



New River Middle School
School Advisory Council
September 3, 2026

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Next S.A.C. Meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2026, at 4:30

Bring your "A" game—We are one bite away from an "A"!

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for New River MS (0881)

Date:

9/3/26

Time:

4:30 pm

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	email address Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Ronald Jules	y	n		Ronald Jules
2	Mary Slater	y	n		Mary Slater
3	Rebecca Smith		staff		Rebecca Smith
4	Pharon Brown	y	N		Pharon Brown
5	Kimberly Coombs	y			Kimberly Coombs
6	Samiyel Wood				Samiyel Wood
7	Janette Builes		(parent)		Janette Builes
8	Jeanne Hamachers			kileyje@parent.aol.com	Jeanne Hamachers
9	Kristin Sweeney			ksweeney@crockettfoundation.org	Kristin Sweeney
10	Dr. Rita Austin		N staff		Dr. Rita Austin
11	Barbara Humphreys		N	hom9581@mac.com	Barbara Humphreys
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13	Gisela Bonami		y	Gisajules2017@gmail.com	Gisela Bonami
14	Cecilia Romero		y	cecil.romero@gmail.com	Cecilia Romero
15	Chaeck B. Saidji		N/y	CBSaidji@gmail.com	Chaeck B. Saidji
16	Natasha Inniss			garnettgopal@gmail.com	Natasha Inniss
17	Melvin Figueroa		y	figmevin@hotmail.com	Melvin Figueroa
18	Natalie Bentolila-Buck	y		Natalie.Bentolila.Buck@gmail.com	Natalie Bentolila-Buck
19	Evelyn Zamora			EvelynCalvino24@gmail.com	Evelyn Zamora
20	Elizabeth Fahy	yes	N	elizabeth.fahy@browardschools.com	Elizabeth Fahy

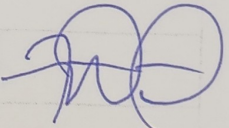
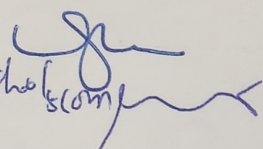
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1	Fania Desinord	✓	✓	fdesinord@gmail.com	
2	Youngblood Kimberly				
3	Laila Pepito	✓	✓	laila.pepito@browardschools.com	
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New River Middle School

School Advisory Council Meeting

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School Advisory Council (SAC)

General Meeting in the New River Middle School Exploratorium on Thursday, September 3, 2026 - 4:30 PM

I. Call to Order: A meeting of the New River Middle School Advisory Council was held in the media center. SAC Chair Mr. Jules called the meeting to order at **4:41PM**.

II. Introductions: All staff, parents, and guests introduce themselves.

III. Robert's Rules and Procedures: Mr. Jules goes over the procedures of Robert's Rules and the purpose of utilizing this system. Mr. Jules also goes over the requirements to be a member of SAC and the importance of being a SAC member for our school.

IV. SAC Bylaws: Mr. Jules reviews the school advisory council's bylaws, including the purpose, membership, the utilization of school improvement funds, and the importance of quorum. Mr. Jules also explains we will be nominating members tonight. This year majority of our meetings will be held on the first Thursdays of every month. Mr. Jules asks for a motion to approve the bylaws for this school year. Mrs. Fraizer-Wright makes a motion to approve May's Minutes, Dr. Austin seconds the motion.

V. Review of Last Meeting's Minutes: Mr. Jules reviews last year's general meeting minutes with the audience. Mrs. Frazier-Wright made a motion to accept the April's meeting minutes. Dr. Austin seconded the motion. Mrs. Fraizer-Wright makes a motion to approve May's Minutes, Dr. Austin seconds the motion.

VI. SAC Elections:

BTU Steward-Rebecca Smith

Community Business rep: Barbara Humphreys and Kristen Sweeney

Parent of ESE student:

Parent of ELL student:

Parent of Gifted Student: Natasha Inniss

iZone Rep/SAF Chair: Genie Hamacher

Non-instructional support employee: Tyana Melendez

Parent: all parents present

Parent of student:

Teacher: all teachers present

Principal: Lezondra Harris

Secretary: Kimberly Coombs

Mrs. Frazier-Wright makes a motion to accept all members for 26-27 school year, Dr. Austin seconds the motion.

VII. Principal's Report: Mrs. Harris shares New River Middle School has earned a certified national magnet school, earning a certified demonstration magnet school. Only 3 schools in Broward County earned this designation. New River also earned PBIS Silver medal for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Harris shares we earned the Everglade Champion award for 2026, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Berrios and her Eco-Sharks club. Mrs. Harris, we had a successful Open House, thanking Mr. Jules and Ms. Coombs for having their clubs volunteer at Open House.

Mrs. Harris shares the school grade trend data with the audience, emphasizing our focuses for this school year being the lowest quartile learning gains for both ELA and Math. Our students took PM1 this week. This baseline data allows us to directly address the students' needs and provide accurate support. She shares that teachers will be conducting data chats with their students individually, to set goals for their students in their classes. Mrs. Harris shares the percentage required to earn an A-letter grade, has gone up to 65%. This year, our goal is 66%.

Mrs. Harris shared enrollment information for the 2026–2027 school year. The projected enrollment was 1,376 students; however, actual enrollment is 1,323. As a result, New River Middle School must complete a budget alignment, which will include staff reductions and class balancing. Families of students affected by these changes will receive a letter to take home. 2 staff members positions will be dissolved.

VIII. Title I Update: Ms. Youngblood shares this year's school parent compact form that had input from last year's SAC meetings, she thanks our members for their input. We also had our annual Title I parent meeting during our open house meeting, and the importance of Title I, which is to bridge the gap between school and home. She shares the Parent Orientation is September 17th at the African American Research Library at 7pm.

IX. New Business: We had PM1 testing this week. Our coastal clean-up is Saturday September 19th 9-12pm. Soccer Team schedule has been released, with majority of our games at home, we home to see all of you out to support. Mrs. Fraizer-Wright shares Sea Stars Before and After Care, as well as Crockett Foundation is an aftercare program available too. Ms. Desinor shares this year's open house was refreshing; the campus was clean, the teachers were intentional, and it was a breath of fresh air. Ms. Buck shares the classrooms were evident of a warm welcoming environment that promotes collaboration. Mrs. Harris shares our teacher of the year this year is Mrs. Robinson, and our SREOY is Mrs. Pinzon!

X. Meeting Adjournment: Mrs. Fraizer-Wright motions to adjourn, Dr. Austin seconds that motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:44PM.

Next Meeting Date & Time: Next meeting is **Thursday October 1st, 2026.**

Submitted by: Mr. Jules and Ms. Youngblood, SAC Co-Chairs

Approval Date: _____