

Tropical Elementary School

School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum Joint Meeting

May 6, 2025 8:30 AM

Agenda



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting April 2, 2024
3. Attendance 95.1% Average daily attendance
4. Budget Update
 - a. Accountability Balance: \$8332.60
 - b. A+ Funds-approximately \$21,157.11
5. SESIR Update District Total: Incidents as of Nov. 30, 2024 235-August 602-Sept. 774-October
587-November 488-December 623-January 960-February
Tropical Total-0
6. School Wide Positive Behavior Plan-
7. Open the Floor for Nominations- SAC Chair or Co-Chair, Sac Secretary, SAF Chair, SAF Secretary-Take nominations then vote, if multiple names are available for each position a ballot will be made, printed and handed out.
8. SIP Plan Closeout- Waiting on end of year data for some.
9. Principal Updates:

Title 1 Status for the 2025-26 School Year

Budget for the 2025-26 School Year

Testing

Theme for 2025-26 School Year- Converse-"Lacing Up for Success!"

Calendar Review

Thank you to SAC Committee Members

Calendar Dates

5/5-9- Staff Appreciation Week
5/7- Grade 5- Testing
5/9- Grade 2- Trip
5/9- KOC – 8:45 a.m.
5/13- PTA Meeting
5/13- Grades 3 & 4 Testing
5/14- Teacher of the Year Luncheon- Plantation Chamber of Commerce
5/15- Grade 5- Testing
5/15- PTA Family Night TBD
5/16- Grade 1 Trip
5/21-XELLO day
5/20- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – 8:45 a.m.
5/21- End of Year Concert- 6:00 p.m.
5/22- Team Leader Release Day
5/23 Grade 4&5 to Seminole
5/23- Grades due in FOCUS
5/27- Awards- Grades 3 & 4

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April 2, 2025 8:30 AM

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1. Welcome and Introductions (meeting began at 8:35 am)
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting March 4, 2023 (motion to approve by L. Khan and seconded by Ms. Petrica)
3. Attendance 95.1% Average daily attendance TCC – camp registration for summer will begin on the week of April 7th
4. (Summer Camp (June 9-Aug 1) –Will not be open for pre-planning
5. Budget Update
 - a. Accountability Balance: \$11,293.34
 - b. A+ Funds-approximately \$23,145.36
6. SESIR Update District Total: Incidents as of Nov. 30, 2024 235-August 602-Sept. 774 -October 587-November 488-December 623-January 960-February

Tropical Total-0 (SESIR-incidents that are required to report to the state) (or fight or weapon on campus or assault and battery) numbers are reported on school website

Customer Survey- We need 20% of Parents, 40% of grades 3-5 students, and 60% of staff to complete the customer service this month. We will be sending it weekly and the Tropical Updates for parents to complete. (still short in all above areas-Dr. Brown was sent an email to remind them that they have to take the survey. Was asked to encouraged to take the survey – last day is April 30)

7. Elections for next year- Seeking nominations for SAC Chair/co-chair and Secretary, SAF Chair and Secretary- send nominations to Cheryl.hernandez@browardschools.com. Voting will take place at the May meeting. (info will be posted on Tropical Peeps and school website) parent positions are ELL, ESE, gifted, BTU, and all of the parents to match school demographics)

8. Principal's Report

Testing-see schedule below

MINUTES FOR Joint SAC/SAF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

Meeting began at 8:35 am - introductions to new members for the 2025-2026 school year.

Spoke about Zen Den and described what it looks like and what it is used for. The purpose of Zen Den is to be quiet and experience each station. This is to have a calming effect for students who are stressed out or feeling a negative emotion.

School wide behavior plan - Very few referrals this school year. Top three places where incidents occur hallway (17), playground (8), and cafeteria (6). Expectations are spoken about to students at the beginning of the school year, middle (January), and whenever it is necessary.

Toucan store is open to the students as a positive reinforcement. Also, the character trait assemblies.

Voting for SAC chair (school based member) SAF (outside of school member) - both should be present at SAC meetings. Nominations SAF chair-Brooke Bordy – nominated by Joe Siegel. Mr Millard-ESOL nominee. We need one ESE, and all other positions. For this meeting we only need the chairs and secretaries. Voting will take place in September 2025. Cannot have too many parents. Committees must satisfy all populations/demographics in Tropical Elementary (TE). Also, to represent gifted and BTU.

Ms Liv Thomas and Mr Gorde make the motion for Marilyn Green and Cheryl Hernandez to be chair and co-chairs. SAC secretary Ms V (Mr Gorde and Ms Liv Thomas nominate yes-made the motion).

Close out for school improvement plan – not enough data yet for this. We will have data for the September meeting. The new way of testing the Kindergarten students worked out very well this year, so it will continue in the fall. Once we know our school grade, the information will be posted online and in our school website.

Mr. Schneider – testing mode – 4th grade today for math and 5th grade reading tomorrow. Getting ready for summer school for third grade students and ESE. Peter Elementary will be hosting summer school this year. DHH is invited to the summer program. Peters also has a DHH program and use sign language. Our students have an apparatus. We have 35 DHH students here at TE. Wished fourth grade good luck. No matter what anyone thinks about testing, it is important because the data offers important information. School grade comes out in July or August.

The theme for 2025-2026 school year will be “Converse Lacing Up for Success”. It was voted on by all staff members. The idea behind this theme is to ask the question, “what can we do to be successful. Ideas will be given to the PTA. Ms Sciulli put the idea in the administration’s ears.

Title 1 – will not be existent for 2025-2026. What does this mean? No additional funds for staff, materials, parent nights, etc. In order to be a title 1 school in the past we had to have 50% free reduced lunch (FRL). Now it is 62% in order to be considered a title 1 school. Broward increased the percentage to 62% because this year our FRL was 50%. District wants to use the funds for schools who really need more funds. We will lose \$350,000 of funding. Mr. Schneider will meet with SAC chair and co-chair to discuss funding. Tropical used about \$250,000 of the funding. Does not know how this cut will affect TE. We have about 790 students, but because the district is losing students, they brought us down to about 740 students. (right now we have 880). Schneider feels that it might be a good thing because if we start low, and then get higher, the district will give TE more money. What will happen to teachers? Schneider does not have an answer yet. He will know as soon as he attends the budget meeting. As of now, everyone is safe including Ms Antunez and Ms Chrystie, to name a few, who were paid by the Title 1 funds. Schneider has a positive outlook about the immediate future.

Budget for 2025-2026 will be (slide show) may be increased or decreased. This is a projection. All depends on amount of students, which is not determined until October 2025 FTE. Schneider will have a budget meeting on May 15 or 16th. We usually get 30-40 students who are immigrants but this year we only got about 8.

Positions might be cut, but not people. He will move people around. Not necessarily a classroom teacher. It could be anyone around the school. Enrollment projection is 737 students.

Instructional - \$1,395,700.00

K – 4 classes

1 – 5

2 – 5

3 – 7

4 – 6 (considering working with a fifth grade high achieving teacher

5 – 6

**still have empty classrooms

***Specials still at 4 subjects (Art, PE, music, Science)

****Window opening for job in one of our empty classrooms (reassignments)

*****A media specialists is being talked about. We have a media clerk, Ms. Brooks – excellent job!!!!

*****ESE programs – DHH cluster

Instructional support (Hernandez and Antunez) trying to keep them. WILL KEEP THEM

Other support – also stays the same maybe add a third security – Brooke B stated that they might take one member off our list.

Projected school accountability fund \$8,332.60 for 2025-2026 Class wallet – whatever is not used will come back to the accountability fund account.

The parent survey that was taken a few months ago showed that 94% of the students would be coming back.

\$21,302.17 is left over from the A+ money (this money can be spent for bonuses for teachers and/or programs including books and technology. The criteria is not clear)

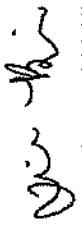

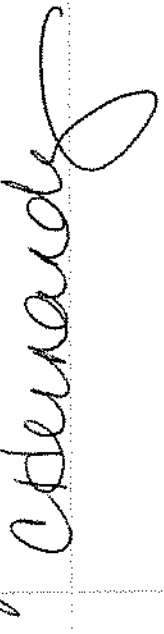
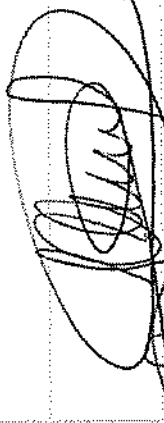
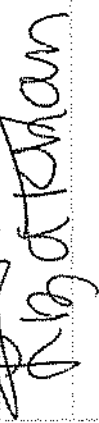
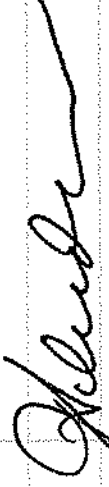
Mr. Schneider will have a better idea about TE's school year once he attends the budget meeting.

Staff appreciation week May 5 – 9 thanks to our fabulous PTA! Went over the schedule

Four weeks of school left and the calendar has been provided. Ms Kahn and Mr. Gorde will be leaving us as a SAC team member. We gave them an applause!!! Hernandez suggested that they can still do something to help us by being a member of the community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date: _____		Time: _____			
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Blynsky, 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	<u>Yes</u>	No	









Date: _____		Time: _____		Sign Here
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	
13	Thomas, Liv	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No
14	Villasis, Maria	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No
15	Washington, Kimberly	Parent	No	Yes

Guests Only

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Date: _____

Time: _____

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Robert Schneider	✓			
2	Tera Moulton		✓		
3	Deborah L. Brown	✓			
4	Kristin Patricia		✓		
5	Jill Siegel		✓		
6	Brooke Borden		✓		
7	Marilyn Green	✓			
8	Richard Arnold		✓		
9	Nick Charles		✓		Nick Charles
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