

Tropical Elementary School
School Advisory Council
November 4, 2025 8:30 AM
Agenda



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting, October 4, 2025
3. Attendance 96.1% Average daily attendance
4. Budget Update
 - a. Accountability Balance: \$7,772.60
 - b. A+ Funds-approximately \$21,302.17
5. SESIR Update District Total: August 467 incidents September 870 incidents Tropical Elementary Total: 0 Incidents
6. **Principal's Agenda**
 - *Our November schoolwide theme will be **Ice Hockey**
 - *PTA - Thank you!
 - *District Showcase 12/9/25 - Amerant Bank Center 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 - *Officer Stevenson- Q & A- Open Carry Law
 - *Ms. Antunez- School Data Presentation

Calendar Updates for the Week of 11/3

- 11/3- PTA sponsored Tropical Trek Rally during lunch
- 11/4- SAC/SAF Meeting
- 11/4- PTA Family Night at McDonalds
- 11/7- Kona Ice at 2:45 p.m. at marquee

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- 11/10- Veteran's Day Breakfast 8:00 a.m. (More information to come)
- 11/11- No School - Veteran's Day
- 11/12- PTA Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- 11/12- Grade 3 Field Trip
- 11/13- Interims Reports sent home (identified students only)
- 11/14- Wear your favorite hockey team shirt!
- 11/18- Tropical Trek & Field Day
- 11/19 Kids of Character Awards 8:45 AM
- 11/20- Tropical Trek DJ Reward
- 11/24-30 NO School Thanksgiving Break

- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting-Dr. Green, second by Mr. Mollard.
- Attendance is a little higher 96.15 % Daily average attendance
- Accountability has not changed
- State has updated SESSIR incidents with a total of 467 reported incidents, Tropical has none.
- Membership is in the green and composition of members is in good standing.
- Liza Khan -community member
- Discussion of SAC co-chairs and voting procedures. Tropical will continue this year with two co-chairs and membership voting before the end of school year.

Principal updates:

- Lacing up for success- this month the theme is baseball. This Friday is early release and there will be a game of BINGO tied up to the monthly theme. We will also have a contest later this month- wear your favorite baseball team shirt or create your own.
- Ms. Strum is out recuperating from her surgery, and we hope she is back soon and in good health.
- Ms. Tobacco has taken up the role of double duty and helping cover for Ms. Strum. She is doing a wonderful job.
- On Wednesday we are having a big day at Tropical. It is our instructional review where people from the district come to our school and do walkthroughs to see that children are learning the standards and give us feedback on how we can improve.
- The district's focus this year is "Rigor" which is more in depth of the basic who, what, where questions. This is what they will be looking for when they come to our school. How rigorous is our teaching and for the students' learning.
- iReady growth diagnostic – this week (October 6-10) – for purposes of growth monitoring (reading 84% and math 92% proficiency) – want to bump up!! Parent, Brooke Borde, inquiring about whether teachers are able to look and analyze weekly minutes – TCC allows students to work on iReady minutes. Answer is YES – same parent is wondering if there can be a parent training – Schneider is entertaining a mini-training for parents especially with children in Kindergarten.
- attendance/tardies – district's priority is to watch attendance and tardies. Superintendents are giving Schneider (all principals) to remain abreast of students' attendance/tardies. Too many absences, then the social worker gets involved.
- FTE WEEK 10/6/25 – This week the school (Tropical Elementary) gets paid according to how many students are attending school. Important: use the absence link so that

money. Whether there is a place in the front office to drop off money or allowed to walk back to the cafeteria and put it in their accounts. Schneider said that the District is trying to make our schools 'cashless'. We need to have more transparent with money that parents can supply for their children – money back or money stay in child's account.

- Balance of the district for lunch – has it been exhausted?? Wants to know because there are members who will be willing to give us more funds. We were given \$500 and should be given to us \$500 per month. The Board voted on this. However, there is a question and Mr. Schneider is not aware of this.
- School safety – are kids wearing helmets? Not an issue here at Tropical elementary school – but high schools and middle schools on bikes and other things without a helmet. It is a concern in our neighborhood!!! Open and carry law enforcement – cannot hold their guns withing 1000 feet. Maybe invite Officer Stephenson to our next meeting to maybe provide more information about this. Brooke Borde is suggesting that we create a meeting for parents to understand that we do not welcome their weapons out and in the open.
- Technology – back to school forms – do forms online – we are better than we were but still can improve. Parents cannot update pick up information online. They must come into the school to make updates and/or fill out forms.
- iReady/and all apps like Clever – how understandable are they?
- Bathroom AI devises will be installed inside the bathrooms in middle and high schools – like a sensor
- School nurses – Tropical is lucky – Hazel health can come in with an iPad to ask questions regarding students' health. Parents must give consent for their child to be given a health screen. Currently, our nurse does that.
- Tropical's website looks FANTASTIC - THANK YOU Michelle Lutin
- HUGE concern about the assessments – especially in primary grades. Everything is online. Suggested to sign up as a speaker to complain about these online assessments. And/or email district staff (DAC). Dr. Cone will be in a meeting tomorrow and this issue will be spoken about there.
- Goodbye to MR. Mollard – wishing him and his family good luck. Moving to New Jersey.
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★ SAC Sign In Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date: SAC 11-4-25


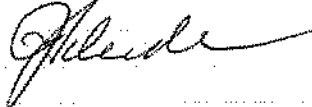
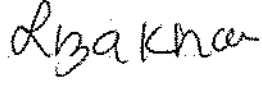
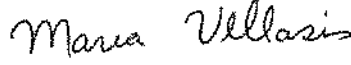

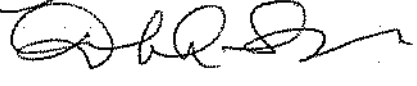
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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Anderson, Karresha	Parent	Yes	Yes	
2	Arnold, Richard "Jeremy"	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	
3	Bilinsky, Jessica	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	Yes	
4	Bordy, Brooke	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
5	Federici, Nicole	Parent	No	Yes	
6	Green, Marilyn	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	<i>M. Green</i>
7	Hernandez, Cheryl	SAC Co-Chair, Teacher	Yes	No	<i>Cheryl Hernandez</i>
8	Jervis, Chevaughn	Parent	No	Yes	
9	Mollard, Felix	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
10	Peach, John	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
11	Porro, Lidice	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
12	Schneider, Robert	Principal	Yes	No	
13	Siegel, Jill	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
14	Thomas, Liv	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	
15	Villas Flores, Maria	SAC Secretary	Yes	No	<i>Maria Villas</i>
16	Washington, Kimberly	Parent	No	Yes	

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1	Liv Thomas	✓			
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4	Rosent Schneider	✓	✓		
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7	Liza Khan			✓	
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10	Maria Villasis	✓			
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13	Teodora Cavazos		✓		
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15	Deborah Brown		✓		
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