



Floranada Elementary School

5251 NE 14th Way, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334

Luke Balchaitis, Principal Karen Dallas, Assistant Principal

School Advisory Council (SAC)

March 3, 2026 – 5:15 pm

Mtg. Norms: Attend Meetings on time, begin meetings on time, adhere to agenda, maintain a tone of decency, respect the person speaking, keep comments brief and to the point, everyone participates, and no one dominates.

- Call to order, Welcome, and Norms – Mrs. Landley
- Roll Call and Approval and/or Correction of minutes for February – Ms. Gamber
 1. New Member Vote
- **Principal – Mr. Balchaitis - Reports**
 1. School Improvement Plan [2025-2026]
 2. SAC Accountability Funds – \$11,613.36
 3. Review Parent Involvement Allocation Funds - \$2,911.00
 4. School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
 5. School Recognition Funds - \$41,018.70
 6. Funds Vote
- Old Business
- Announcements
 1. Next Meeting: April 7, 2026
- Concerns/Questions

Dates to Remember:

- February 27-March 6: Spring Book Fair
- March 4: Books & Blankets (5pm-7pm)
- March 10: Birthday Table (PTA)
- March 10-11: Field Day
- March 12: Early Release
- March 13: Planning Day
- March 16-20: Spring Break
- March 23: Quarter 4 Begins
- March 27: Super Citizen Ceremony

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School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026 – 5:15 PM

Media Center

Call to Order, Welcome, and Norms

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 PM by Mrs. Landley.

Meeting norms were reviewed: attend meetings on time, begin meetings on time, adhere to the agenda, keep a tone of decency, respect speakers, keep comments brief, ensure equal participation, and avoid dominating discussions.

Roll Call and Approval of December Minutes

Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Landley. A quorum was confirmed (50% + 1 of required SAC members).

The February meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve: Sandy Barry

Second: Nathan Cherson

Minutes approved.

New Business

1. New Member Vote

A vote was held to approve Kelly Malkasian as a new SAC member.

Motion to approve: Terri Lawrence

Second: Ana Yset

Principal's Reports – Mr. Balchaitis

1. Updates

Mr. Balchaitis introduced the new Assistant Principal, Ms. Mendez. Ms. Mendez shared her background and briefly introduced herself to the committee. Mr. Balchaitis also discussed administrative changes, including Ms. Dallas moving to Coral Park, which contributed to leadership adjustments at Floranada.

Mr. Balchaitis discussed that planning for next year is still uncertain and that several possible scenarios are being considered. Administration is waiting on district guidance. The goal is to continue successful initiatives already in place. A parent communication will be sent out explaining potential changes. Mr. Balchaitis provided an example of evaluation responsibilities, explaining that certain administrative tasks (such as evaluations) must be conducted by administrators rather than acting assistant principals in some situations.

Summer camp planning is still being finalized. Funding numbers are not finalized yet. The final amount should be determined by April. Approximately \$8,000 has been requested for summer camp programming.

2. School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2025–2026

No updates. No changes are being made to goals. No questions were raised.

3. SAC Accountability Funds – \$11,613.36

Funds reviewed. No questions were raised.

4. Parent Involvement Allocation Funds – \$2,911.00

Funds reviewed. No questions were raised.

5. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

No events or updates. No questions were raised.

6. School Recognition Funds – \$41,018.70

There is uncertainty regarding substitute teacher funding for next year. It is possible that funding may not be available next year. Teams have asked for planning days to support testing preparation.

A motion was made by Nathan Cherson to allocate \$15,000 for substitutes.

Seconded by Sandy Barry.

Proposal approved unanimously.

- ❖ Sandy Barry: Yes
- ❖ Gina Zimmerman: Yes
- ❖ Terri Lawrence: Yes
- ❖ Nathan Cherson: Yes
- ❖ Geeta Persaud: Yes
- ❖ Tony Persaud: Yes
- ❖ Amanda Straka: Yes
- ❖ Luke Balchaitis: Yes
- ❖ Ann Ladley: Yes
- ❖ Ashley Kirkman: Yes
- ❖ Ana Yset: Yes
- ❖ Danielle Bouchard Evans: Yes

7. Old Business

Work has begun on measuring for the new school fence. The project will be completed in phases. Phase 1 includes approximately 10 schools. Flexibility is being maintained regarding gate locations. Construction may not begin until summer, but timelines are still tentative.

8. Testing Updates

The testing window begin April 20. This falls during Teacher Appreciation Week, so many grade levels are choosing to test starting April 27 instead. A final schedule will be sent out after the next administrative meeting.

No major new data was reported. The i-Ready growth check as completed for a few students.

9. Announcements

Next SAC Meeting: April 7, 2026

10. Concerns/Questions

A question was asked by Ms. Kirkman about how staffing changes are determined. Mr. Balchaitis explained: The district provides guidelines for staffing allocations. However, the principal has flexibility to move teachers where they are most needed within the school.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Nathan Cherson

Second: Amanda Straka

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Floranada ES (0851)

/ SAC

Date:

3/3/26

Time:

5:15

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Balchaitis, Luke	Principal	Yes	No	
2	Barry, Sandy	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	<i>Sandy Barry</i>
3	Bouchard Evans, Danielle	Parent	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<i>DBE</i>
4	Cabarcas-Osman, Sarah	Parent	No	Yes	
5	Cherson, Nathan	Community School Representative (if applicable)	No	No	<i>[Signature]</i>
6	Dunhill, Stephanie	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
7	Feluren, Oshrat	SAC Secretary	Yes	Yes	
8	Foresi, Candice	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	<i>[Signature]</i>
9	Gamber, Kirsten	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	
10	Kirkman, Ashley	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	<i>[Signature]</i>
11	Landley, Ann	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	<i>[Signature]</i>
12	Lawrence, Terri	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<i>Terri Lawrence</i>
13	Nocera, Lourdes	Teacher	Yes	No	


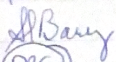

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2	Sandy Bamy			X	
3	Dani B. Evars		X		
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