



Bennett Elementary

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Danielle Smith, Principal

School Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday November 4, 2025
2:15-3:00pm
Media Center

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)

- Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:20pm. Sara Singh introduced herself as SAC chair and all members had a chance to introduce themselves.

- Attendance to Check for Quorum

Sara Singh surveyed the sign-in sheet and announced that to meet a complete quorum, we must add Ms. Cheryce Valerio-Santos, as our Hispanic parent representative. Sara Singh motioned to add Ms. Valerio-Santos to the SAC composition. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wesley. No one opposed it. The motion was passed, and Ms. Valerio-Santos was successfully added to the SAC composition which resulted in a complete voting Quorum. She indicated that all prior meetings were considered informational due to lack of a full quorum.

Approval of Bylaws, May, September, and October Minutes

Bylaws and previous meeting minutes were projected on the promethean board for members to observe. Sara Singh motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Bylaws and was seconded by Mr. Cleon Gayle. All approved the 2025-2026 Bylaws.

Previous meeting minutes (May, September, and October) were motioned to be approved by Sara Singh and seconded by Mrs. Danielle Wesley. All approved the previous months' minutes.

2. Principal's Message (20 minutes)

- SIP Monitoring

- ELA Walk-to-Read (Interventions) Data

- Ms. Shaneka Walstine (Literacy Coach), explained the interventions that are offered during our “Walk to Read” times. She explained the process where students with different needs, based on their instructional data, see various teachers who provide support in that academic area. Intervention data is collected weekly and used to progress monitor students. The areas are comprehension and phonics.

- Stakeholder Feedback

- Mr. Cleon Gayle asked if it has been effective. Mrs. Shaneka Walstine replied that it was one of the biggest initiatives that helped increase our school grade.

- SESIR Updates

- Mrs. Danielle Smith explained that SESIR stands for [School Environmental Safety Incident Report] and reported no new incidents at Bennett.

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

- Quorum will vote on distribution of funds for ELO Camp

- Mrs. Smith announced that there is \$12,118.61 in accountability funds. She proposed that the funds are used to supply ELO camps that focus on critical academic content. The money will be used to compensate the teachers that work the camps. Camps will include grade 3, 4, 5, and touch the subjects of Math, ELA, and Science. The camps will cost approximately \$9,800 to fund. Snacks and incentives intended for camp will cost approximately \$250.00. A total of \$10,000.00 will be used. Camps will start after winter break and will take place at Bennett Elementary from 2:15-3:15pm twice a week.

- Mr. Gayle asked how we will use the remaining \$2000.00. A discussion took place on different resources offered to Broward County Public Schools. Mrs. Walstine (Literacy Coach) will look into supplemental resources and discuss them at the next meeting.

- Mrs. Smith motioned to vote for the approval of spending \$10,000.00 from the accountability funds for ELO after school camps that will target critical

academic needs for 3rd-5th grade students. The motion was moved by Mrs. Harley. The vote occurred and no one was opposed.

- **Upcoming Events**

Mrs. Smith spoke about the PTA fundraiser and that we will be using the proceeds for new technology, student and teacher incentives, and events. She stated that there will be a “Muffins for Middle School Event” to discuss options for current fifth graders and assist their parents with filling out applications. PM 2 testing will take place in December before the winter break. The Kennedy Space Center Field trip was a huge success and the assistant principal was recognized for organizing and securing a grant to make it possible for most kids to attend. There will be an upcoming Seaworld trip in the Spring and more details will be presented as the time comes closer.

3. Adjournment (5 minutes)

- **Next Meeting Dates:**

(SAC) Tuesday December 2, 2025 @ 2:15pm in the Media Center

(SAF) Tuesday December 2, 2025 After SAC meeting in the Media Center

- **Adjourn Meeting**

Mrs. Singh thanked everyone for being here and adjourned the meeting 2:52pm.