

Riverglades Elementary School  
**School Advisory Council**  
**August 25, 2025**

**Call meeting to order/Attendance/Pledge:** A meeting of the Riverglades Elementary School Advisory Council was called to order by Stephanie Rodriguez at 9:29am. Secretary Kathleen Judd recorded the minutes. Attendance attached. The purpose of SAC is to provide you with information regarding our School Improvement Plan. Our goal is an A for every student. Taneka Lawrence reviewed SAC Bylaws and signed off that she read and understood. (Attached SAC ByLaws) Rodriguez reviewed the SAC Bylaws.

**Approval of Minutes:** Stephanie Rodriguez summarized the May minutes. Traci McAllister made a motion to approve the May minutes. Taneka Lawrence seconded. Motion outcome: Minutes from May approved.

**SIP:** Rodriguez displayed the purpose is to discuss and build the school improvement plan. Rodriguez went over the Clever dashboard apps. Progress learning is a science app with lessons, PBIS is a positive behavior app, Performance matters is an app that students will take many of their assessments, so it is streamlined in one app. Benchmark Advance is the reading curriculum. CODE.org is a coding app- the first few lessons they build a game. Discovery education is the science curriculum. iReady is a reading and math pathway individualized for each student based on their Diagnostic 1 (which they are taking now). Savvas is the math curriculum- you can see the textbook in app. Gallopade online is the social studies app and chess 4 life is a chess app. In the school wide positive behavior plan (SPBP), we have goals and are implementing leader in me to help with those goals. Leader in Me is a program for the students to be the leaders of the school. We already used the first 8-day curriculum. Rodriguez went over one of the lessons and showed the slides and emphasized how it engages students in discussions that are unique to a healthy habit. There are a total of 8 habits in Leader in Me. On our school website, if you click on students and parents- there is a link to the School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF). That is where you can find links to SAF and SAC.

**Accountability SAC Funds: \$9,339.62** JoAnne Seltzer made a motion to approve spending accountability funds on professional development and substitutes so teachers can attend professional development. A **vote** was taken, and all present were in favor. None opposed. Motion outcome: Accountability funds will be used for professional development for the 2025-2026 school year.

**School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR):** School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting- Nothing to report at this time.

**Principal's Report:** Seltzer reported that we have a lot of new crew members: Yahira (Yari) Tamayo is the new Assistant Principal, Amber Snood- 1<sup>st</sup> grade ASD teacher, Tifani Pratt- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Deborah Faust- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Richard Arcos- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ASD teacher, Dawn Skiles- 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Amber Sanchez- 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Ninoska Slater- 5<sup>th</sup> grade dual language teacher, Carly Heitz- 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Stephanie Bond- SLP, Diego Silva- Music teacher, Nancy Schussler- paraprofessional, Jennifer Cruz-Ojeda- Paraprofessional, Gabriela Reynolsa Rodriguez- Asst. Head Facilities, Deputy Rodriguez- School Resource Officer. There are 8 components that make up our school grade: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA, 3-5 ELA, 3-5 Retentions Learning Gains ELA, 3-5 Grade Retentions Learnings Gains LQ, 3-5 Math, 3-5 Retentions Learning Gains Math, 3-5 Retention Learning Gains LQ, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA went from 77% proficiency to 84%. Seltzer shared that Riverglades Elementary is recognized as a Top

Performing School in the North Region and Named School of Excellence by the State of Florida. RGE has been an "A" School for 25 Consecutive years. Riverglades also increased our overall "A" school points from 70 points in 23-24 to 75 points in 24-25. OOOO LA LA! Something else exciting- Students will be "leaderizing" our school with the help of staff and learning about the 8 Habits from Leader in Me.

**Questions, concerns, and ideas-** Taneka Lawrence asked "Based on the gains from last year, what is the school focus this year?" Seltzer replied, "still lowest quartile and our WIN (intervention/enrichment block)."

**Motion to adjourn:** Kathleen Judd made a motion to adjourn meeting. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

**Next meeting:** September 29@ 9:30am