

Riverglades Elementary School  
**School Advisory Forum**  
**January 27, 2025**

**Welcome:** A meeting of the Riverglades Elementary School Advisory Forum was called to order by Christ Duhart at 9:05am. Secretary Kathleen Judd recorded the minutes. Attendance attached.

**Approval of December Minutes:** Rodriguez sent via email the December 16, 2024 minutes. Duhart summarized the December, 2024 minutes. Shasha Hilbon made a motion to approve. Laura Just seconded. Motion outcome: the minutes from December 16, 2024, were approved.

**Principal's Report:** Seltzer said district showcase went well and was a very crowded event. We had our first kindergarten roundup. It was a huge turnout. We have open choice seats. We got positive feedback of the tour and gave them an informational brochure on the school. Our next roundup is during the day on February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9am. We have gone up in all grade levels on iReady and FAST. We are now drilling down to each individual student, and we have support staff pulling small groups in grades 3-5. What an amazing event for Lunar New Year! PTA did such a wonderful job planning. We have a new campus monitor- Ms. TK. We are Celebrating Literacy Week, 100<sup>th</sup> Day & Career Week this week. Today is pajama day; Tuesday is the 100<sup>th</sup> Day; Wednesday is wear bright clothes (my future is bright); Thursday is We your favorite pair of boots (kick of your boots and read); Friday is Dress for Success (dress up for your future dream job). Career Day is Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Tania & Romey for planning this event.

**PTA Report:** Maria Jewell discussed how successful Lunar New Year- we appreciate all the teachers and staff that were able to volunteer. Grateful we can bring different cultures and experiences to our school. Farmer Jay is continuing to visit Riverglades and do lessons each month- he aligns his lessons to the Science standards. Coming up- quite a few fundraisers- Yogurt Craze, Gator Rewards Store (Feb 4 and 5), Love and Service Collection. Texas Roadhouse night is Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Jeremiah's February 11<sup>th</sup>. BINGO Night February 19<sup>th</sup>. Continuing to work with Vendors for our playground- will hopefully have more information in coming month. Creative Arts Night planning is underway.

**Safety/SRO Report:** Danielle Wolf reported everything is smooth and safe.

**SAF Chair Reports:** Shasha Hilbon discussed the Amerant Arena event was a very big event. Suggestion was brought up to organize the schools by location/zone, not alphabetical order. Discussed testing conditions of what schools to provide a positive and calm testing environment. Discussed a "share table" in the cafeteria but there has to be a certified person on staff. The food would be sent to a food bank. Policy updates- discussing the board taking the speaking time from 15 minutes to 10 minutes total. **Talked** about policy 1070- the chair will only be 2 years, not 4 years. Discussed a Mental Health Fair- with breakout sessions for families to attend. **Please see detailed notes (attached) from Shasha Hilbon.**

**Questions, concerns, ideas:** None

**Motion to adjourn** Kathleen Judd made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:32am

**Next meeting:** February 24, 2025 @ 9am

## North Area Meeting 1-16-25

### Prior Meeting Discussion:

Broward Estates – Going before the board on January 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Closing, many parents do not speak English.

iReady -Common assessments, graded or not- Not consistent.

Syllabus across the board – not done – should they be doing this across the board?

### Old Business:

Academics: They will be Melissa Holtz and Guy , Richie Balm – over testing, attending the next meeting.

North Area Updates: Mr. Santana- Looking at the data from PM2 and making adjustments if needed. We are now in crunch time. The Showcase was amazing, very impressed.

### Feedback from Showcase:

Overall good, tight spaces, and suggested to do by Region rather than entire county.

Principal – wants to add VPK to her school to help draw people in to her school

Next time do mailers to all students in Broward County to draw more in.

Tours – parents would like to see the campus.

Kindergarten Round Ups should be prior to the School Choice window closing.

Dr. Fleming – Assessments, taking a hard look at them. Looking at the information and how to not overload the students. Graduation rate has gone up slightly, going in the right direction. Encourage students to be connected to the school – band, athletics, arts, etc.

Testing: Q: What are some best practices that you do to help your students have a good test day? Culture in the school

- Learning environment is mimicked throughout the year – environment stays the same.
- Just do your best, this test is just information for what we need to help you. Support staff meetings with students who have anxiety prior to the test. Goal setting also.
- Finger breathing - chant on the announcements – Don't stress – do your best – This is done every assessment, so by the time they get to PM3 they get it. Pairing the testing proctors with the student all year, like 504 and IEP students. They get familiar with them and what their needs are.
- Juniors – Blanche Ely – Free prom ticket if they do well on the test.

Celebration after testing:

- Dance Party
- Popsicle Party
- - Children who are lower level should also be included-ex: IEP student who only gains 1 or more points should get an incentive.

#### SAF Chair Reports:

- School came up with a game room – as a reward – Behavior, testing, etc.
- Zen room to relax
- Art/Craft room
- Movie Rooms
- 3D Printing – Cougar Cup Coins -
- Quarterly – PAWS Bucks for incentives, kids like the dress up days and lunch with Admin.
- High School – Cold Cash – parties, snacks
- High School – Catch them doing great

Cyber Bullying – It's a one time and you're out infraction

Food and Nutrition – Come in March

Title 1 – Come in March - Do not have to fill out free and reduce lunch applications, but it helps with funding.

Share Table in the cafeteria to collect the food that is not eaten– people have to be certified, Food and Nutrition will explain.

#### Policy Updates:

Policy 1020 -Board is decreasing the overall time from 15 to 10. If you are a chair your minutes are included in that 10 minutes.

Email all the board members

Policy 1070 – Recommendation is to do only two years as a chair.

#### Mental Health Fair:

Would like to do a parent session and a separate student sessions.

Hixon did a talk online with kids - talked about bullying and counseling. Kids online feel safer to talk and share.

School Social Worker – Do you have one assigned? Do they cover multiple schools? Easy to get a hold of?

Broward Schools – Sednet – to help students with emotional and behavioral

School Choice – closes January 21<sup>st</sup>.