

New River Middle School
3100 Riverland Road
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
SAC/SAF meeting held in the Media Center 4:30pm

SAF Meeting Agenda – January

1. Introduction
2. CAA Meeting Update
3. Old Business
4. New Business/Parent Questions

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SAF Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025

January 30th the Central Area I-Zone meeting for the Stranahan zone is here at New River.

The district ESOL department is available to our school three times a year for Math, ELA and Science. They bring learning games, teach parents how to play and let the students take the games home. Great way to get to meet our families and send them home with resources.

Our guest speaker was Ernie Lozano: Chief Safety & Security Officer. He reviewed the metal detectors which are now at all high schools. During the morning hours there are multiple detectors allowing students to proceed with little delay. Once school starts they are at the single point of entry. One stakeholder expressed concern over SAFE n SPACE sticker being a beacon. This sticker is more for substitute teachers or new students. Teachers are allowed to use their judgement during lock down. As parents we need to have discussions with our students on the importance of following protocol and remaining quiet and not using their cellphones during this time.

As of December, the school board approved the new Wearable lock down badge to be worn by all staff. This state of the art system will be at every school and all staff will have a badge. Each room will have the beacon. If a teacher sends an alert, responders will know which classroom is calling. If the teacher presses “3” times it will alert critical staff : for example a student is having a seizure. If there is an extreme alert like a weapon then the staff member will press button “8” times. First responders are notified within seconds. No longer need to call the front office. All schools will start the 2025/2026 with this system. Installation of equipment will start soon and then staff will be trained. Substitute will also be trained. Stakeholder brought the issue of our PA systems not working in all areas of the school and asked how Security was working with Facilities to fix this issue.

School Choice window is still open until January 21st.

South Plantation is having their Magnet Open House on Jan 16th.

If you missed the Ft Lauderdale HS Open House they will be having an Insider information session Wed Jan 15th. At 5:30.

Chris Hixon 5K is February 22nd. New River currently has 18 members on our team.

