



Bennett Elementary

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Danielle Smith, Principal

School Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday January 13, 2025

2:15-3:00pm

Media Center

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)

- Welcome and Call to Order

Sara Singh called the meeting to order at 2:26 pm.

- Attendance to Check for Quorum

Attendees introduced themselves and established quorum with 7 out of 12 members present.

- Approval of December Minutes

Minutes were distributed for review by all present attendees. Cecilia Harley motioned to approve the minutes. Danielle Wesley seconded the motion.

2. Old Business (10 min)

- Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) process (\$22,649.00)

→Share results

Sara Singh projected the Florida School Recognition (A+ funds) Ballot Count Summary Sheet and discussed the results of the vote. She expressed that “Option A: Current staff who worked less than 60% (118 days) of the 24-25 school year will receive a fixed amount of \$50. The remainder of the funds will be distributed equally among the staff that worked 60% or more of the 24-25 school year” was selected by majority of the staff members and therefore will be how the funds will be distributed.

→Next steps

Sara Singh expressed that the A+ funds packet was turned in and awaiting district approval. Once it is approved Ms. Izzo (the school office manager) will proceed with the necessary steps and payment shall be reflected in our paychecks soon. (No date was given).

3. New Business (10 min)

- Upcoming BCPS Customer Survey

Customer feedback is required to make necessary improvements where we can. All stakeholders are encouraged to look out for an email that contains the survey link.

- Kindergarten Round-Up Dates:

→Friday January 16, 2026 at 8:30 am (will be held in person)

→Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm (will be held virtually. QR code for Teams meeting is on flyer)

All members were encouraged to spread the word to the community to increase Kindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year 2026-2027.

4. Principal's Message (10 minutes)

- SIP Monitoring & Stakeholder Feedback

→FAST PM2 Data Presentation

Mrs. Walstine summarized the data on the presentation. According to the number of proficient students and students who made learning gains, Bennett is showing an upward and positive trend in its data. Specific students and subgroups have been targeted with additional interventions and support to ensure they make learning gains or are proficient by PM3. PM2 was a successful period.

→Stakeholder Feedback

Danielle Wesley applauded and praised Bennett teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication.

- SESIR Updates

There were no updates to report.

- Budget: Accountability Funds (\$12,118.61)

→ELO Camps will commence on Monday January 11, 2026 and continue every following Monday and Wednesday

ELO camps have commenced, and the accountability funds will begin to disperse to pay teachers that work the camps. ELO camps are extended to 3-5 grade students, covering the subjects of ELA, Math, and Science.

- Upcoming Events

→Mrs. Harley (Media Specialist) will discuss upcoming book fair and Black History Month initiatives

The book fair is coming to Bennett from Feb.17, 2026 – Feb. 25, 2026. Mrs. Harley is hosting a Black History Presentation on Feb. 25, 2026 at 12:30 pm to dismissal. Grades K-5 will be presenting different aspects of “Black Poetry in Motion”. Parents will be invited to attend. Following the presentation, parents and students will have the final opportunity to shop at the book fair. Methods of payment include Ewallet, Credit Card, or Cash. No coin change will be provided (coinless), amounts will be rounded.

4. Adjournment (5 minutes)

- Next Meeting Dates:

→Joint SAC & SAF Meeting: Tuesday February 3, 2026 @ 2:15pm in the Media Center

- Adjourn Meeting

Sara Singh shared the next meeting time, date, and location. Due to no questions by members, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.