



# Floranada Elementary School

5251 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Way, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33334

Luke Balchaitis, Principal    Karen Dallas, Assistant Principal

## School Advisory Council (SAC)

**November 4, 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 – Mrs. Landley
- Roll Call and Approval and/or Correction of minutes – Ms. Gamber
  1. SAC/SAF Updates
  2. New Member Vote

### Principal – Mr. Balchaitis

1. Falcon Quest Fundraiser- Goal \$40,000
2. School Improvement Plan [2025-2026] Review
3. SAC Accountability Funds - \$12,567.74
4. Parent Involvement Allocation Funds - \$2,911.00
5. School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
6. Innovative Learning Commons/Media Center Collection Development Plan
7. Testing Calendar PM2

### Dates to Remember:

- 11/5: Honor Roll
- 11/7: Falcon Quest Obstacle Course
- 11/11: No School
- 11/13: Interims
- 11/14: Super Citizen
- 11/24-11/28: Fall Break
  
- **Open Discussion (SAC Members)**

### SAC Meeting Dates

		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 – 11/4/25**

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Gamber at 5:20 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 September minutes was made by Ashley Kirkman and seconded by Amanda Straka. A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Ana Yset and seconded by Amanda Straka.

#### **1. SAC/SAF Updates**

Moving forward, there will be two separate sign-in forms for SAC and SAF. SAC Roles and Responsibilities documents were distributed. Ms. Landley requested members to review and remember their assigned roles.

#### **2. New Member Vote**

Natasha Teague Maderos (Parent) was nominated as a new member but was not present at the meeting.

### **IV. Agenda Items**

#### **1. Falcon Quest Fundraiser – Goal \$40,000**

Current total: Nearly \$53,000, exceeding the original goal with 10 days remaining. Donations have come from 36 states and 15 countries. Ms. Zimmerman suggested thanking the community for their generosity, and Ms. Dallas proposed creating a thank-you video. The Falcon Quest obstacle course will take place on Friday, with spirit days continuing throughout the week.

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

#### **2. School Improvement Plan [2025-2026] Review**

No current updates. Revisions will be made once PM2 scores are available.

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

#### **3. SAC Accountability Funds - \$12,567.74**

These funds roll over yearly but are not replenished. Further updated to be discussed at SAF.

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

#### **4. Parent Involvement Allocation Funds - \$2,911.00**

This allocation usually carries over but may be used this year. Possible uses include hosting a Math Night.

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

#### **5. SESIR**

One SESIR incident occurred: a student touched an adult, with no medical attention required. No incidents involving arson or weapons.

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

#### **6. Innovative Learning Commons/Media Center Collection Development Plan**

Annual plan ensuring all library materials meet district and state guidelines. All books are listed in a public database for parent transparency. Guidelines govern book age, content appropriateness, and the complaint process for parents. If a complaint arises, a school-based review committee (parent, teacher, and administrator) decides if the book remains. One situation occurred this year and was resolved without committee involvement. The school receives approximately \$6,800 annually for book purchases.

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

#### **7. Testing Calendar PM2**

FAST PM2 begins December 2 (Reading: Grades 3–5, followed by Math the next week). K–2 testing window is longer. i-Ready Diagnostic 2 will occur after winter break. Although not tied to promotion, results are used to track academic growth.

Ms. Zimmerman asked about testing dates for accommodations. Ms. Lawrence asked which weeks were for Reading and Math and inquired about Science testing. Mr. B clarified: Science scores apply to 5th grade only for school grades.

Ms. Feluron described the new 4th-grade writing assessment requiring students to analyze three passages and write an argumentative essay.

Promotion requirements now include Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science (grades).

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

#### **V. Other Updates/Open Forum**

Floranada Elementary was recognized as a School of Excellence for the 4th consecutive year, ranking in the 80th percentile statewide.

One ASD family suffered a house fire; the school is offering support and sharing their GoFundMe (not a school-sponsored fundraiser).

Tree maintenance updates: A hazardous tree was removed from the front of the school. Another tree by the grooming school fence is scheduled for removal. A wrong tree was mistakenly cut down in the back area.

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

## **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Gina Zimmerman and seconded by Terri Lawrence.

## ☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Floranada ES (0851)



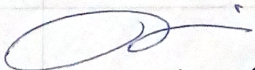

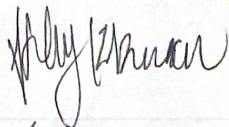

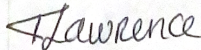
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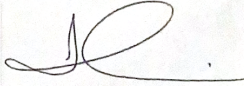

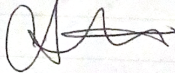

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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Balchaitis, Luke	Principal	Yes	No	
2	Barry, Sandy	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
3	Bouchard Evans, Danielle	Parent	No	Yes	
4	Cabarcas-Osman, Sarah	Parent	No	Yes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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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13	Persaud, Geeta	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
14	Persaud, Tony	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	
15	Ryan, Lauren	BTU Steward (or designee), Teacher	Yes	Yes	
16	Siegel, Taylor	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher)	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
17	Smith, Natalie	Teacher	Yes	No	
18	Straka, Amanda	Parent	No	Yes	
19	Teague Maderos, Natasha	Parent	No	Yes	
20	Yset, Ana	Parent	No	Yes	
21	Zhukvskaya, Irina	ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
22	Zimmerman, Gina	ESE Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	

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