



## 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)

December 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 – Mrs. Landley
- Roll Call and Approval and/or Correction of minutes for November – Ms. Gamber
- New Business
  1. Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) Award
    1. Develop/Approve Ballot Creation (Sample Ballot)
- **Principal – Mr. Balchaitis - Reports**
  1. School Improvement Plan [2024-2025]
  2. SAC Accountability Funds – \$14,013.36
  3. Review Parent Involvement Allocation Funds - \$2,911.00
  4. School Environment Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
  5. School Recognition Funds - \$41,018.70
- Old Business
- Announcements
  1. Next Meeting: January 6, 2026
- Concerns/Questions

### Dates to Remember:

- December 2-11: FAST PM2 Reading & Math
- December 9: PTA Birthday Table
- December 12: Super Citizen Ceremony
- December 13: PTA Winter Wonderland
- December 15-18: Classroom Holiday Parties
- December 19: Terrific Kids Ceremony

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
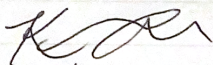

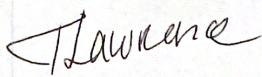
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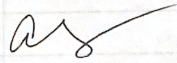
Date: 12/2/25

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	
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	

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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), 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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School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2025 – 5:15 PM

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### **1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Norms**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 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.

### **2. Roll Call and Approval of November Minutes**

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

The November meeting minutes were reviewed. A typographical reference from the previous meeting (“grooming school”) was clarified to mean “grooming school fence.”

Motion to approve: Amanda Straka

Second: Ashley Kirkman

Minutes approved.

### **3. New Business**

#### **A. Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) Award**

##### **1. Development and Approval of Written Ballot**

Ms. Landley presented the written ballot, required by Florida Statute 1008.36, consisting of the following options:

- Proposal 1: *100% of funds are for a one-time bonus to be divided equally among all 2024–2025 faculty and staff that worked at least 100 days (excluding Personal/Sick days) including our school psychologist and social worker who will each receive 50% of the equally divided amount.*
- Proposal 2: *None of the above.*

Additional discussion included: Committee reviewed the statutory requirement that ballots **must** include “None of the Above.” Members discussed that this year’s A+ funds were lower statewide due to a significant increase in the number of A-rated schools. Clarification was given that staff employed less than 100 days do not qualify for distribution. SAC discussed whether staff not full-time need a reduced percentage and confirmed the ballot wording reflects that proportional distribution. Mr. Cherson raised a question about whether schools with larger or smaller staff “dilute the pot,” and the principal confirmed allocations statewide are formula-based.

Motion to approve the A+ Funds ballot: Sandy Barry

Second: Danielle Bouchard-Evans

Ballot approved unanimously.

SAC confirmed the ballot will be distributed to faculty and staff for the official staff vote, meeting all A+ Funds Checklist requirements.

#### **4. Principal's Reports – Mr. Balchaitis**

##### **1. School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2024–2025**

Staff were encouraged to review SIP goals in preparation for monitoring discussions in January. No questions were raised.

##### **2. SAC Accountability Funds – \$14,013.36**

Mr. Balchaitis provided an update on the use of accountability funds: Proposal for January–March Academic Camp for grades 3–5.

- \$12,487 would be used for teacher salaries (\$40/hour).
- \$1,526.36 would be used for instructional supplies.

Discussion included: Camps often improve student performance and free teachers to run small instructional groups. Other schools sometimes struggle to run camps due to staffing or funding limitations. Mr. Cherson asked whether students from other schools could attend; the principal clarified that programs must serve Floranada students only.

Motion to approve allocation of funds: Nathan Cherson

Second: Amanda Straka

Allocation approved unanimously.

Motion approved.

##### **3. School Recognition Funds – \$41,018.70**

Mr. Balchaitis reviewed non-A+ recognition funds intended for instructional benefit. The school ordered materials in September, but orders have not yet been released by the district. Recognition funds would help bridge gaps while awaiting district fulfillment.

Discussion included: Use of funds for UFLI materials due to delays in district-ordered instructional items. Need for substitute coverage for grade-level planning days. The district provides some substitute funds, but not enough to cover needed collaborative planning. SAC members discussed balancing materials vs. staffing needs.

Final proposal:

\$10,000 for substitutes for collaborative planning

\$7,500 for instructional materials

Motion to approve: Stephanie Dunhill

Second: Sandy Barry

Allocation approved unanimously.

Motion approved.

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

Funds reviewed; no questions were raised.

#### **5. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)**

No update. No questions were raised.

#### **6. Additional Principal Updates**

##### **a. Testing Calendar – FAST PM2**

Third grade testing began December 2. Grades 4–5 reading and math assessments scheduled throughout the week. K–2 has flexible scheduling.

#### **5. Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

#### **6. Announcements**

Next SAC Meeting: January 6, 2026

PTA and school event reminders: FAST PM2 Reading & Math: Dec. 2–11, PTA Birthday Table: Dec. 9, Super Citizen Ceremony: Dec. 12, PTA Winter Wonderland: Dec. 13, Classroom Holiday Parties: Dec. 15–18, Terrific Kids Ceremony: Dec. 19

#### **7. Concerns/Questions**

A question was raised about AI references in school recognition documentation; the principal clarified that this was tied to broader district initiatives. Members asked follow-up questions regarding A+ funds distribution, staff requirements, and timelines for the staff vote.

No additional questions were presented.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Ashley Kirkman

Second: Sandy Barry

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.