



Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) Checklist

Kelli S. Blackburn, School Improvement Coordinator

Florida Statute 1008.36 states that, "If school staff and the School Advisory Council cannot reach agreement by February 1, the awards must be equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school." For clarification purposes, a classroom teacher is one who is assigned to a classroom with students on a daily basis.

Action (Must happen in the order presented)	Required Documents SAC Upload Center Documentation (provide for each meeting and staff vote) *All documents must be uploaded as PDFs.	1st Meeting	2nd Meeting (If applicable)	3rd Meeting (If applicable)
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting		Date:	Date:	Date:
Advertise meeting <u>to all stakeholders</u> at least three (3) full business/work days prior to the meeting.	SAC Meeting Advertisement to all <u>stakeholders</u> w/agenda, date, time and location of meeting • Evidence must show when sent/posted at least three (3) full business/work days prior to the meeting (flyer, school website, newsletter, email, Parent Link, etc.).	11/1/24 flyer sent home		
SAC meets to discuss and create a ballot from stakeholders' proposals.				
Create written proposals in the form of a ballot which consist of 1 or 2 proposals and "None of the above" for the allocation of the funds. See note at the bottom of the checklist.	SAC Meeting Agenda • "Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) Proposals and Ballot Creation" is shown as a topic.	11/13/24		
Conduct a vote (only SAC committee members) to approve the ballot and record results of vote in the minutes.	SAC Meeting Minutes • Must reflect discussion of Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) proposals and ballot creation.	11/13/24		
A quorum (50% plus 1 of the total SAC members) must be met for voting to occur.	SAC Meeting Sign-In Sheets • For SAC members and guests	11/13/24		
General Staff Vote		Date:	Date:	Date:
Advertise general staff vote <u>in written form to all staff members</u> at least three (3) full business/work days prior to voting.	Written Advertisement to Staff (via email, posted notice, etc.) • Evidence must include purpose of vote (e.g., voting on Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) distribution, copy of the approved 2024-2025 Florida Recognition Program (A+ Funds) Ballot , date, time and location of the vote.	11/13/24 staff notified of voting		
Staff votes by secret ballot on the proposals • Proposal with the majority of votes (51% or more) will be implemented. • If none of the proposals get 51% or more of the votes, SAC reconvenes to restart the process.	2024-2025 Staff Roster of Eligible Voters • All staff members that vote must sign next to their names on the staff roster (only signatures will be accepted).	11/19/24 Voting takes place		
	Approved Ballot • A copy of the 2024-2025 approved Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) ballot	11/13/24		
	Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) Ballot Count Summary Sheet 2024-2025 • Each section of the form must be completed and must have all the required signatures	11/19/24		

Fringe Benefits Note: When compensation is paid to an employee, the employer incurs costs for payroll taxes and other fringe benefits. Each school's total award is reduced by 8.87% for fringe benefits on bonus payments. If schools do not utilize the entire allocation for bonus payments, a "fringe refund" will be provided for the benefits that were not used for non-salary bonuses. **Note:** In your proposals, include a statement on the ballot to specify the use of any leftover funds. Those funds should be allocated to nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment and materials.

11/11/24 Flyer sent home
w/students as well as
in Parent Link. Also
advertised on marquee.



TROPICAL ELEMENTARY
2024-2025

**Tropical Elementary School
School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum Joint Meeting
November 13, 2024 8:30 AM**



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting, September 3, 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: 6265 Incidents as of May 31, 2024 Tropical Total: 1 as of May 2024, 0 this year so far.
6. SAF Chair election.
7. Update SAC Composition
8. Create proposal for A+ School Recognition Money
 - Schools must use their awards for one or any combination of the following:
 - a. Nonrecurring bonuses to faculty and staff;
 - b. expenditures for educational equipment or materials to assist in maintaining and improving student performance; or
 - c. Temporary personnel for the school to assist in maintaining and improving student performance.

**School Advisory Council and School
Accountability Forum**

Joint Meeting

November 13, 2024 8:30 AM

Congratulations we are an "A" School!

We need your input to create a ballot on how to distribute school recognition funds. We also need to elect a SAF Chair. This position must be a parent. Please come out to support our school.

Parent Link 11/1/24



Tropical Updates 11/1/24

From Deborah Brown <deborah.brown@browardschools.com>

Date Fri 2024-11-01 4:00 PM

To Cheryl A. Hernandez <cheryl.hernandez@browardschools.com>

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November 1, 2024

Good Afternoon Tropical Families:

Please see the important updates below.

Thank you to the PTA and especially to Ms. Stephanie Savo and her committee members for an amazing Batty Bingo! What a fun event!

Batty Bingo Volunteers

Charles Smellie

Stephanie Savo

Donna Antonello

Yasmirel Reynoso

Kym Werth

Mirynne Iguilada

Lara Greenstein

Christine Sanchez

Kelsey Mcgrane

Kelly Wechsler

Jeremey Arnold

Laura DeAngelis

Maggie Moening

Katie Boncyk

Jen Ditto

Kristen Petrica

Natalie Mutter

Weekly Calendar

11/4 – Fall Back from Daylight Savings – Turn Clocks back one hour

11/4- Anti- Bullying Week

11/5- No School - Teacher Planning Day

11/5- Report Cards issued online

11/6- Paper copies of report cards sent home

11/7- SAC/SAF Meeting 8:30 a.m. (See attached flyer and agenda)

REVISED-11/8- Grades 3-5 Awards Ceremonies - Grade 3- 8:45 a.m. Grade 4- 9:20 a.m. Grade 5 - 9:45 a.m.

Upcoming Dates

11/11- No School - Veteran's Day

11/12- Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. (Additional Information forthcoming)

11/12- PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m. In Media Center

11/14- Kids of Character Awards (select students) 8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria

11/15- Tropical Trek Begins

11/19- Field Days (Additional information forthcoming)

11/22- Interim Reports issued

11/25-29- School Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Revised School Calendar: As a result of instructional days missed due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the 2024/25 school year calendar has been adjusted, allowing the District to meet state instructional time requirements. The following changes have been made:

- Monday, January 6, 2025, is now a regular school day for students.
- The first semester will end Thursday, January 9, 2025.
- Friday, January 10, 2025, is now an employee planning day and a day off for students.


These changes ensure students receive the state-required instructional time during the first semester. Please note, exam schedules are not impacted. These changes to the 2024/25 school year calendar are reflected on the updated calendar attached and available at browardschools.com/calendar

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ohana means family. There is no place we would rather be than Tropical Elementary!

Attachments:

 [SAC Flyer A%2B Recognition.docx](#) (73.7 KB)

 [2024-25 School Calendar.pdf](#) (296.2 KB)

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Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) Ballot Count Summary Sheet 2024-2025

Date:	11/19/2024	School Name:	Tropical Elementary
Principal:	Robert Schneider	BTU Steward (or Designee):	Liv Thomas
SAC Chair/Co-Chairs:	Cheryl Hernandez	Other, if applicable:	

Fill In Proposals/Options Below:

1.	Any staff that was here full-time in the school year 2023-2024, who worked at least 50% of the school year will receive a full share of the A+ Recognition Money. Retirees will get full credit regardless of time worked. Interim Subs who worked 50% or more of the year in an interim position will receive a full share. District Zone Employees that worked more than 50% of the year at Tropical Elementary, will receive a one time \$150.00 bonus. Oral Interpreters who worked at Tropical Elementary more than 50% of the year will also receive a full share of the money.
2.	
3.	None of the above.

Staff Vote:

Total number of staff members: 106 Total number of staff members that voted: 73

- For a proposal/option to pass, at least 51% or more of staff must vote for that proposal/option.
- For example, in a school with 95 staff members, at least 49 must vote for the proposal/option.

Proposal/Option 1		Proposal/Option 2		Proposal/Option 3	
(a) Total Number of Votes:	62	(a) Total Number of Votes:	N/A	(a) Total Number of Votes:	11
(b) Total Number of Voting Staff/Ballots Cast (must be the same for each proposal/option):	73	(b) Total Number of Voting Staff/Ballots Cast (must be the same for each proposal/option):		(b) Total Number of Voting Staff/Ballots Cast (must be the same for each proposal/option):	73
Percentage of the Vote # of votes (a) for proposal 1 divided by the # of staff/ballots (b):	85%	Percentage of the Vote (# of staff that voted (a) divided by the number of votes (b) for proposal 2):	%	Percentage of the Vote (# of staff that voted (a) divided by the number of votes (b) for proposal 3):	15%

~ The number of ballots cast and voting staff MUST match. ~

Final Result: Check the option that received 51% or more of the votes. Include the passing percentage.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Option 1 <input type="radio"/> Option 2 <input type="radio"/> Option 3	<input type="radio"/> None
Staff Vote Passes with: <u>85%</u>	If none of the proposals/options get 51% or more of the votes, SAC must reconvene to restart the process and complete it by February 1, 2025.

Signatures (must have all signatures below):

Principal:		BTU Steward (or Designee):	
SAC Chair/Co-Chairs:		Other, if applicable:	

TROPICAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2024-2025

101C Robert N. Schneider
Principal

101K Deborah Brown
Intern Principal

voted
done
07/11/19

73

KINDERGARTEN 5

147 Islam Al-khalilee
150 Kerresha Anderson
153 Brittany Ellis
151 Claire McMahon
148 Amirah Walker

FIRST GRADE 5

139 Mireille Cancio
140 Elizabeth Mathen
152 Merly Meyerson
142 Amy Tupper
141 Maxima Velasco

SECOND GRADE 5

131 Christie Berryman
135 Nicole Latham
129 Gabriella Scullio
136 Liv Thomas
133 Shayna Whitton

THIRD GRADE 7

130 Suzanne Assad
132 Jordanna Egan
501 Alicia Cronin
504 Joe Gemayel
503 Lorna Gold
507 Carrie Koroshec
506 Rebecca Lowe

FOURTH GRADE 6

527 Latara Best
521 Brady Carter
525 Sonia "Alejandra" Hong
523 Alexis Lindholm
522 Jennifer Marsh
505 Geranda Odom

FIFTH GRADE 6

174 Marilyn Green
186 Michelle "Shelly" Jindracek
184 Megan Niesel Acosta
183 Hannah Pariseault
185 Dr. Catherine Sadowski
173 Faith Shapiro

DHH 4

179 2,3 Mary-Frances Cayuso
181 4,5 Karen Gordon
182 PreK Janet Rego
180 K, 1,2 Robyn Shipp

ESE Support (VE) 3

114C Jennifer Boyd 4th/5th
114 Jane "Courtney" Newman K/1st/2nd/3rd
114B Michelle "Shelley" Scheele 1st/2nd

Speech 3

116 Kristin Judd 3-5
116 Jocelyn Rodriguez DHH
114 Danielle Amoils K-2 (contract)

Campus Monitor 2

Laura Cote
Alberto "Albert" Perez

Nurses 1

101F Tina Clark - Clinic

SRO 1

101 Joel Stevenson

SPECIALS 4

115 Josue Aristyld - Music
158 Johonna Cameron - P. E. Coach
178 Elizabeth "Libby" Hodges - Art
156 Kathleen Howard - Science

SUPPORT STAFF 4

165B Janet Chrystie-Wargula - Literacy Coach
114F Ronnie Leff - ESE Specialist
165A Yvonne Strum - Guidance Counselor K, 2, 4
171D Kristyn Tobacco - Guidance Counselor 1, 3, 5

Title I 2

171C Susan Antunez - Resource-TI
128/502 Cheryl Hernandez - Intensive Reading

OFFICE PERSONNEL 6

114 Tracie Brooks - Media Clerk
101 Diane Clifford - Clerk Typist II
101 Michelle Lutin - Clerk Typist II
101L Ileana Nunez - IMT
177 Barclay Quatremain Technology Support Specialist II
101B Dina Santuccio - Conf. Office Manager

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL 13

179 Michele Andujar - DHH Cayuso
Luz Aranda - IDEA ESE
181 Yesica Castro - DHH Gordon
180 Lashawna Freeman - IDEA ESE
Christina Garcia - DHH Shipp
Vanessa Gitzel - IDEA ESE
Kimberly Grantham ESE 3rd
Cynthia Holland - IDEA ESE 2nd
141 Rosa Nunez - TI 1st - Velasco
182 Madeline Pagan - DHH Rego
153 Maria "Connie" Rosado - Supported K - Ellis
128 Jessica Rowe-Bilynsky - ESOL Russian
128 Maria Villasis Flores - ESOL Spanish

Behavioral Tech 1

Kelvin Walker

FACILITY SERVICE PERSON 3

Paulette Benesh - a/c
Martha Cruz
419 Emile Greene - Head Custodian
Ricardo Lacruz - Assistant Head Custodian
Debbie Rahaman

FOOD SERVICES 6

410 Luz Hernandez
410 April Martinez - General Worker
410 Necole Pagillo - Manager
410 Daysi Perreras - General Worker
410 Corliss Walker - Cook
410 Janet Williams Francis - General Worker

Ed. Interpreter 4

522 Brianna Arnold - Marsh
507 Mavie Bravo - Koroshec
185 Mara Mangachi - Sadowski

DISTRICT SUPPORT STAFF 8

Dr. Lindsay Anidjar - Audiologist
Robyn Devendorf - School Psychologist
Derwin Hall - Physical Therapist
Monica Maria - School Social Worker
Lori Sandell - Behavioral Specialist
Carol Sassoon - Zone Family Counselor
Evan Steinlauf - DHH Family Counselor

Agenda



- 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
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting, September 3, 2024- Motion to approve by Cheryl Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Thomas
 3. Attendance 95.1% Average daily attendance
 4. Budget Update
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 - b. A+ Funds-approximately \$23,145.36
 5. SESIR Update District Total: August -235 Incidents September- 601 Incidents Tropical Total: 0 this year so far.
 6. SAF Chair election/I-Zone Representative- Mrs. Washington took a new job and resigned as SAF Chair. Sarah Jany was nominated by the committee and accepted the role as SAF Chair. Jessica Bilynsky volunteered to be the I-Zone Representative. Melissa Colon and Chevaughn Jervais also elected to join as members to as members.
 7. Update SAC Composition- Composition was updated to reflect newly elected members
 8. Create proposal for A+ School Recognition Money
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Last years ballot was used as a talking point to get ballot ideas started. Mrs. Hernandez projected the ballot on the television screen for everyone to see. Changes were talked through and adjusted as ideas were brought forth.

Mr. 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.

Ballot accepted as follows:

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Option 2:

_____ None of the above.

9. Ms. Chrystie is asking for \$150.00 for Literacy night to pay the author.

Motion to approve by Liv Thomas and second by Marilyn Green.

10. Mr. Schneider Updates: Request money for tutoring students afterschool. Money would pay Teachers and staff, and pay for 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.

A+ Recognition Money Ballot
Tropical Elementary 2024-2025

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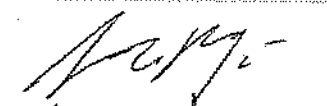

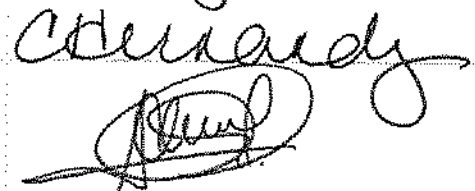

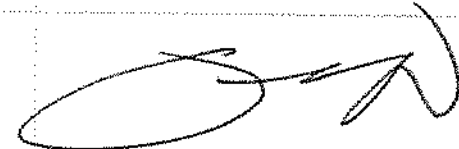
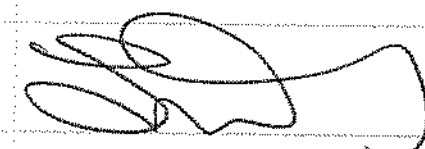

Option 2:

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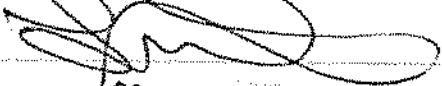


★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date: _____		Time: _____			
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Anderson, Karresha	ESE Parent of a student at the school	Yes	Yes	
2	Gorde, Scott	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
3	Green, Marilyn	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	
4	Hernandez, Cheryl	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	Yes	
5	Jose Mollard, Felix	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
6	Khan, Liza	Parent	No	Yes	
7	Odom, Geranda	SAC Co-Chair, Teacher	Yes	Yes	
8	Peach, John	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
9	Schneider, Robert	Principal	Yes	No	
10	Thomas, Liv	BTU Steward (or designee)	<u>Yes</u>	No	
11	Villasis, Maria	Non-Instructional Support Employees	<u>Yes</u>	No	
12	Washington, Kimberly	Parent	No	Yes	

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date: _____

Time: _____

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Jessy Moore		✓		
2	Maria Villasis	✓			Maria Villasis
3	Chelaughn Jervis		✓		
4	Liv Thomas	✓			
5	Jessica Rowe-Bilynsky	✓	✓		
6	Marilyn Green	✓			
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Staff email about voting
Notice also hung in
teachers lounge

A+ Recognition Voting/Ballot

From Cheryl A. Hernandez <cheryl.hernandez@browardschools.com>



Date Wed 2024-11-13 11:32 AM

To TRE_All_Staff_OL <TRE_All_Staff_OL@browardschools.com>

1 attachment (13 KB)

A+Ballot 2024-2025.docx

Attached you will find the ballot for the A+ Recognition voting. Voting will take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM in room 128. Please stop by any time that is convenient to cast your ballot. Thanks a lot. Cheryl

 	<p>Cheryl Hernandez Tropical Elementary School Interventionist/Academic Support cheryl.hernandez@browardschools.com 754-323-7750</p>
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