

Riverglades Elementary

School Advisory Forum

Date: Monday, August 31, 2026

Time & Location: 9:00am in 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.

SAF Composition of Members: SAF is the bridge between the parents, school and community. Taneka and Dino are our SAF Chairs. Thank you! Our ESOL position is open. Our business partner and gifted is also open and Kathleen Judd made a motion to vote Michael Goldberg to our gifted position, Mr. Ruddy to our business partner position, and AP Aoun as our our PreK representative. Motion outcome: All were voted into positions. We need an ESE and ESOL parent. The new representatives will be reflected on the next sign in sheet.

Approval of May 2026 minutes: Stephanie Rodriguez displayed and summarized the May minutes. Laura Just made a motion to approve. Motion outcome: minutes from May 2026 approved.

SAF Chair Report: Dino shared that there is an upcoming vote regarding a property tax increase. The information shared was that if voters do not approve the increase, teacher salaries could decrease by approximately 10%; if approved, salaries are expected to remain about the same.

Taneka explained that concerns and topics discussed during SAF meetings can be brought forward to the North Advisory Council meetings for further discussion and advocacy. One issue previously brought to the committee was the concern about excessive screen time for young children. Other areas of concern include class sizes and school funding. The goal is to work toward class sizes of approximately 20–25 students. The group discussed possible solutions for reducing the number of students in classrooms. It was noted that there were previously fines associated with exceeding class-size limits, but those penalties are no longer part of the current law. The next step is to continue discussing class-size concerns at SAF meetings and bring those concerns to the North Advisory Council to explore possible solutions related to staffing, funding, and classroom capacity. For more updates and future meetings, please visit <https://northareaadvisorycouncil.ch2v.com/> **Notes from meeting attached.**

PTA Report: Melissa Spencer reported that the first PTA meeting was held on August 19. The PTA raised \$10,000 through Meet and Greet sales. Playground Day and Altitude went very well, raising approximately \$250 in profit. The Fun Run will take place November 13 and 14, with additional details coming soon. The Media Center remodel is also beginning. Panthers Give Back Night will be held on Saturday, October 17. This will also be Teacher Appreciation Night. If the school reaches 250 tickets sold, students will have the opportunity to go on the ice after the game and take slapshots. The PTA currently has 430 members and is offering a 100% enrollment pizza party incentive.

Safety/SRO Report: Deputy Rodriguez and Deputy Vazquez shared there are no updates

Principal's Report: Principal Seltzer shared that we have experienced some technology issues, so the FAST testing dates are being pushed back by one week. PE is back, and Señora Bradford is teaching it and really enjoying it. However, due to the heat advisory index, there have been times when PE cannot be held outside. The playgrounds are still closed, but progress is going very well. Inspections are currently taking place and should be completed soon. We also recently purchased a book vending

machine using Scholastic Rewards money. It arrived Friday afternoon. In honor of Dolly Parton and her commitment to literacy, we are calling it “Dolly’s Dream Machine.” Students will have the opportunity to earn a token that they can use to select and receive a book from the vending machine.

Questions, concerns & ideas: None

Motion to adjourn: Laura Just made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 am. Meeting adjourned at 9:42am

Next Meeting: September 28, 2026 at 9:00am

North Area Advisory Council

May 21, 2026

A. Call to Order

B. Meeting Etiquette

C. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

D. Broward Principals and Assistant Principals Association (Lisa Maxwell) - There was a lot of discussion about oversized classes based on the state guidelines for class size maximums. There used to be fines for being over the capacity but the state did away with these fines and since then the limits have not been enforced. With limited ability to hire new teachers there will continue to be a shortage.

2026 – 2027 Projected Budget Teacher/IA Allocation

Teacher allocation/Instructional Allocation (IA) Funding

- Teacher Allocation – Traditional Schools
 - Funding Positions by Grade Group by Unweighted FTE (number of students)

Funding Model	K-3	4-5	6-8	9 -12
Current	21.5	24.25	24	24.85
State-School Wide Average	18	22	22	25
26 -27 Projected	20.5	24.5	24.5	26

Teacher allocation positions that are converted to Extra Periods will be monitored and should reflect the capacity for the schedule needs. Schools converting a teacher position to extra periods will receive the equivalent of 8 extra periods, the remainder of the funds will return to the district.

Call the budget committees at the state level about these cuts.

Someone asked how many people in the academics department and there are 900 people in that department.

If the referendum does pass there will be a deficit of \$29 million in the budget because the mental health programs are being consolidated. We need to review data as parents and make a recommendation so we can make motions for change.

G. Old Business – There have elementary subcommittee present on the testing frequency. The school board wants testing cut by 50% and they update is that principals need to implement.

There is also a whitepaper with 83 pages about reducing the technology in the classroom. It goes into health concerns from too much screen time, there are data privacy issues, and it cost \$50 - \$80 million to maintain this laptops.

We recommend that the schools and the principals make decisions on the funds from the Cambridge and

The North Area Superintendent, Dr. Fleming will move to the south region next year. The replacement will be Allan Strause.

E. Elections

Chair – Mario Marcano (Marjory Stoneman Douglas)

Vice Chair – Brooke

Recording Secretary – Nicole DeAmis

Elementary Representative – Lisa – They nominated Taneka and Dino but we can't go to KC Wright once a month on a Wednesday at 6:15pm.

Parent at Large – Cynthia

Citizen at Large – Joe

I voted for all nominations. There were no position that had competition.

They are looking for the communications chair