Wilton Manors Elementary School
School Advisory Council
Minutes
October 7, 2026

1. Welcome
    - Ms. Trawick called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. The motion was seconded by Millie Lukose.

2. Approval of minutes of September 2, 2026 minutes
    - Jennifer Cuffy motioned to approve the minutes.

3. **SAC Chair Updates**
    - Ms. Trawick reviewed the purpose and impact SAC has on the school community and thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support.
    - Ms. Trawick presented the ByLaws for 2026- 2027. They were approved. The amended Bylaws will be updated and submitted.
    - We are in the process of finalizing the School Improvement Plan for 2026-2027. When it is approved, it will be posted on the school website.
4. **School Improvement Plan Updates**
    - In our meetings, monthly updates will be provided. There will also be time to offer suggestions and ask questions.
    - The CPST (Collaborative Problem-Solving Team) has begun meeting to assist those students in need of additional help either in academics or behavior. These recommendations are based on student scores on FAST, iReady-diagnostics, or teacher observations. This is done through a process called RTI (Response to Intervention.) Selected students are pulled for intervention small groups in both reading and math.
    - Mrs. Opdam has also started to identify students that have excessive tardies and absences. Noting that out of the 40 days marking period, there are students with over 15 days absent. If a student is not in school, they are missing out on learning.
    - The clubs and extracurricular activities available are:
        i. Student Council –
        ii. Robotics –
        iii. Basketball –
        iv. Spirit Squad-
        v. Chorus
        vi. Morning Show
    - 5th grade recently went to Junior Achievement through the JA Biztown curriculum. Every 5th and 8th grade student in Broward County learns about financial literacy and participates in the program. They have an opportunity to

select a job and work in a business. They receive a paycheck and go on breaks. During their breaks they can eat at the JA Café or support local JA Biztown business by purchasing goods.

- Teachers and staff continue to receive ongoing training. Recently they have received training from iReady, Magic School, and how to use AI effectively and appropriately. Ms. Trawick announced that there will be parent training on AI to educate parents on the good and the bad sides of AI and how to keep their families safe while on the internet.
- Ms. Opdam, our guidance counselor has started small groups and individual sessions with students and families in need. She is also available for other concerns including those students that are displaced or homeless.

5. Principal's Message

- Mr. Eligon thanked the teachers in attendance as their dedication to the students makes a difference.
- Mr. Eligon also thanked the PTA for their continued support.
- We are continuing with lock down drills and practice as they should be "muscle" memory for our students. Keeping schools safe is our top priority.
- We are starting our annual Harvest Drive soon. Last year we collected 6 buses full of donations for needy families.
- Beach Clean up was a HUGE success. Caring for the environment shows the students that anyone can make a difference in the world.
- Grandparents breakfast and Dads, take your child to school day were also well attended. Bringing in and including all families help students see that we all value family.
- Drop off and Dance Fridays have become a new popular trend at WME! It is a fun way to end the week. Even if you dance in your car…..
- The Department of Health Dental Sealant took place over the past 2 weeks. Over 50% of the students participated. This is a free program that offers cleaning and sealants for students.
- Kindergarten has begun swimming lessons and water safety activities. Especially in a location like Florida, teaching water safety can be a lifesaver for many of our students. The students also enjoy the final day which is playing on the splash pad.
- In the month of October, the Mammogram truck will be at Wilton Manors for staff members to receive free mammograms. This is in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- In order to continue teacher/ staff morale, the leadership team has been surprising teachers with treat carts, popcorn, and other goodies to show their appreciation. PTA also provided a coffee bar.
- WME has sent out information for our PTA membership drive. The class/ teacher that has the highest number of PTA memberships will receive a pizza party.

- PTA is sponsoring their "Not So Spooky" Halloween Trunk or Treat event with movie night. This also coincides with our Bookfair.
- Peace week was September 22-25. Students and staff had a chance to participate in activities that promote peace in the school and in the community.

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.
7. **Title I-** Ms. Trawick introduced Title I
    - Title I Parent University is open as well as several Title I activities throughout the year.
    - Information is posted to the school's Class Dojo page.
8. **SAF Report-**
    - Although it is just starting, Mrs. Lukose gave brief updates from the Central Region.
        i. Next month the BCSPD will talk to the parents about the cameras installed on buses and how they are being used to promote safety.
        ii. They will also discuss the plan to roll out parking citation for cars that do not stop for buses even when the bus arm is extended.
        iii. Mrs. Lukose discussed the need for parents join SAF. As we are already on campus, perhaps having the meetings on the same day will be easier.
9. **Reports/Speakers**
    - Our Media Specialist Ms. Rodriguez spoke about new initiatives in media. This includes students coming in the morning to read and check out books, students learning to use SORA, and learning research skills. The media center is a warm and inviting place for students to develop their love for books and knowledge.

10. **Questions and concerns**
    - **None**

Nickole Trawick motioned to end the meeting at 6:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Don Tsong.