

Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum

10/1/26-Whispering Pines SAF Meeting Minutes

Attendance- Karina Hoogesteyn, Erin Walsh, Chandra Lee Wilson, Jonathan Ammann, Kevin Campbell, Jonathan Cooper, Stephanie Fraino, David Garcia, Jenny Thelwell, Charles Bradley, Officer Velasco, Abby Arif, Oona Hall, Steve Kuras, London Yearby, Amy Berman

A meeting of the Whispering Pines School Advisory Forum was held in the Media Center on September 2, 2026, called to order at 11:10 am by Amy Berman.

Old Business

The board reviewed the minutes from May 6, 2026. Erin Walsh made a motion to approve. Jonathan Ammann second motion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Introductions
2. Reviewed district meeting:
 - Elementary Testing, Screen Time, iReady, and AI
 - Testing Reductions: Elimination of district-required assessments for K and 1, reduction of testing for Grades 2-5
 - I-Ready: Eliminated for grade K and 1, awaiting guidance for use of I-Ready for grades 2-5
 - Board prohibited the use of AI chatbots for Grades K-5
 - Implementation of student facing AI (Magic School) on hold due to Board inquiry into safety and privacy.
 - Transportation
 - Bus Route + ESE Transportation
 - Here Comes the Bus
 - Food and Nutrition
 - Changes to Meal Charges this Year
 - Meal Benefits Application: Important at ALL SCHOOLS FOR ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Status
 - Back to School Forms
 - Issues with this year's rollout of forms
 - Understanding what the forms mean for your scholar
 - Redefining
 - SBBC Workshop on Redefining Our Schools – occurred on August 25, 2026
 - Central Area Schools Addressed for 2027/28 School Year:
 - Banyan and Discovery Elementary would go to Village Elementary

- William Dandy Middle to Parkway Middle
- School Advisory Forum (SAF)
- SAF Elections – if not already done, please complete ASAP
- Request I-Zone meeting Calendar from Principal
- Sept SAF Meeting Agendas
- Review/Amend/Vote on SAF Bylaws
- Schedule Meeting Dates/Times for 26-27
- Possible Agenda “Business” Items:
- PM 3 Data + School Grade (<https://edudata.fldoe.org/>), safety/security, facilities (including open work orders), class size, iReady + ed Tech (minute requirement and opt out), TurnItIn, dismissal/busses/carlines, Certified teachers for programs, ESE/Gifted/ESOL concerns, field trips, recess/playgrounds, unified dress code, enrichment/clubs, free/reduced lunch applications or surveys

New business: None.

Open Agenda

None

Meeting Adjournment:

Amy Berman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am. Seconded by Karina Hoogesteyn. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

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



Approval Date: 10/6 /2026