

Riverglades Elementary School
School Advisory Forum
August 26, 2024

Welcome/Pledge: A meeting of the Riverglades Elementary School Advisory Forum was called to order by Stephanie Rodriguez at 9:07am. Secretary Kathleen Judd recorded the minutes. Attendance attached.

Minutes: The purpose of a SAF meeting is to build a relationship with the community and parents. We also have a SAF chair that shares info from the district meetings. Rodriguez displayed SAF/SAC member list. Jennifer Sainato will be our non-instructional representative, instead of Kara-Jane Wilkinsky. Yailen Chenlo will be an additional PreK representative. Still need representatives for: ESOL and ESE. Rodriguez summarized the May 20, 2024, minutes and called to approve the May 20, 2024, SAF minutes. Shasha Hilbon made a motion to approve. Jen Sainato seconded the motion. Motion outcome: the minutes from May 20, 2024, were approved.

SAF Chair Report: Shasha Hilbon reported that she attended a district advisory council meeting and many things were discussed. Cell phone band- how that is going in the schools. Made a motion to approve cell phone use at lunch. Asked for principal input and the cell phone band seems to be going well. Metal detector discussion- was lengthy to get students in day 1 but it improved by day 2. Focus online platform very positive- some parents having problems with online forms. Discussed school choice- discussed deadline by October 1st for parent process communication. Made a motion to get paperwork in 30 days or less for reassignment. School boundaries- nothing will be done this school year. We are an A district. Student representatives were there and reported metal detectors working well. Shasha Hilbon will be attending the North Advisory meeting later this week. Notes will be emailed and discussed next month.

SAF Bylaws: Voting to approve SAF bylaws. States objectives, mission, duties, membership, officers, chairperson duties, committees, meetings and when they are held, amendments, parliamentary authority. Stephanie Rodriguez made a motion to approve the SAF bylaws. Shasha Hilbon and Jo-Anne Seltzer seconded. Motion approved.

PTA Report: Jen Solf reported that this Friday is the Volunteer Fair for all parents & volunteers to join us at Riverglades and learn about various volunteer opportunities. We have doubled the time frame from 8:15-9:45am. There will be digital sign ups for those interested in helping with specific committees and events. Feldman reported that beautification was spotlighted at our PTA meeting. Upcoming events- Fun Run week of September 23- Looking for sponsors. Hispanic heritage night is September 20. Sign up for countries and partner with volunteers. September 3 is lead Hispanic heritage meeting @8:15am. If you would like to host a table at Hispanic Heritage Night- it's \$100. Bravo is one of the sponsors. Key project this year- playground flooring- change from sand to rubber. Meet the masters meeting is September 4 at 830 in the cafeteria. New curriculum has been purchased. Chairs will be organizing. Lunar new year event on Friday, January 24. Farmer Jay has garden beds for classes and lessons- classes will be signing up for mini lessons. First fundraising is August 28 @ Anthonys Coal Fired Pizza. Box tops continuing- please scan receipts and get the app. Parkridge Halloween costume drive in October and will begin collecting costumes October 1st.

Safety/SRO Report: Officer Volpe reported that traffic and helmets have been a problem. Check out the newsletter being sent out by Seltzer today regarding helmet safety.

Principal Report: Seltzer reminded us lunch and breakfast are free. Dos and don'ts of parking- check out newsletter. Cell phone policy going well. Dress code- across the board, enforcing BCPS dress code (info in newsletter as well).

Questions, concerns, ideas: Hoffman inquired why there is voting on campus during the school day with students, especially when early voting was available at a nearby public park location. Majority dislike that there is no safety check on public voters that are coming on our campus to vote. Ana Auon asked if parents could be told in advance about voting on campus in case they want their kids to stay home.

Motion to adjourn Kathleen Judd made a motion to adjourn. Ana Auon seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Next meeting: September 30, 2024 @9am