

**Everglades High School  
School Advisory Forum (SAF)  
Minutes  
General Meeting  
May 21, 2024**

Call to Order

Approval of March 2024 Minutes

Motion to approved by Vuliette Denis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aneliz Schmidt

Approval of April 2024 Minutes

Motion to approved by Fosie Norton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gabrielle Tyson-Romeo

SAF Election for Everglades H.S. Chair – No volunteer at the meeting. Will revisit at the first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year, which will most likely be in September.

**Elected for the 2024-2025 School Year**

| Board -South Area                         | District Advisory Representatives         |
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| Chair-Carmelo Borges                      | Elementary School                         |
| Elementary Vice Chair-Opal Raglin-King    | 1. Maria Bracamonte                       |
| Secondary Vice Chair-Laurel Garfinkel     | 2. Opal Raglin-King                       |
| Corresponding Secretary-Antoinette Bailey | Middle School - Open                      |
|   | High School                               |
|   | 1. Laurel Garfinkel                       |
|   | 2. Antoinette Bailey                      |
|   | Parent at Large-Janice Waite              |
|   | Teacher Representative-Open               |
|   | Citizen at Large- Open                    |
|   | Business Representative-Open              |
|   | Legislative Representative – Chris Canter |

The teacher representative position for the District Advisory Council is still seeking a teacher representative. Please contact the Chair, Carmelo Borges if interested. There are other open Positions as listed above.

**Speaker** – South Regional Superintendent

### **Redefining Schools**

Mr. Alan Strauss - South Regional Superintendent, Teaching and Learning discussed the following:

5 hour meeting was held at Plantation High School on 5/14/2024 to discuss the closing of schools. Superintendent recommended no school closings. However, reconfigurations and full school choice were recommended.

### **New Recommendations are:**

5-6 schools to suggested for change

**Hollywood Central Elementary** – change from K-5 boundary school to K-8 boundary school

**Silver Shores Elementary** – change from K-5 boundary school to unbounded K-8 school full choice (no boundaries, open to anyone that wants to apply) example: Nova schools, technical high schools, Beachside Montessori etc.

In order to do the Silver Shores K-8, Current students would be rebounded to Silver Shores, Silver Palms and Panther Run Elementary.

**Norfolk Elementary School** – change from K-5 Unbounded School to Full Choice School (Parents that work downtown children will go here. This will make it more convenient for those parents.)

**Sunland Park Academy** – this is a K-3 school that does not have an official boundary. It will revert back to K-5 with boundary.

**Pines Middle School** - is bounded and it will change from a 6-8 school into 6-12 Collegiate Academy. Will rename it Pines Collegiate Academy. Prospective students will need to complete an application if wish to attend the high school section. Students in the high school part (9-12) of the school will graduate with an AA degree (2 years of college credit).

The district is trying to bring back students to the public schools. They are losing students to private schools.

Modulars are portables but more permanent. Ready-made constructed building on campuses. Those were counted as permanent capacity. They will no longer count as classroom space/seats. They will be used, but not calculated when determining a school student capacity.

School closures not off the table. There will be a workshop on May 29th and a meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** – A workshop where the superintendent will discuss possibilities of school closures. Superintendent will bring back recommendations to board and will bring back a number of schools for closing possibilities, but no specific school will be named. Workshop will be at the KCW building, time is TBA.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Board meeting to make decisions on what came out of the May 29<sup>th</sup> workshop.

There will be no changes for the 2024/2025 school year. This will be a planning year.

2025-2026 or 2026-2027 school year is when changes will take place.

**Information needed to make informed decisions about our schools:**

- School Data
- Demographics
- Root Cause of Closure
- Cost of operating a school
- Programs within the school
- SESIR data - look at this
- Afterschool program
- Consideration grade of school
- Facility condition
- Transportation
- Foreign Language Program
- Marketing – Need to do a better job (look at Miami-Dade marketing structure)
- More information will be added to the list as they come in.

Please send any school improvement/restructure suggestions you have to Carmelo Borges, the South Area Advisory Council Chairperson at: : [Browardsoutharea@gmail.com](mailto:Browardsoutharea@gmail.com)

Adjourn:

Submitted by Maxine Linton -- SAF Chair

