

Wilton Manors Elementary School
School Advisory Council/ School Advisory Forum
Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6:00 PM
Minutes

1. Welcome

- Ms. Trawick called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Millie Lukose.

2. Approval of minutes of February 4, 2026, minutes

- Christina Murphy motioned to approve the minutes.

3. **SAC Chair Updates-** As we are nearing the end of our school year, it is time to start to think about recruiting new members for next school year. This also includes SAF members.

4. **School Improvement Plan Updates**

- In our meetings, monthly updates will be provided. There will also be time to offer suggestions and ask questions.
- Our Midyear reflection has been completed and sent to the district. As a school we are where we need to be.
- Extended learning is Tuesday and Thursdays after school from 3:15- 4:15. They are offered in reading and math. 5th grade has science.
- We are continuing to monitor attendance for students with a critical history. If the student is not in school, they are not learning.
- Basketball has concluded. Coach Homidas and Coach Gorman will be starting football. Spirit squad will still cheer for football games. Robotics has been going strong and the students are absolutely engaged.
- Literacy night paired with the Scholastic Book fair offered a great opportunity to engage parents and pass on best practices for picking the right book and strategies for parents about reading with students.
- International Fair is right around the corner.

5. **Principal's Message**

- Mr. Eligon thanked the teachers in attendance as their dedication to the students makes a difference.
- February 14 Wilton Manors and all schools in Broward County participate in a Day of Love and Service.
 - Curriculum provided for teachers to encourage positive interactions.
 - Blankets of hope- the students will write positive messages and attach them to blankets that will be passed out to the homeless.

- WME has a padlet where the students are able to pass along messages of encouragement and positive thoughts to teachers, other students, and their family.
- Our Just Do It! I did it! Ceremony for Broward County Public School showcases our ESE population and the great strides they make. It is always nice to see the growth of our students.
- March Madness to increase attendance has begun. As the classes and grade levels complete their attendance, they will be moved up in the bracket. Prizes such as extra recess and popsicle parties will be given to the winning classes.
- Career Day is scheduled for March 12, 2026. Career day is a great opportunity for students to learn about different job opportunities. In addition, Ms. Opdam has been working with the students on Xillo, a career exploration program.
- Many parents and staff are concerned about the school closures and staff reduction as listed by the district. Wilton Manors is not seeing any issues thus far with losing staff or the school losing its Magnet status.
- We have a full time officer at the school. His name is Officer Ellison
- Broward County Public Schools is pushing their new AI initiative. This is starting from the top and working its way down to the students. Each school has an AI liaison that will assist teachers and staff with the newest innovations in the district. This also includes laptops to take home. Best practices state that these are Broward School laptops. Please to not place or post anything on the laptop that you do not wish the district to monitor. Discussing internet safety and digital citizenship is important for all of us to stress to the students.
- PTA is offering a Digital Parent session through "Ready, Set, Tech!" This is designed to offer resources and guidance to parents and families about technology.

6. SESIR

- SESIR is the discipline codes that are sent off to the state. They are bigger events including fights, trespassing, and even theft. There are **no** SESIR incidents this month. Ms. Most discussed that making threats is taken seriously and that it must be investigated. These reports and findings can stay on a student's record for their entire educational career.

7. Title I- Parents were asked to give input on the 2026 2027 School and Family Engagement Plan. Some suggestions were:

- More opportunities for academic nights. Not just Literacy Night. Include Science and Math. Trip to Museum of Discovery?
- Continue to include the Scholastic Book Fair with Literacy Night as this gives the parents a chance to her strategies to use with their children as well as purchase age-appropriate books.

- Bring back Coffee with the Coaches. At times it is difficult due to work schedules and parents are tired at night, but setting aside a morning offers the parents a chance to meet with school leadership.
- More family-oriented activities such as Movie Night, Walk for Peace, Beach Clean up and International Fair to be held on Saturdays.
- Parents stated that they would not mind coming in on a Saturday for more training and to interact with staff. With varied work schedules, some evenings are difficult.
- They love that there is food and childcare at SAC meetings. This allows them to engage with school staff and speakers without worrying about also watching their kids.
- Ms. Trawick thanked everyone for the suggestions and will continue to accept feedback. Mr. Eligon and Mrs. Most also shared that their doors are always open for suggestions.

8. Reports/Speakers

9. Questions and concerns

Ms. Trawick motioned to end the meeting at 7:10 PM.