

North Lauderdale Elementary School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Joint Meeting
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Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: North Lauderdale Elementary School

Minutes

Mrs. Lourdyn Desravines-Joseph introduce the following personel in the meeting and announcement:

- Staff Present :
 - Ms. Ortega: North Lauderdale Elementary Principal
 - Ms. Alincy – Assistant Principal
 - Mrs. Joseph: SAC Chair, Third Grade Teacher
 - Mrs. Nieves: Teacher Assistant for ESOL Spanish speaking students
 - Mrs. Parisi – Office Manager
 - Mrs. Purcell—First Grade Teacher, 21st Century Co-Director
 - Ms. Fall—Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Coach
 - Ms. Fernandez—Kindergarten Teacher, 21st Century Co-Director

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the North Lauderdale Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC) was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Ms. Alincy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fall.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was not made to approve the May 6, 2026 meeting minutes. We did not have an established board to approve the minutes. The minutes will be on the agenda for the month of October.

3. New Business

Welcome back to school!!

4. Principal's Report – Ms. Ortega

- Ms. Ortega thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She asked for the parents and families to be patient during rainy day dismissal. CurbSmart has been implemented and has helped the car dismissal line to run quicker.
- Kona Ice truck will be at the school tomorrow on Friday, September 4. Kona Ice will be visiting the school once a month on a Thursday. Ice Cream day is on Fridays in the cafeteria.
- The school grade was discussed. We are a 'B' school. The students improved in math. We want to continue to make progress. Our aim is to become an 'A' school. We made gains in science as

well. Reading is the big push for this year. We need to strengthen the reading curriculum from grades K-5. We need to close achievement gaps quickly to help them to be successful in their grade level.

- We have additional leadership team members including a primary reading coach, an intermediate coach, a reading resource teacher, and a science coach.
- Ms. Ortega reminded parents that she sent the September newsletter via ParentLink. If you blocked the texts from the school or the district, you must request to be added back by contacting the office. Class Dojo will be used as a schoolwide communication app to help share pertinent information with families including school activities and weather updates. Teachers will sign on Class Dojo.
- Open House is on Wednesday, September 16. This will give parents an opportunity to learn more about the curriculum and expectations for their child's grade level. Parents will also be able to purchase school spirit shirts for \$12 each.
- The Roar Rewards store will be launching soon. We are thankful for BSO. They donated items as incentives for the students to purchase using their lion bucks at the Roar Rewards store.
- Students have taken their PM1 assessments. Some of the assessment results are available on FOCUS. Other assessment results can be discussed with parents during conferences. Reminded the parents of the importance of attendance.
- Screen time is limited for kindergarten and first grade this year. They will use the computer only for testing purposes. Grades 2nd-5th will be allowed to use computers in a limited capacity as well. However, they will have access to their computers during instructional time and during assessments. I-Ready is not available for home use and has been turned off per the district's new policy on screen time.
- Ms. Ortega reminded parents to sign up for FOCUS. Parents can view their children's information including test scores, conference information, grades, emails, etc. A parent asked about the email and text messages and stated that she had blocked the district. Ms. Ortega asked for the parent's name, email, and number and stated that she would unblock her.
- Monday, September 21st, there is no school. School resumes on Tuesday, September 22nd.

Mrs. Joseph reminded families:

- We are a Title I school. Additionally, students receive free breakfast and lunch. Parents do not need to fill out lunch applications this school year.

6. SESIR (School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting)

There were **no SESIR reportable incidents** submitted to the State during this reporting period.

7. Title I Information Update

Mrs. Joseph informed parents that we are a Title I school. Mr. Brown will provide updates at the upcoming SAC meeting in October.

8. Guest Speakers—Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Fernandez, Co-Directors of 21st Century

- Mrs. Purcell stated that the families should be proud of North Lauderdale Elementary because there is only one other elementary school in Broward that has a 21st Century program.
- 21st Century is at capacity and services over 90 students daily.
- 21st Century is a free, federally-funded program.
- Mr. Fursetzer donated ten walkies to the 21st Century program. She asked the parents to thank Mr. Fursetzer for his donation.
- Ms. Ortega stated that she is also very proud of the 21st Century program and thanked parents and staff for ensuring that the program is successful.
- Mrs. Fernandez encouraged parents to sign up for the 21st Century Remind app. There is no 21st Century on early release days. Parents must pick up their children at 12pm.

9. Open Discussion/Stakeholder Feedback

Ms. Ortega reminded parents that we need them to be involved with the school in various capacities including as serving as the SAF (School Advisory Forum) chair. The SAF chair needs to attend monthly meetings from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Monarch High School. Mrs. Joseph reminded attendees that we also need parents to serve on the SAC committee as voting members. A parent stated that he was interested in being involved but was concerned about the in-person meetings and hoped that the meetings will also be available online. Several parents expressed interest in becoming a voting member of the SAC committee.

10. Next Meeting

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the SAC meeting was made by Ms. Alincy at 6:48 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Fall.