024

Attendance:

Eliot Tillinger - *Principal*
Jessica Schneider – *Chair*
Shannon Lirio – *Co-Chair*
Allison Berry - *Secretary*
Jennifer Kaiser - *Teacher*
Cristiane Silva – *Non-instructional representative*
Ricardo Paz – *Parent Gifted representative*
Dr. Jeremy Saef – *Parent PreK representative*
Rafael Buitrago – *Community member*
Marcia Martin – *BTU representative*
Susan Hines: Guest

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Everglades Elementary School Advisory Council was held on Nov. 4, 2024. Co-Chair Shannon Lirio called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM. Allison Berry recorded minutes for this meeting.

Introduction of Members:

Mrs. Lirio introduced all SAC members present at today's meeting along with their corresponding title/role.

Agenda point of order:

Item number II was inadvertently left on the agenda from September. All positions were unanimously voted and accepted at the September meeting. The October meeting was postponed due to Hurricane Milton. Make-up dates and current updated meeting schedule were reviewed.

Review Previous Draft Minutes:

Mrs. Lirio asked all participants to review the previous meeting minutes, motion made by Mr. Paz and seconded by Mrs. Kaiser (following a correction made to a member name in the previous minutes). SAC by-laws were also reviewed, motion made by Mr. Buitrago, seconded by Mr. Saef, and unanimously approved for this year with no changes.

Review of SAC Roles and Responsibilities:

Mrs. Lirio reviewed the various SAC roles and responsibilities. All members were clear on roles. See attached presentation.

Overview of State and District Assessments:

Mrs. Hines reviewed testing parameters from the state and district. Interventions were discussed as ways of supporting student learning needs. Mr. Buitrago and Dr. Saef asked questions regarding how statewide tests are graded in terms of the adaptive nature of the FAST assessments. BEST writing and science assessments were also discussed. Primary assessments (letters/sounds/concepts of print), including iReady, were explained, as well as the use of grade-level data chats to monitor student progress. Mr. Paz questioned how students are assessed by the beginning of year FAST and iReady

assessments, and Mrs. Hines clarified the way in which student achievement levels are determined at the beginning of the year based on those specific test results. See attached presentation.

Account Balances:

School Recognition (A+) funds = \$21,040.04 (this is a rollover amount from last year)

Mrs. Hines noted that our school has received A+ school funds and Mrs. Schneider commented that Everglades Elementary was also denoted a Florida Department of Education "School of Excellence" (ranking at or above the 80th percentile of all Florida schools, percentage of possible points earned in the school grade calculation was in the 80th percentile or higher for at least two of the last three school years).

Mrs. Schneider mentioned that this year's School Recognition (A+) award amount from 2023-24 is approximately \$120,000.00 and that proposals from staff will need to be reviewed and a ballot created at the upcoming December 9th SAC meeting so that the ballot might be announced to teachers/staff for voting prior to winter break. Mrs. Schneider mentioned that members need to be very specific in the wording of the proposals as to how remaining funds will be used after funds are distributed to faculty/staff. Mrs. Schneider encouraged attendance from board members at the December 9th meeting in order to have a quorum for the proposed ballot creation. Mrs. Schneider mentioned that, according to state statute, the School Recognition (A+) funds decision must be made by February 1, 2025.

Accountability Funds = \$3,842.87

Mrs. Schneider mentioned the current accountability amount came from this year's FTE data.

SESIR

No incidents reported for this month.

Safety and Security

No updates since the previous meeting. Mr. Tillinger mentioned that there will be an upcoming district safety and security meeting that he will be attending and that other board members are welcome to attend as well. Details will be shared next week.

Updates/Concerns

No concerns at the present meeting.

Mrs. Schneider motioned to adjourn at 3:10 PM. Mr. Buitrago seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

SAC Adjourns at 3:10 PM

SAF called to order at 3:11 PM

Mrs. Schneider called the School Advisory Forum meeting to order at 3:11 PM.

SAF by-laws were approved, Mr. Buitrago made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Kaiser. Motion for approval was carried unanimously.

Everglades Updates:

PTA delivered donation of individual student U.S. Flags to all classrooms today in honor of election day tomorrow.

Jump Rope for Heart kids heart challenge has been kicked off and students will participate in the jump during the week of Nov. 18-21.

Next PTA meeting to be held on Dec. 6.

5th Grade parent-teacher committee formed to plan celebrations for end of year.

Weston Rotary Run will be on December 8 this year, Everglades has earned funds awarded from Rotary Club from placing in the run the past few years.

PTA Trunk or Treat was a great community event last week and many alumni students came to visit and volunteer. Upcoming PTA Holiday shop fundraiser will be held at school from Dec. 2-5.

School-wide Field Day will be held the week of January 27-31.

Zone Updates:

No new updates. South Area Advisory meeting will be held on Nov. 13 at 9:15 AM at Pines Middle.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

SAF meeting schedule was discussed with the next meeting being held on December 9th.

Meeting Adjournment:

Mr. Buitrago motioned to adjourn at 3:25 PM, Mrs. Kaiser seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was carried unanimously. Mrs. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.

Submitted by:

Allison Berry, secretary for SAC 2024-25.