

Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum

3/4/26-Whispering Pines SAF Meeting Minutes

Attendance- Jonathan Cooper, Karina Hoogesteyn, Erin Walsh, Jan Chinnners, Chandra Lee Wilson, Howard Jones, Mitchell Screen, Jonathan Ammann, Hunter Chinnners, Kevin Campbell, Erica Alexander, David Garcia.

A meeting of the Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum was held in the Media Center on March, 4 2026, called to order at 10:52 am by Jan Chinnners.

Old Business

The board reviewed the minutes from February 4, 2026. Erin Walsh made a motion to approve. Mitchell Screen second motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Introductions
2. SAF Update from District Meeting held Feb. 18, 2026
 - a) Sunshine Aftercare representative provided information on their summer camp programs offered throughout the county elementary schools. Grant funding is available for those in need. Applications and additional information are provided on the website: ww.sunshinefl.com
 - b) Representative from the Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Division explained their role in school safety and changes that have been implemented and ongoing. This division was established after the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas mass shooting to prevent the potential of a future occurrence. All schools currently have a single point entry. Raptor is the web-based screening program to process visitors and check against nationwide sex offender registry. It can also be programmed for individual custody/parental sign out of students. All perimeter instructional space needs to be secured and locked by state mandate. All visitors, students, and staff must go through the metal detectors when entering the school.
 - There are no more random searches.
 - Last year the division started updating the allotment of security personnel at each school, starting with elementary, based on number of reported incidents, school population, and area statistics the school is located in. This is being done in effort to help with the county school budget and to prioritize the schools which need extra security. Each school is required by Florida law to have a minimum of 1-armed police officer during school hours and is paid through the county school budget.
 - PA systems and cameras are slowly being updated to modern technology. Data is kept for 30 days unless a specific incident requires additional time. Limited staff have access to monitoring the cameras due to individual privacy. Although, cameras are not allowed in dressing rooms and bathrooms newer detection systems are being implemented that can detect not only smoke but also vaping, detect decimal volume increase (alert to potential fighting), and the number of bodies along with time duration in the space.
 - Alert badges are showing a positive benefit in alerting medical emergencies and fights within the classrooms. Less than 5 accidental lockdown incidents have occurred due to alert badges being pushed too many times.

Open Agenda

None

Meeting Adjournment:

Jan Chinner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 am. Seconded by Mitchell Screen. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Erin M Walsh, M.S., CCC-SLP

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin M Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Approval Date: 04/01/2026