



Bennett Elementary

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Danielle Smith, Principal

School Advisory Council Meeting

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

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)

- Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:21pm. Each present member introduced.

- Attendance to Check for Quorum

Attendance reviewed by Sara Singh and quorum is established with 8 of 7 members needed.

- Approval of November Minutes

Minutes distributed for review by all parties present. Danielle Smith made a motion to approve the minutes which were seconded by Daphnie Auguste.

2. New Business (30 min)

- Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) process (\$22,649.00)
Sara Singh explained the funds, process, and purpose of the funds. Danielle Smith explained an email by Vetta Hudge detailing ways funds can be used (for staff bonuses, non-recurring expenses, education equipment or materials, temporary personnel, or any combination of the above). Danielle Smith mentioned that we must have an established vote by February 1, or all funds will be automatically given to classroom teachers of the current school year.

-Display "Who Votes" guidelines

Sara Singh displayed an email by Tassia Palmer explaining who can vote for A+ funds.

-Show sample ballots

Sara Singh displayed a sample ballot. She explained that every ballot must contain an option that states “None of the Above” and we must be very strategic in wording the options to eliminate any misconceptions or confusion.

-Create proposal and ballot for staff vote

Samples that were shown and considered were:

*Option A: 80% (\$18,119.20) of funds go to staff who worked 60% of the 24-25 school year and 20% (\$4,529.80) goes to instructional materials.

*Option B: 100% of the funds go to staff who worked 60% of the 24-25 year.

*Option C: None of the above

Danielle Smith clarified that 60% of the year is 118 school days.

Danielle Wesley asked how many staff worked less than 118 days. After review and a breakdown of positions/departments by Danielle Smith, it was estimated that this was around 10-11 staff members (2 facilities, 2 clerical, 3 facilities, 1 teacher, 2 techs, several paras).

Daphnie Auguste asked what items were included/allowed to be purchased as instructional materials. Sara Singh and Danielle Smith informed attendees that it is a very limited list and approved vendors.

A vote was taken on whether to designate any funds for instructional materials. All voted against designating any funds for instructional materials.

Cleon Gayle asked about the contribution of staff working less than 20% of the year. A vote was taken for a ballot of Option A (not passed due to majority voting against it) and Option B (kept due to only 1 opposed).

It was proposed to have staff that worked less than 60% of the 24-25 year but are still currently working at Bennett this 25-26 year be included in the larger portion of distributed funds. This amounts to about 3 staff members.

Proposals were made for:

*80% of funds for staff who worked more than 60% of 24-25 and 20% of funds for staff who worked less than 60% of the year

*90% (~\$340pp) of funds for staff who worked more than 60% of 24-25 and 10% (~\$226) of funds for staff who worked less than 60% of the year

*95% (\$21,516.55, ~\$358.61pp) of funds for staff who worked more than 60% of 24-25 and 5% (\$1132.45, ~\$113.25) of funds for staff who worked less than 60% of the year.

A parent proposed providing a fixed amount instead of a percentage for staff working less than 60% of the 24-25 year. Attendees agreed. Fixed amounts suggested were \$25, \$50, and \$75. Attendees voted and a large majority voted for a fixed amount of \$50 for those staff members working under 60% and they must still work at Bennett. Samantha Roberts made a motion to vote to approve the following ballot:

*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.

*Option B: 100% of the funds go to staff who worked 60% or more of the 24-25 school year (118 days)

*Option C: None of the above

Sara Singh seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and all attendees approved the ballot with none opposed.

3. Principal's Message (10 minutes)

- SIP Monitoring & Stakeholder Feedback
Bennett's Title I stakeholder survey will be sent out soon. The format is TBD (email, hard copy, or both)
- SESIR Updates
None to date
- Budget: Accountability Funds (\$12,118.61)
Funds have only been voted to be used for ELO camp. ELO camps and participants will be determined by the PM2 data which starts December 3. Since the funds have not been spent yet, the balance is the same as the previous meeting.
- Upcoming Events
An assembly was held this morning, December 2, to inform students of the Mid-Year Winter Celebration on December 18. Parents are invited to attend as long as they are approved volunteers.

4. Adjournment (5 minutes)

- Next Meeting Dates:

(SAC) Tuesday January 13, 2026 @ 2:15pm in the Media Center

(SAF) Tuesday January 13, 2026 After SAC meeting in the Media Center
- Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm by Sara Singh