

2025-2026 Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum

Name of the organization: Whispering Pines Center

Group: School Advisory Forum (SAF)

Location: #1752 Media Center

Date/Time- March 4, 2026 @ 10:30 A.M.

Call to order (sign in)

I am calling to order this SAF meeting for the month of March.

Any corrections to the minutes required?

Make any corrections necessary to the last SAF meeting meets.

If no further corrections are needed, and the minutes stand approved, no motion is required to accept them.

Agenda:

- 1) Introductions of new faces

- 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 decibel 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.

3) Open discussion

4) Adjourn