



Bennett Elementary

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Danielle Smith, Principal

School Advisory Council Meeting

SAC Meeting

Thursday September 24, 2026

2:15-3:00pm

Media Center

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)

- Welcome and Call to Order
All attendees introduced themselves and their roles.
- Establish Quorum
Quorum was established with 10 out of 13 members present.
- Vote in SAC Co Chairs (Sara Singh & Cecelia Harley)
Mrs. Singh motioned to vote Ms. Harley in as SAC Co-Chair. Mrs. Calloway seconded the motion. There were 10/10 votes for Ms. Harley to be voted in.

2. Old Business (10 min)

- Approve May Minutes
Mrs. Singh displayed the May minutes and summarized each agenda item. Mrs. Singh motioned to approve the may minutes. Her motion was seconded by Mrs. Cordero. All members voted to approve the May Minutes.

3. New Business (10 min)

- Review 2026-2027 SAC Roles/Responsibilities/Membership
Mrs. Singh introduced the new members and their roles. Ligia Cordero will be the new ESE parent representative. Antonio Flores Rio will be the new SAF Chair and ESOL parent representative. Cecilia Harley is the new SAC Co Chair. Melvin Ramirez is a new parent representative. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 SAC Composition

was made by Mrs. Singh and seconded by Ms. Roberts. All members voted to approve the SAC composition.

- **Approve 2026-2027 Bylaws**
The 2026-2027 Bylaws were displayed and thoroughly discussed. All members were in favor of amending and approving the 2026-2027 Bylaws.
- **BTU Referendum**
Mrs. Wesley explained that the referendum will be a continuation of the current referendum that is expiring. A referendum supports teacher salary, school safety, and mental health services. Broward county voters will decide on the Secure the Next Generation Referendum on November 3, 2026, when it appears on the General Education ballot as School Board Question 1.

4. Principal's Message (10 minutes)

- **School Improvement Plan & Title 1 Addendum**
Mrs. Morgado summarized the 2026-2027 SIP plan and Title 1 Addendum. She mentioned the Science of Reading initiative and that Title 1 assists families in need.
- **District Elementary PowerPoint Presentation**
Mrs. Smith presented a video created by the district regarding how schools acquire their school grade and handed out a visual chart. She mentioned that Bennett acquired a 'B' last year. She described the data obtained from last year and compared it to PM 1 data this year. Based on the current data trend, a school grade of "A" is highly likely to acquire this year.
- **Stakeholder Input**
Mrs. Cordero expressed support for the district's focus on academic achievement, student safety, family engagement, attendance improvement, and teacher support.
- **SESIR Updates**
Dr. Timmons stated that SESIR stands for School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting and that she oversees this segment. She reported that as of today there are no reports. She explained the discipline matrix and that it is a generic that all schools in the district must follow.
- **Budget: Accountability Funds (\$4,500.16)**
Mrs. Smith explained the accountability funds rolled over from last year and are in the amount of \$4, 500.16. She clarified that whenever they choose to spend the funds all stakeholders will be notified in advance of the upcoming vote which will take place during a designated SAC meeting.
- **Upcoming Events**

- First day of extracurricular clubs Wednesday September 30, 2026
- Scholastic Book Fair – Beginning October

5. Adjournment (5 minutes)

- Next Meeting Dates:
 - SAC Meeting: Thursday October 1, 2026
 - SAF meeting to follow
- Adjourn Meeting
 - Meeting was adjourned at 2:51pm