

Tropical Elementary School
School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum Joint Meeting
February 4, 2025 8:30 AM
Agenda



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/approve Minutes from last two meetings, November 13, 2024 and Jan. 7, 2025
3. Attendance 95.1% Average daily attendance
4. Budget Update
 - a. Accountability Balance: \$11,293.34
 - b. A+ Funds-approximately \$23,145.36
5. SESIR Update District Total: Incidents as of Nov. 30, 2024 235-August 602-Sept. 774 -October
587-November 488-December Tropical Total-0
6. A+ Money vote passed to share the money equally, \$1095 bonus will be distributed at the end of the month.
7. Ms. Chrystie-
Kindergarten RoundUp
Science Scores Mid Year Results
PM2 Results
FAST Scores
8. Mid-Year Review of SIP Plan
9. Principal Updates-Mr. Schneider
Black History Month
Guidance counselor Appreciation
Media Center Update
School Safety Tabletop Activity
SPIZ Event

Calendar Dates:

- 2/3- Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week
2/3 – 2/4 – Health Screenings: Students in grades K, 1 and 3
2/4- SAC/SAF Meeting 8:30 a.m.
2/5- Grades 3, 4 & 5 Awards: Grade 5-8:45, Grade 3-9:15, Grade 4-9:45
2/4- Tropical Trek - Lunch on the stage
2/6-7 Grade 4 trip to St. Augustine (select students)
2/7- Kindergarten Round Up 9:00 a.m. New Kindergarten students for the 2025-26 school year.

Upcoming Calendar Dates:

- 2/11- Tropical PTA meeting, 8:30 a.m.
2/11- Kindergarten Round Up 6:00 p.m. New Kindergarten students for the 2025-26 school year.
2/12- Jump Rope for Heart Event
2/12 – Trek Icee Day
2/13- Grade 5 trip to Animal Kingdom (select students)
2/14- Early Release Day 12:25 p.m. (Day of Service and Love)
2/17- No School - President's Day
2/20- Grade 1 Trip to Flamingo Gardens
2/21- PTA Spring Fling (see flyer)

Ms. Howard has been very busy with science, and we can from the beginning to the middle of the year tremendous growth in 1st grade, 3rd grade maintained the same, 4th grade dropped a few points and 5th grade went up a few points. This information shows that we are in the right track, and we continue to work on this.

We just finished PM2, primary tested before the break and the intermediate grades tested when they came back from break. A lot of kids were absent so there were a lot of make up testing.

Projected proficiency based on Iready 5th grade 68% proficient with an overall proficiency of 62%. According to data, if we continue in the same path, we are projected to maintain our A score.

We have tutoring groups to help the kids who need a bit of a push to move up. We have 11 teachers in the program, and we are at full capacity. The focus for the school this year is to be a stronger A. We have a plan of incentives to push our students to complete Iready.

Ufl Phonics instruction. Next year, Tropical will be considered a UFLI school because we will all be working on phonics using this program. Teachers will be receiving training on this. We are very excited about this program coming to our school.

Black History Month is in February and lots of things will be coming up in the classroom, media center etc.

Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week

School safety- We are going to have a group of people come and we will have a scenario presented and Tropical has an opportunity to explain how they would respond. We do this twice a year and because they are real life situations, it is very important.

South Plantation Innovation Zone- schools that are within this group will be at South Plantation showcasing the things we do at our school for our community member to join.

Motion to adjourned meeting by Scott Gorde second by Felix Mollard

Next meeting is March 4th

**Tropical Elementary School
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January 7, 2025 8:30 AM**

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting, November 13, 2024
3. Attendance 95.1% Average daily attendance
4. Budget Update
 - a. Accountability Balance: \$11,293.34
 - b. A+ Funds-approximately \$23,145.36
5. SESIR Update District Total: Incidents as of Nov. 30, 2024 235-August 602-Sept. 774 -October 587-November Tropical Total-0- No changes. Tropical does not have serious incidents that need to be reported to the state.
6. Mr. Schneider has money in his budget for this due to lack of quorum this item could not be voted on. Ms. Antunez requests \$50 from Accountability for a Title 1 Family Night for Museum of Science and Discovery because the price went up after Title 1 Paperwork was filled out.
7. A+ Money vote passed to share the money equally. Dina and Cheryl are working on the paperwork so that money can be distributed to staff members.
8. Principal Updates
 - Happy New Year
 - Testing is under way- I ready testing has been completed. Fast testing is coming up next week.

District Showcase The push this year is to recapture students that either went to a Charter or Private school. The district will put a showcase next Tuesday January 14, and all schools will be there putting information to invite parents to come back to our schools. Reassignment window will open and due to low enrollment across the district, the district is going to be very aggressive in putting children where parents wish their students to go. We at Tropical have about 140 open spaces for enrollment and are preparing for a high number of enrollment but children in our community have priority. Some schools are going to be going from K-8.

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- Tutoring – We have identified the students, morning and afternoon tutoring and we look forward to it.
- K Round Up TBD- Usually held in May, this year we are tentatively looking to do it in February. Please look forward to this event. It is a good way to show parents in our community what Tropical has to offer.
- Family Nights

ESOL Family Game Night will be on Thursday January 9th, at 6:00pm. Esol families in our school community are invited to come for a fun literacy game night. We have about 32 families that

have confirmed attendance and we look forward to connecting in engaging activities with our ELL families.

Literacy family night on January 21st, children's author will be coming, and he will show students how he illustrates for the books.

February- Science Stem night MODS

Debate team did good in December, we are very proud of them and they have an upcoming competition. More details to come.

We don't have minutes to approve due to no quorum.

Construction updates: Playground-iguanas have digging holes, and we have people working on that. Bathrooms are still a work in progress. It's been a year and a half since they have started. The district is in the process of working a new contract with a new company to finish them.

Calendar Dates

1/9	Title 1-ELL Family Night -6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
1/14	District Showcase at Amerant Bank Arena 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
1/21	Title 1 Literacy -Family Night - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
1/23	Debate Competition
1/24	Kindness Carnival all Grades
1/27-1/31	Kindness Week
1/29	Grade 4 Trip to Broward Center
1/30	Kids of Character Awards
2/6	Grades 3-5 Awards
2/6-7	Grade 4 - St. Augustine Trip

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

Calendar

11/15- Tropical Trek Begins

11/15- Kona Ice - 2:45 p.m. at marquee

11/19- SPIZ @ 9:30 a.m. – Seminole MS - Parents are invited to attend

11/19 - Field Day - Grades K/1

11/20- Field Day - Grades 2/3

11/20- ESP Appreciation Day

11/21 - Field Day - Grades 4/5

11/21 Kindergarten Field Trip-Marando Farms

11/22- Interim Reports issued

11/25-29- School Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

12/2- Title 1 Family Night

12/3- Staff Meeting 2:45 p.m. in Media Center

12/6- PTA Family Night – Chuck E. Cheese

12/9- Instructional Review 9:00 a.m.

12/10- PTA Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.

12/18- Team Leader Release Day

TBD -PTA Holiday Event/ House of Hanukkah

12/23-1/3- Winter Break - Happy Holidays!

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date:

2/4/25

Time:

8:30am

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Bilynsky, Jessica	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	Yes	Yes	
2	Colon, Melissa	Parent	No	Yes	
3	Gorde, Scott	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
4	Green, Marilyn	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	
5	Hernandez, Cheryl	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	Yes	
6	Jany, Sarah	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
7	Jervis, Chevaughn	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
8	Jose Mollard, Felix	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
9	Khan, Liza	Parent	No	Yes	
10	Odom, Geranda	SAC Co-Chair, Teacher	Yes	Yes	
11	Peach, John	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
12	Schneider, Robert	Principal	Yes	No	
13	Thomas, Liv	BTU Steward (or designee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No	

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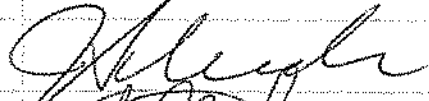


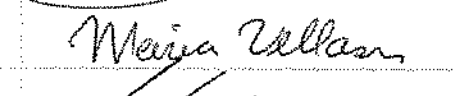

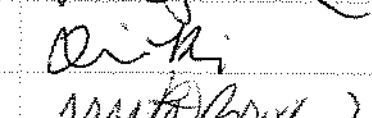




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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
14	Villasias, Maria	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	<i>Maria Villasias</i>
15	Washington, Kimberly	Parent	No	Yes	

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Time: 8:30am

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Robert Skunde				
2	Felix Mollard				
3	Lizakhan		YES		
4	John Peach			yes	
5	Maria Villaso	yes			
6	Scott Gorse		yes		
7	Marilyn Green	yes			
8	Jessica Bilyngley	yes			
9	Trace Brub	YES			
10	Liv Thomas	yes			
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