



Floranada Elementary School

5251 NE 14th Way, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33334

Luke Balchaitis, Principal **Corrine Mendez, Assistant Principal**

School Advisory Council (SAC)

April 4, 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
- **Principal – Mr. Balchaitis - Reports**
 1. School Improvement Plan [2025-2026]
 2. SAC Accountability Funds – \$11,613.36
 3. Parent Involvement Allocation Funds - \$2,911.00
 4. School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
 5. School Recognition Funds - \$41,018.70
 6. Survey
 7. Budget Updates
 8. Testing Updates
- Special Guest – Anthony Valachovic, Northeast High School Principal
- Old Business
- Announcements
 1. Next Meeting: May 5, 2026
- Concerns/Questions

Dates to Remember:

- April 9: Honor Roll, Picture Day
- April 14: Birthday Table, PTA General Meeting
- April 17: Super Citizen Ceremony, Bingo Night
- April 20-24: Staff Appreciation Week
- April 23: Take Your Child to Work Day
- April 25: 5th Grade Bowling
- April 28: Interims
- April 30, May 1: Musical
- May 1: Terrific Kids Ceremony

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**Floranada Elementary School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026 – 5:15 PM
Media Center**

Call to Order, Welcome, and Norms

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 PM by Mrs. Landley.

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

Roll Call and Approval of March Minutes

Roll call was conducted by Mrs. Landley. A quorum was not confirmed at this time.

The March meeting minutes were distributed; however, approval was postponed to the next meeting to allow members time for review.

Principal's Report – Mr. Balchaitis

1. School Updates

Enrollment remains strong with over 92 students on the waitlist, expected to exceed 100. New student registrations continue from homeschool, private, and out-of-state families. Additional sibling placements were approved. District organizational changes are pending, with assurances that teacher positions will remain stable.

2. School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2025–2026

No updates at this time. Awaiting testing data.

3. SAC Accountability Funds

Funds continue to support substitute coverage during testing. Remaining funds will likely be fully allocated in May.

4. Parent Involvement Allocation Funds

No updates reported.

5. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

No incidents or updates reported.

6. School Recognition Funds

Continued discussion on funding use; no motions presented.

7. Survey Updates

Parent, student (grades 3–5), and staff surveys are active. Goal is 80% participation. Staff incentives were discussed to increase completion rates.

8. Budget Updates

Budget uncertainties remain due to district decisions. Hiring freeze continues for some positions.

9. Testing Updates

Testing will occur from late April through mid-May. AI-assisted scoring is being piloted alongside human scoring.

Special Guest – Anthony Valachovic

Discussion regarding enrollment strategies and family decision-making. SAC parents will participate in a future anonymous focus group.

Additional School Updates

Staffing adjustments in fifth grade have been addressed with instructional support. A new IMT candidate is pending approval. Positive feedback was received from district leadership following a school tour.

Old Business

No additional old business discussed.

Announcements

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Concerns / Questions

Discussion regarding staffing uncertainties and district restructuring. Clarification provided that final decisions are pending district guidance.

Adjournment



Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Zimmerman and seconded Ms. Varasso. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Floranada ES (0851)

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
	Date: <u>04-07-2026</u>		Time: <u>5:15 PM</u>		
1	Balchaitis, Luke	Principal	Yes	No	
2	Barry, Sandy	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
3	Bouchard Evans, Danielle	Parent	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
4	Cabarcas-Osman, Sarah	Parent	No	Yes	
5	Cherson, Nathan	Community School Representative (if applicable)	No	No	
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	
9	Gamber, Kirsten	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	
10	Kirkman, Ashley	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
11	Landley, Ann	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	
12	Lawrence, Terri	I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	
13	Nocera, Lourdes	Teacher	Yes	No	
14	Persaud, Geeta	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
15	Persaud, Tony	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	

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16	Ryan, Lauren	BTU Steward (or designee) , Teacher	Yes	Yes	
17	Siegel, Taylor	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher)	No	Yes	
18	Smith, Natalie	Teacher	Yes	No	
19	Straka, Amanda	Parent	No	Yes	
20	Teague Maderos, Natasha	Parent	No	Yes	
21	Yset, Ana	Parent	No	Yes	
22	Zhukvskaya, Irina	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
23	Zimmerman, Gina	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	

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#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Sandra Barr				
2	Jess Varraso				
3	Kelli Malkinson		✓		 Kelly Atre
4	Kelly Atreum		✓		
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