

**Tropical Elementary School
School Advisory Forum (SAF)
October 7, 2025 @ 8:30 AM
1500 SW 66th Ave, Plantation, FL 33317
General Meeting
Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Housekeeping
 - a. Ethics Training for SAF Board Members
 - b. Governing documents: BCPS Policy 1.21, SAF Bylaws, & Roberts Rules of Order
 - c. Advisory Structure: SAF, CAAC, DAC, and other BCPS Advisories
 - d. Elections for Recording Secretary
4. Discussion Topics
 - a. PM1 Update
 - b. Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment
 - i. FTE Week
 - ii. Budget – Update re Allocations for '26-'27
 - c. Lunch Update
 - i. Meal Benefits Application and Title 1 Qualification for '26-'27
 - ii. Lunch Funds
 1. How parents/guardians add lunch funds
 2. Balance of District-provided lunch fund
 - d. School Safety
 - i. Helmets on bikes, scooters, etc. for all schools
 - ii. Open carry concerns
 - e. Technology
 - i. Focus - Back to School Forms
 - ii. Clever – iReady and other apps
 - f. District Advisory Council Update
 - i. Bathroom AI and Vape Detectors coming to BCPS Middle Schools
 - ii. School Nurses and Hazel Health
 - iii. District and School Websites
 - g. Open Discussion
5. Adjourn

See you for our next meeting on November 4!

Please email TropicalElementarySAF@gmail.com with any questions

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SAF AGENDA BEGAN AT 9:33 AM

- Policies
- Missing recording secretary (maybe Maria V can be the recorder)
- DISCUSSION TOPICS - PM1 data is not posted – Brooke Borde will move this to the agenda for next month to see where PM1 stands as compared to last school year at this time. Will invite Susan Antunez for next SAC meeting
- FTE – budget for extra people/assistance – change being proposed is specials changing back to getting 4 specials – will be based on having 40 classes that functioning. Right now we are at 32 classrooms. DHH students are being funded as ESE students and might not count towards funding for an extra special class. We could lose the third specials making it only two specials. We are in jeopardy now of losing an extra class next year. Schneider is proposing a media specialist (MUST be funded by the district and NOT the school) – if so, then it can be counted as an extra specials class.
- Lunch update – concerned about Title 1 eligibility for next year – bump this to the agenda for next meeting. We are below 50% now for free and reduced lunch making us well below the criteria. It must be 62% approved. Broward was the last district to approve the qualification for free and reduced lunch.
- How can parents add money to add funds for lunch money. As of now parents are being asked to pay an extra \$2.50 to use the system. Maybe make it easier for parents to come into our school to get money into their child's account for lunch 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












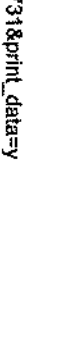




suggesting that we create a meeting for parents to understand that we do not welcome their weapons out and in the open.

- 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 devices 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.

★ SAC Sign In Sheet for Tropical ES (0731)

Date: SAF

Time: _____

#	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	Blynsky, Jessica	Non-Instructional Support Employees	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 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	
7	Hernandez, Cheryl	SAC Co-Chair, Teacher	Yes	No	
8	Jervis, Chevaughn	Parent	No	Yes	
9	Mellard, 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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
14	Thomas, Liv	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	
15	Villasis Flores, Maria	SAC Secretary	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	
16	Washington, Kimberly	Parent	No	Yes	

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#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Liza Khan				<u>Liza Khan</u>
2	Surdhana Egan	✓			<u>Surdhana Egan</u>
3	Maria Villasis	✓			<u>Maria Villasis</u>
4	Jessica Blymwy	✓			<u>Jessica Blymwy</u>
5	Will Stegel				<u>Will Stegel</u>
6	John Peack				<u>John Peack</u>
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