

Riverglades Elementary
School Advisory Forum
Date: Monday, November 17, 2025
Time: 9:00am
Location: Cafeteria

Welcome/Pledge: A meeting of the Riverglades Elementary School Advisory Forum was called to order by Stephanie Rodriguez at 9:08am. Secretary Kathleen Judd recorded the minutes. Attendance attached.

Approval of October 2025 minutes: Stephanie Rodriguez displayed and summarized the September minutes. Laura Just and Jen Solf made a motion to approve. Motion outcome: minutes from October, 2025 approved.

SAF Chair Report: Rodriguez reported that the meeting is later this week and will be updating us in December. For more updates and future meetings, please visit <https://northareadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/> **Notes from meeting attached.**

PTA Report: Maria Jewell shared PTA updates by email:

- Fun Run Fundraiser complete- Raised \$49,400.
- Duct Tape Day- Raised \$2,490
- Total- \$51,890
- Key project: Playground flooring to be completed Summer 2026.
- Playground Update-Waiting on new vendor quotes based on updated district guidelines that were provided Oct 2025. New quotes to be reviewed by BCPS playground committee.
- PTA goal-Finalize playground plan and vendor by December 2025.
- Scholastic Book Fair- Raised \$5,800 (cash to school) to be used for books and media center materials.
- Scholastic Dollars Balance currently is \$15,857.57 plus \$100 credit that expires.
- Spring Book Fair profit will be taken as Scholastic Dollars to pay for Scholastic News.
- Outreach- Thanksgiving Drive-Total of 150 meals will be donated to sister schools- Parkridge Elementary and Deerfield Beach Elementary
- Farmer Jay- Continuing 2x month with lessons that align to science standards
- Black History Night-February 20th
- First volunteer kick off meeting was this morning.
- Next General PTA meeting- November 19th at 9am in cafeteria

Safety/SRO Report: Volpe reported no news to update- all going smoothly.

Principal's Report: Seltzer shared that we had our Veterans Day breakfast, and it went well. Ms. Knowles' 5th grade class sang a song from each branch. Shout out to SAF chairs because days before last meeting we found out about accountability money- we now get to keep the money. We had a math training in October, and the accountability money goes to pay for substitutes so teachers can attend professional development. We have Kindergarten round up today at 2:30pm and a dozen 5th grade students will be leading the presentation to share with families. Amerant bank arena night to promote Riverglades and other Broward Schools is Tuesday, December 9th from 5-9pm. Because of the number of students, we have a new school counselor starting very soon. Mr. Hammer retired over summer, and we are doing a staff recognition for him in December.

Questions, concerns & ideas: Taneka Lawrence asked if the round up is for incoming Kindergarten only or for all new community members interested in attending Riverglades. Seltzer said any families interested in Riverglades can attend Riverglades Round up. Renee Pyka brought up how there might be black mold in Ms. Schmitt's class and is concerned. Mr. Duhart brought up how we reached out to district, and they are repairing the roof to assist with any possible mold issues. Seltzer shared that there is a district process if there is any type of concern like mold.

Motion to adjourn: Duhart made a motion to adjourn at 9:24am. Meeting adjourned at 9:24m

Next Meeting: December 15, 2025 @2:30pm

Riverglades Elementary

School Advisory Council

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025

Time: 9:30am

Location: Cafeteria

Call meeting to order/ Attendance: A meeting of the Riverglades Elementary School Advisory Council was called to order by Stephanie Rodriguez at 9:34am. Secretary Kathleen Judd recorded the minutes. Attendance attached. The purpose of SAC is to provide you with information regarding and to develop and discuss our School Improvement Plan.

Minutes: Rodriguez summarized the October minutes. made a Jen Sainato motion to approve the October minutes. Motion outcome: Minutes from October, 2025, approved.

School Improvement Plan (SIP): Rodriguez shared critical content under SIP Information:

- Under School Info- ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) was signed in December, 2015 and student performance has consistently improved since Florida introduced rigorous accountability measures. Our state identifies the schools that need that most support in specific areas and are on a state plan. Riverglades is not an ESSA school or on a state plan. Seltzer reported that our ESSA schools have improved each year the past few years. We are not a RAISE school either.
- As a team, we discuss Early Warning Indicators. You can find is all under Early Warning Indicators on our SIP plan. Summary: WIN block in Reading. In Math, we use small group instruction. Tier 2 and Tier 3 students are identified in reading and/or math, and interventions are used to instruct students on deficiencies.
- Regarding School Counseling Plan, Ms. Romey works on the plan each month. The habits have been aligned with the domain/standards.
- Farrah Siddiqi reported that she and Ms. Garza collaborated on the collection development plan. The Collection Development Plan serves to ensure consistency and communicates the library's collection scope to users by defining what materials are collected. 41% of the collection is significantly aged. Farrah is working on taking out old materials. The district provided \$ 9, 442.63 and Riverglades received \$15,529.61 from the Book Fair. The money will be used to update the media center, but some classics will remain. In the plan, procedures are in place in case parents want to dispute a book or opt out. Last year, we closed the gap on easy fiction and this year, we are working to close gap in General Fiction, Arts, and Recreation. Weeding of outdated or irrelevant materials is a big priority to maintain the age of collection. By following the collection plan insights, Riverglades Elementary can maintain a dynamic, inclusive, and effective media center collection that supports both academic achievement and personal growth for all students. This plan will be placed online in January, 2026. **Collection Development Plan attached.**

Accountability SAC Funds: \$9,399.62

School Environmental Safety Incident Report (SESIR): Duhart reported no updates or incidents at this time.

Principal's Report- Seltzer reported that FAST PM2 is coming up in December (December 2,3, 9 and 10th). We look forward to analyzing the data and seeing growth. After iReady PM2, we celebrate school

wide growth with the green party on February 6th. The Florida School Recognition Funds have been released. Staff will send ballot ideas to Rodriguez and the SAC committee will create the ballot at the next SAF/SAC joint meeting on Monday, December 15 @ 2:30pm. If we do agree on it, the SAC committee must come back in January to create a new ballot. Everything needs to be voted on by February 1st.

Questions, concerns & ideas: Taneka Lawrence asked what happens to the old books? Farrah shared that they are donated back to a warehouse- they cannot be recycled or thrown out.

Motion to adjourn: Judd made a motion to adjourn at 9:52am. Meeting adjourned at 9:52am

Next Meeting: December 15, 2025 @2:30pm

Broward County Public Schools
North Area Advisory Council
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONARCH HIGHSCHOOL
November 20, 2025
6:15-8:45 PM
AGENDA

Email: NorthAreaAdvisory@gmail.com
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Chair- Nicole Morst Vice Chair- Michael Pezzicola Recording Secretary- Nicole Kearney
Corresponding Secretary- Lucie Dicapua Communications Chair- Karla Figueroa

A. Call to Order- Chair called meeting to order at 6:19pm

B. Meeting Etiquette- SAF Chairs, please remember to sign in so that your attendance is recorded, a GuestSign in is also available. To remain in good standing, SAF Chairs and Members must attend meetings regularly. Missing 3 consecutive meetings or 4 total will result in loss of good standing. When speaking, ask one question or make one comment at a time to ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate. Guests may speak if time permits. Please be respectful throughout the meeting and complete the Ethics Training if you have not already done so.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- 1. May 15, 2025, Minutes-** Corrections to minutes: First page does not include last name Dominique for Cynthia as middle school rep. Correction to Communications Chair last name to Figueroa (Karla Figueroa) as well as page 2 for Parent at Large. Motion as amended: 1st - Jessica Benner, 2nd - Michael Pezzicola. Motion as amended passed unanimously.
- 2. October 16, 2025, Minutes-** Minutes for October tabled to December meeting

D. Roll Call: No roll call held during meeting.

E. Elections: Elections were held for vacant positions. Self-nomination from Lisa Reas was taken from the floor for Elementary School Rep. Election vote pass unanimously.

F. Performance Matters: Discussion led by Lisa Reas and Bridget Hersal with concerns shared by parents and teachers regarding Performance Matters, the testing platform that the school district uses for student assessments. Concerns include limited access to student assessment information, parent engagement, and student computer skills, among other considerations. Proposed solutions to consider were also provided. The overall goal is to prioritize student understanding of the instructional material and support teachers in delivering the instruction. Handout was provided to those present with this information. A concern brought forth is if a student gets a question wrong, the parent does not get to see what that question is to help the child understand. A teacher would have to go to each individual student's test to see what they got wrong, and it does not have the actual problem solving the child needs to do it as if it were on paper and pencil. There is no understanding if the concepts, only if right or wrong. There is also concern of younger students not yet having computer skills and having to do test on computers. Younger students are more likely using touch screen-based technology versus typing with a keyboard and scrolling/ clicking with a mouse. Discussion from the floor: Recommendation made to have accommodations for students with IEP or 504's have paper-based testing and

remove digital assessments. Parents were concerned over screen time at school doing classwork on the computer, then homework on the computer and all the screen time is not good for the eyes. Parents mentioned remember vocabulary and learning to read and write on paper so that the brain is stimulated. Parents feel kids are drowsier when doing work on the computer all day looking at a screen. Recommendation regarding potential cheating, Teacher rep mentioned using Lanschool previously, which is a software used to monitor student activity in an online environment but is no longer available. Parent made mention that Lanschool is now called Linewise. District staff commented that student information regarding assessments is available to teachers, mentioning item analysis available. Teachers can click on a student's name and an entire report shows of the student test. District staff mentioned they will work with school admins/ teachers to ensure training and education on pulling reporting data. District staff also mentioned sending out to parents' information and instructions on how to pull up performance matters data for their student. A parent commented that Palm Beach School district prints out the tests and send it home for parents to review with the student. The Chair recommended a virtual subcommittee for elementary be held to dive deeper into this topic and brainstorm solutions.

G. Academics/Testing: Presentation given by Guy Barmoha, Director of Secondary Learning with testing data for PM1. Presentation displays learning gains in Math and ELA across the district the last few years. Currently 96% of schools maintained or increased their score from last year, and there are no D or F scores in the district. The districts next goal is to have no C schools. 84% of BCPS schools received an A or B, and the number of C schools reduced tremendously. The standard of how to get an A is now higher and a bit more challenging. ELA scores showed positive trends in all PMs in 24/25 school year. Math scores show a little bit lower than ELA, mostly because students have have not learned that topic of math unlike ELA (i.e. fractions). An anomaly in 8th grade math scores, which does not include students enrolled in Algebra or Geometry. . If a student is proficient from 7th grade math, their pathway is algebra. In 8th grade math, almost all of them are coming into the year as a level 1 or 2, which means they were not proficient in 7th grade.

H. Elimination of Block Scheduling: decision was made by the school board to maintain the current high school A/B block schedule with the personalization period, and middle schools will continue with their existing schedules.

I. North Region Updates- North Region gave a thank you tribute to everyone for their contributions and connections to our students and community every day.

J. Updates

1. **SAC Funding:** A+ Funding will be returned to schools. There is concern that AICE, CAPE, AP, and IB funding has been taken away and not yet return. State statue 1011.62 states those funds cannot be go into general funds. State statue clearly defines how the funds should be used. Motion from the floor by Nicole Morst. Michael Pezzicola now chairing this portion of the meeting. Motion: I move that Broward Schools return the AICE, CAPE, AP, IB rollover funds from the school year 2024/2025 to the schools that had rollover dollars to be used, as outlined in state statue 1011.62.

Motion seconded by: Cynthia Dominique

Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Nurses:** The number of school nurses has lessened where 30 to 40 schools still do not have a nurse. Many nurses are currently supervising about 10-15 schools, having to do inventory of medications, seeing all the children who come to the clinic, and call parents to develop

healthcare plans for the medically fragile students, etc.

3. **Redefining:** No schools in the North Region are currently affected by redefining at this time.

4. **Food & Nutrition** – Lunches: Concerns over immigrant families not being able to apply for free or reduces lunch since a social security number is required to apply. The schools have a courtesy meal which right now is a butter sandwich.

5. **Old Business/Past Initiatives-** None discussed at this meeting.

K. Future Topics - SAF Chairs should communicate to the North Area Board the topics they would like to see on the agenda at upcoming meetings.

L. Open Discussion: parent raised concerns over the shortage of school psychologist and social workers are these are legally protected and vital services to our student's academic success and well-being. Motion made by: Muriel Theophin-Atilus- I move that the District take immediate action to address the backlog regarding the shortage of school psychologists and social workers and to formally address a critical impact on our students. The delays in services resulting from these shortages are more significant than previously acknowledged and these essential services are legally protected and vital for our students' academic success and well-being. I am specifically urging them to: (1) Assess the staffing levels of specialists at each school, (2) Prioritize resources and personnel for the schools most severely impacted by the backlog, (3) Provide a timeline for when these long-overdue evaluations and 504 plan renewals will be completed. We would also appreciate the district's plan to address this systemic issue. Motion seconded by: Cynthia Dominique

Motion was tabled as we ran out of time for the meeting. In depth discussion of the motion to be had at the December 2025 meeting.

M. Upcoming Dates/Important Reminders- DISTRICT ADVISORY GENERAL MEETING AT KCW DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:15 PM- 8:45 PM, NORTH AREA GENERAL MEETING MONARCH HIGH DECEMBER 18TH AT 6:15 PM- 8:45 PM, NORTH AREA BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS DECEMBER 2ND AT 8:00 PM- 9:30 PM

N. Adjourn- meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

Motion to extend the meeting by 10mins was made at 8:45pm, passed 21-1, with 1 dissenting vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Figueroa
Communications Chair
North Area Advisory Council