



Floranada Elementary School

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

Luke Balchaitis, Principal Karen Dallas, Assistant Principal

School Advisory Council (SAC)

September 2, 2025 – 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 – Ms. Landley
- Roll Call and Approval and/or Correction of minutes – Ms. Gamber
- SAC Chair[s]
 1. Approval of New Members – Discussion and approval of new members
- **Principal – Mr. Balchaitis**
 1. School Improvement Plan [2025-2026] Review
 2. SAC Accountability Funds
 3. School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
 4. Budget Updates
 5. Assessment Updates
 - 24-25 Results
 - Upcoming 25-26

Dates to Remember:

- 9/3: K-2 Open House
 - 9/9: Interim Reports
 - 9/10: 3-5 Open House
 - 9/12: Super Citizen Ceremony
 - 9/12: Grandparents Breakfast
 - 9/12: Welcome Back Picnic
 - 9/19: Dads Take Kids to School Day
- **Open Discussion (SAC Members)**

SAC Meeting Dates

October 7, 2025	November 4, 2025	December 2, 2025	January 6, 2026
February 3, 2026	March 3, 2026	April 7, 2026	May 6, 2026

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School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes – 9/2/25

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Gamber at 5:18 PM in the media center. A quorum was present.

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II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the previous SAC meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sandy Barry and seconded by Ana Yset.

IV. Agenda Items

1. School Improvement Plan [2025-2026] Review

For the 2024–2025 school year, the school score was an A. Required points for an A: 62; the school achieved 71 points, totaling 568 points (76 points above the A threshold). Areas included: 3rd grade proficiency, 3rd–5th grade proficiency, learning gains, lowest quartile gains, and 5th grade science.

5th grade science will be a focus area for this year.

Mr. B shared the year-in-review and introduced the 2025–2026 plan, emphasizing science with the new district curriculum to build both short- and long-term knowledge in all grade levels.

Mr. B opened the table for questions or input. No questions were provided.

2. SAC Accountability Funds

Current SAC balance: a little over \$12,000. Funds will likely not be replenished. Spending needs (such as CAMP after PM2) will be revisited at a later meeting.

Mr. B opened the table for questions or input. No questions were provided.

3. SESIR

No incidents reported.

Mr. B opened the table for questions or input. No questions were provided.

4. Budget Updates

Mr. B noted overall district-wide enrollment decline: Factors include private schools, virtual schools, vouchers, lower birth rates, and families moving out of South Florida/Florida. The influx of new residents does not include school-aged children. The district has begun discussions about school closures and consolidations.

Mr. B opened the table for questions or input. No questions were provided.

5. Assessment Updates

Students completed iReady and Science diagnostics. STAR and FAST assessments are in progress. PM1 results will be lower (expected) but growth is anticipated by PM2. Report cards and grades are now online via FOCUS. Only PM1 score letters will be sent home on paper. Interims will be available soon.

Weekly meetings are held with administration, literacy/math coaches, and at least three teachers, with Friday debriefs.

Mr. B opened the table for additional questions or input. No questions were provided.

V. Other Updates/Open Forum

Enrollment: approximately 740 students.

ESE population: about 26% (same as last year).

Reassignments: about half of previous years.

Class sizes: average ~20 students, some upper grades ~25.

Mr. B opened the table for additional questions or input.

Questions raised:




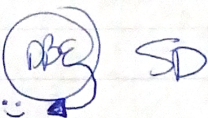
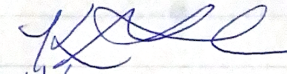



- Ana Yset asked if ESE numbers increased (Mr. B: no).
- Sandy Barry asked about reassignment numbers (Mr. B: about half).
- Ana Yset asked about studies on how class size impacts teaching/learning. Concern raised that class size affects instruction.
- Ana Yset also asked about teacher recruitment difficulty.
- Nathan Cherson asked about class size levels.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandy Barry and seconded by Ashley Kirkman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03.

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Floranada ES (0851) / SAF

Date: 9/2/25Time: 5:15

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Anderson, Chandra	Parent	No	Yes	
2	Balchaitis, Luke	Principal	Yes	No	
3	Barrett, Zulema	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
4	Barry, Sandy	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
5	Cherson, Nathan	Community School Representative (if applicable)	No	No	
6	Dunhill, Stephanie	Parent	No	Yes	
7	Evans Bouchard, Danielle	Parent	No	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	Yes	
13	Nocera, Lourdes	Teacher	Yes	No	



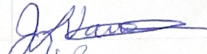
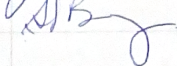
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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
14	Persaud, Geeta	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
15	Persaud, Tony	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
16	Ryan, Lauren	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	Yes	
17	Smith, Natalie	Teacher	Yes	No	<i>Natalie Smith</i>
18	Straka, Amanda	Parent	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<i>Amanda Straka</i>
19	Thatch, Sabrina	Parent	No	Yes	
20	Yset, Ana	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher)	No	Yes	<i>Ana Yset</i>
21	Zhukovskaya, Irina	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
22	Zimmerman, Gina	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	<i>Gina Zimmerman</i>

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#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Alicia Set				
2	Dani Evans		yes		
3	Amanda Strain		yes		
4	Jess Vannaso		yes		
5	S. Barry	No	No		
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