

**Tropical Elementary School
School Advisory Council
September 3, 2024 8:45 AM**



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review/approve Minutes from last meeting, May, 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. Membership Composition for 2024-2025
 - a. Principal, Teachers, BTU Steward, Non-Instructional
 - b. Parents, I-Zone Representative, SAF Chair, ESOL Rep., ESE Rep., Gifted Rep.,
 - c. SAC Co-Chairs, SAC Secretary
7. Tentative SAC Dates for the year: 1st Tuesday of the month except December (Unless Needed for A+) and November will be On Thursday November 7th due to Planning Day.
8. School Improvement Goals for 2024-2025
9. Susan Antunez: Title 1
 - a. Title 1 Addendum
 - b. 3 Parent Volunteers for Parent Academy
- 10. Principal Updates:**
 - a. Welcome- back for the 2024-2025 school year
 - b. School Theme- "Ohana" Means Family
 - c. Hooray! We are an "A" Rated School Again!
 - d. Test Scores 2023-2024
 - e. New Staff
 - f. Class size

- g. Student Assessments
- h. DHH System/Construction Update

Upcoming Dates

9/3- SAC/SAF Meeting 8:45 a.m.
9/10- PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria
9/12- Grandparent's Breakfast - 7:55 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. More information to come.
9/24- PTA Family Night at Sicilian Oven 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 pm.

FAST/STAR PM1 testing dates.

Kindergarten—STAR Early Literacy Sept. 4	STAR Math Sept. 5
Grade 1---STAR Early Literacy Sept. 10	STAR Math Sept. 11
Grade 2---STAR Reading Sept. 10	STAR Math Sept. 11
Grade 5—FAST Reading Sept. 4	FAST Math Sept. 5

SAC (School Advisory Council) MEETING MINUTES – May 2, 2023

1. Welcome and introductions – 9:05 am
2. Motion to approve minutes from April 4, 2023 as written by C. Leathem Kramer, seconded by L. Khan
3. Attendance – average attendance to date – 93.3%

Membership Composition, determine if all groups are represented – YES, quorum met

Principal, Dr. Brown, teachers – Ms. Berryman, Mr. Notaro Non-Instructional – yes, Reid

- a. Parents, SAF (School Advisory Forum) Chairs) – Robert Marsh,
- b. ESE (Exceptional Student Education) rep – C. Kramer-Leatham.
- c. Gifted Rep – L. Zatkowsky, d. SAC Chair - Absent
- e. Business/Community Reps - I4 Sports – John Peach
- f. ELL (English Language Learner) parent(s), Absent g. ELL Rep. – M. Villasis

4. SAC BUDGET:

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| a. Accountability Balance: | \$39,091.13 | STATE DOES NOT TOUCH THESE FUNDS, |
| b. A+ Funds – approx. | \$38, 137.97 | ROLLED OVER. |

Motion to use funds by C. Kramer-Leatham to purchase 2 Promethean Boards and stands for Specials Teachers and use the SAC funds from the Budget. Seconded by L. Zatkowsky and all voted in favor.

5. SESIR REPORT

School Total – 3, 1 bullying, 1 threat/intimidation and 1 for major disruption on campus.

District Wide, including Charter Schools – 2030 most of these were for fighting in school and on school grounds.

Explanations given on what is a SESIR offence is, example, student hits another person without injuries – baby battery. Bullying is also included.

Further information is available on our website.

6. School Improvement Updates

We do not have any test results to add so there are no grades to report at this time. The students are now taking the P3 testing.

We voted to continue to use our current SOAR program for our behavior program at Tropical.

7. SAC/SAF Nominations for 2023/24 School Year

Motion to nominate Ms. Hernandez and Mr. Notaro as Co-Chairs for SAC – nominated and accepted, voted in unanimously

Nominate Tanya Reid for Secretary for SAC – nominated and accepted, voted in unanimously.

6. Principal Updates – Ms. Hernandez

ALERTUS Alarm System – It is in 4 schools right now.

Tropical, Seminole, Plantation Park and Peters Elementary. There is a company that is working on the wiring now to have informational screens that are attached to the main monitor placed in Specials rooms, DHH rooms and in the main hallways.

Fire Sprinklers and the Fire System – will be installed in May and through the summer. We do NOT have the COO, certificate of occupancy for the Media Center yet, the contractors and the PM are working on it.

Plantation Chamber of Commerce Luncheon for teachers of the year – Ms. Shurack will be attending with Mr. Schneider.

CALENDAR UPDATES:

End of the year testing began with K. this week, Monday – ELA, Tuesday – Math on the STAR system.

1st grade will have their STAR assessments May 3 – ELA, May 4 – Math.

Grade 2 STAR assessments – May 9 – ELA, May 10 – Math

Grade 3 and 4 - FAST End of Year testing May 11 – ELA, May 12 – Math

Grade 5 NGSSS Science End Of Year test- May 9 and 10.

Grade 5 FAST End of Year testing May 16 – ELA and May 17 – Math

May 14 – Mother's Day – To all that are Mothers best wishes to you on your special day.

May 19 – Tropical Trek Water Day.

Q: Do we know how the students who have accommodations on their 504 or IEP for paper tests, will be graded?

A: A staff member will be inputting answers electronically for those students that have an accommodation for paper testing.

Q: What are the correct calendar dates for the 5th Grade Moving On and Academic Awards Ceremony, there is some confusion.

A: It is the same thing. Dr. Brown is checking to see how many tickets parents will receive and whether there is a virtual option, and whether siblings can attend.

Q: Do we have an update on the 2 transliterators that did not receive their A+ money?

A: Dr. Brown said that Mr. Schneider is still working on that.

Q: Did we find out if we have to make up the days from the big storm and flooding?

A: We don't expect to have to do that because it was deemed a national emergency.

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 9:50 am by C. Kramer-Leathem, seconded by L. Khan.

Respectfully submitted by T. Reid

SAC (School Advisory Council) MEETING MINUTES – September 3rd, 2024

1. Welcome and introductions –
2. Motion to approve minutes by Liza K., second by Scott G.

Membership Composition, determine if all groups are represented – no

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

- a. Parents, SAF (School Advisory Forum) Chairs) – TBD
- b. ESE (Exceptional Student Education) rep –
- c. Gifted Rep – Scott Gorde
- d. SAC Chair – Ms. Hernandez and Dr. Green
- d. Title 1- Ms. Antunez
- e. Business/Community Reps - I4 Sports –
- f. ELL (English Language Learner) parent(s),
- g. ELL Rep. – M. Villasis

Mr. Quatremain is back at Tropical and has been working hard at cleaning up the tech room and other technology issues.

Mr. Schneider announced we have a new superintendent-Dr. Howard Hepburn.

We have exceeded our projected enrollment. We started out with 4 kindergarten classes but due to more students registering in the last few weeks, we have added one more Kindergarten class bringing the total to 5 K classes.

SESSIR updates look the same as last year.

We have some positions to fill in for SAC.

SAC meetings usually are on the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting in November will be held on the 7th because there is no school on Tuesday. If we must meet to discuss A+ money, then we will meet in December, otherwise there is no meeting.

School goals: We are encouraged to go up 3 percent on learning gains. Science we were at 63%, our new goal is 67%. Language Arts 67% to 70 %

Motion to approve learning gains by Scott G. second by Jose M.

Title 1:

Nothing has changed from last year's addendum. It is basically a questionnaire that asks what services we have at school, minorities, education preschool etc. It is uploaded on the school's website and SIPP

plan. on our school website. Every year we ask for at least 3 parent volunteers willing to attend Title 1 monthly meetings. Sometimes the meetings are virtual, but now they are back to in-person, and it would be amazing if we could get at least one parent to attend. Title 1 runs a great program, and these are great meetings including contests and workshops. At tropical we receive Title 1 funds based on how many students meet the criteria for Free and reduced lunch. At this moment, we have 324 students that meet the criteria. Typically, we use Title 1 funds to help with materials, Iready teacher toolbox, substitutes, etc. This year we are going to try to make a push for all families to fill out the questionnaire so that we can receive much needed funds.

Principal:

Ohana means family, trying to build each other up. Mr. Schneider wants to hone down on this year's theme and make sure all staff and students are working on it. We are an A school again and we will work on maintaining the A rating. We have some new staff members, and we are about 40 children above last year's prediction. We have hired a new Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Al-kalilee has been here at Tropical before and she is amazing. Tropical also just got awarded a new teacher (intermediate class). New class size for K-3 21 students. Right now, our heaviest class is 3rd grade so Mr. Schneider will continue to monitor upper grades.

Construction updates from Mr. Schneider

DHH – everything has been installed, including the panels in the classrooms and hallways. Teachers have a device to wear around their neckBathrooms are still under progress; tiles have been laid and as of right now it may be finished in a couple of weeks. Fire alarms are also being installed around the school. Calliber awards will this Thursday, Teacher of the year nominations- Ms. Antunez, Ms. Marsh, Ms. Tupper. School related Employee of the year nominations are Ms. Ileana Nunez and Ms. Pagan.

PTA: Audited over the summer, PTA exceeded money spent and representatives are asking for SAC to please cover some of the items that the PTA used to cover before. SAC can help if they contribute to SIPP goals.

Motion to adjourn meeting, Kimberly W.

Grandparents' day - 9/12- Grandparent's Day Breakfast in Cafeteria from 7:55 a.m.- 8:25 a.m.

Calendar

9/6- Tornado Drill

9/10- PTA Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

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9/17 – staff meeting Innovative Learning

9/19 - 9/30 Math Topic 1 Cumulative Assessment – all grades

9/20- Kids of Character 8:45 a.m. in cafeteria

9/20 - Kona Ice 2:45 p.m. at marquee

9/23- Book Exchange Collection Starts 9/23-Book Exchange

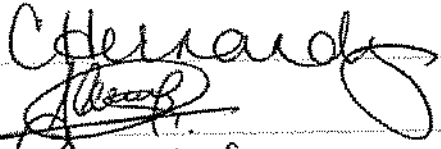


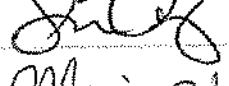

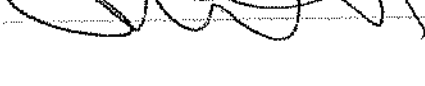
9/24-PTA Family Night at Sicilian Oven 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

9/26- Team Leader Release Day

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date: 4/3/24

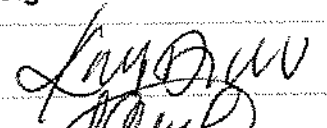



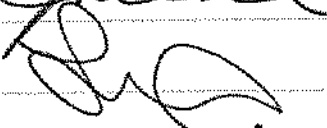
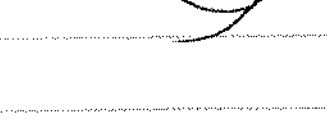
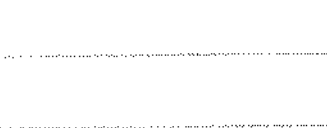
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1	Cheryl Hernandez ✓				
2	Teva Mollan		✓		
3	Lizakhan		✓		
4	Susan Antunez ✓				
5	Maria Villasis ✓				
6	Liv Thomas ✓				
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Date: 9-3-24

Time: _____

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Kimberly Washington		Felicity Washington	Parent	
2	Felix Novak		✓		
3	Marilyn Green	✓			
4	Maria Villasis	✓			Maria Villasis
5	Scott Gordon		✓		
6	Laura DeAngelis		✓	Parent	
7	R. Schuch	✓		Parent	
8	LIV Thomas	✓		BTU Steward	
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