

**Tropical Elementary School
School Advisory Council
December 2, 8:30
Agenda**



1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Attendance(Include quorum in minutes)
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Attendance 96.1% Average daily attendance
6. Staple Agenda Items
 - a. SIP Monitoring
 - b. Accountability Balance: \$7,772.60
 - c. A+ Funds-approximately \$21,302.17
7. SESIR Update District Total: August 467 incidents September 870 incidents Tropical Elementary Total: 0 Incidents
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - A. A+ Recognition Money
10. Principals Report
 - A. Thank you to our amazing Tropical PTA - Tropical Trek-\$84,000.00
 - B. District Showcase 12/9/25 - Amerant Bank Center 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 - C. School Tours
 - D. Schoolwide Theme December- Basketball
 - E. House of Hanukkah -12/18/25 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - F. Happy Holidays!
11. Announcements
12. Concerns/Questions
13. Adjourn

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- 12/3- Grade 3 trip to Kennedy Space Center
- 12/3- Safety Patrols Induction Ceremony 8:45 a.m.
- 12/5- Tropical Trek "DJ" Reward Activity
- 12/5- Kona Ice at 2:45 p.m. by the marquee
- 12/8-12- Book Fair

SAC (School Advisory Council) MEETING MINUTES – November 13, 2024

1. Welcome and introductions –

Membership Composition, determine if all groups are represented – yes

Principal, teachers: Ms. Thomas, Dr. Green Non-Instructional – yes, Ms. Villasis

- a) Parents, SAF (School Advisory Forum) Chairs) – Sarah Jany**
- b) SAC Chair – Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Odom/ Dr. Green**
- c) ESE (Exceptional Student Education) rep – Keresha Anderson**
- d) Gifted Rep – Scott Gorde**
- e) Title 1- Ms. Antunez**
- f) Business/Community Reps – I9 Sports – John Peach**
- g) ELL (English Language Learner) parent(s), Jose Mollard**
- h) ELL Rep/SAC secretary – Ms.Villasis**
- i) I-Zone rep- Ms. Bilinsky**

Attendance is 95% Average daily attendance

SESIR Update district total: August- 235 incidents, September-601 incidents

Accountability update has not changed because we are an A+school.

A+ plus money is a little bit less than last year at about 902, because we have less students. We gathered here today to write a proposal for the ballot that will help decide how the School Recognition Money should be distributed. For the ballot to be valid there needs to be at least two items to choose from. If votes do not reach a majority, then a meeting must be called, and the ballot has to be written again. If it is still undecided, then the district will make the decision to split the money evenly among instructional staff members.

Ms. Gorde made a motion to vote on having only two options on the ballot and it was voted yes by majority of present members. Motion to approve by Jose Mollard, second by John Peach.

Ms. Chrystie would like \$150.00 to pay for an author's visit during Literacy Night- Motion to approve by Liv Thomas and second by Marilyn Green.

Mr. Schneider would like to request money for after school tutoring. Money would pay teachers and staff including tutoring materials. Mr. Schneider is requesting \$4000.00 from the accountability money to target grades 3-5. Teachers would get about \$40.00 per Mr. Gorde would like to upgrade the amount to \$6000.00 and help get this started as soon as possible. Mr. Mollard second the motion to approve.

Meeting adjourned.

See calendar below

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Membership/Attendance 13/16 – 81% Quorum was met.

Approval of minutes from November 4, 2025 meeting motion to approved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Bordy

Student 94.6% average daily attendance

Staple agenda items

- a. SIP monitoring
- b. Accountability balance: \$7,772.60 (it was proposed that this money be used for ELO – extended learning opportunities
- c. A+ funds approximately $\$21,302.17 + \$66,000.00 = \$87,302.17$

SESIR Updated District Total:

Elementary Total: ZERO incidents

Old business

New business

A. A+ recognition money

- A+ money is about \$66,000 this 2025-2026 school year. A ballot was created everyone on the roster voted. We had to come up with 2 choices including one that says “None of the above”.
- This year the money is about half from what its been before. If an agreement is not reached by February 1st, only teachers will receive the bonus.
- Ms. Bordy is asking if we can use a percentage of the A+ money to go towards ELA purposes like extended learning opportunities (ELO) to support SIPP goals.
- Ms. Bordy is advising we use some of the money as an opportunity to help our scores improve since we are borderline a B school. It was suggested that the money for ELO be retrieved from the \$7,772.60 rather than the A+ money. We will lose what we do not use and that balance is still available.
- Mr. Schneider advises that historically it has been split evenly among the staff and reminded the committee that voting sometimes can bring a rift among staff members.
- Ms. Thomas proposed Option 1 to split evenly between staff members.

- Motion to approve ballot by Liv Thomas, second by Ms. Brooks.
- Accountability money is still the same

Accountability money - \$6000 Ms. Brooks motion to approve to take money from A+ rollover. Ms. Washington seconded the motion. 100% in favor.

Dr. Green suggested bumping up the tutoring money to \$50 per hour. Mr. Schneider offered that amount and only 3 students per teacher. We only have a handful of teachers that have shown interest.

Principal's Report

Testing started the week of December 1, 2025 to examine the learning gains made from August to December. The scores will assist in pacing for the rest of the year. Results can be retrieved quickly once the students have completed the tests. Teachers will be able to share results with parents.

- Mr. Schneider would like to thank our amazing PTA for the money raised on the TREK event...about \$84,000!
- District showcase will be next Tuesday, December 9. Everyone who is considering Broward schools can be invited to go and see what Tropical has to offer.
- Numerous amount of school tours, about 10-12 during the past month and that is a very positive thing for us.
- Schoolwide theme this month is basketball. Students have to come up with a team name for our school "toucan" ex: Tropical Toucan Hoopsters... class who wins will go up head-to-head with Mr. Schneider.
- House of Hannukah was celebrated the December 17. Mr. Schneider will have potato pancakes and desserts. Everyone was invited to attend.
- SIPP monitoring-updates end of January because of testing throughout all the grades, K-5.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Brooks and seconded by Dr. Green 9:44am.

Next meeting will be on February 3, 2026

★ SAC Sign In Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date: 12/2/25

Time: 8:30am

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Kristin Petrica	no	yes		
2	Deborah Brown	yes			
3	Jessica Bilinsky	yes	yes		
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