

Country Hills Elementary School

SAC Minutes – September 22, 2025 DRAFT

Attendance:

See Sign In Sheet

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Country Hills Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on Monday, September 22, 2025. Chair Lindsey Harrington called the meeting to order at 2:51pm. Lindsey Harrington will record minutes for the meeting.

A motion to approve August 25, 2025 minutes by Mrs. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Leung, approved.

Vote of New Members

- Unanimous vote to approve four new voting members. Fran Priolo, Stephanie Wisgikl, Amanda Caplan, Julian Thompson

Principal Update

- PM 1 testing complete- teachers are analyzing data and making adjustments to W.I.N. groups.
- Professional Development for different grade levels- 5th grade had a science and iReady PD last week
- Data chats are coming soon, hopefully by end of October
- PTA purchased a security booth for our campus monitors, should be arriving soon
- We did hire a music teacher, hopefully in the next couple of weeks he will be able to start.
- Second grade position has been filled by the interim substitute, Ms. Leigh Steidle.
- Only one open position is still available. We do have a certified ESE teacher providing services temporarily as a substitute.
- We had to release one paraprofessional due to a decline in our InD program.
- ESE support facilitators and support staff are providing support services.
- Promethean boards were delivered. Once they are up and running, they will go out to the K-2 classrooms. Training will be provided to staff who need it. Thank you, PTA!
- First Rising Star ceremony is Friday 9/26/25. Parents will be allowed to attend. Maximum of 2 parents per child please. A letter will go home to parents of Rising Star
- Parent Info Night for St. Augustine Field Trip- 4/5th grade families only.
- Attendance- vacations are not considered an excused absence. They will be recorded as unexcused. This is Broward County Schools Policy.

2025 – 2026 School Improvement- Dr. Thomas- Behavior Threat Management

- Behavior Threat Management Parent Presentation from BCPS
- How can parents report threats? Clever dashboard, Safer Watch app, phone
- See Something, Say Something- report threats or concerning behavior
- Dr. Thomas provided *some* examples of concerning behaviors- isolation, negative self-talk, verbal or physical aggression, increased anger or frustration, fascination with weapons, aggression toward animals...
- Our school is here to help you.
- Threat Management is a prevention tool.

- Our school-based Behavior Threat Management team: school administrators (Meacham/Thomas), school counselor (Hahn or Schaffer), expert in curriculum/coach (Scalici), school resource officer (Andrade).
- If we have a threat, parents are notified.
- *Think Before You Post*- Our 4th/5th graders participated in a *Think Before You Post* assembly.
- Video from Broward Sheriff's Office

Leader in Me Update-Mallory Franco- Lighthouse Leader

- First year is learning the 7 Habits of Effective People.
- Lighthouse Team met with Alan from Leader in Me. 3 key areas related to Leader in Me.
- Survey (MRA Survey) was sent out via ParentLink for families to complete. Students in grades 4/5 filled out a survey, as well as all staff. The results from this survey help drive our focus.
- Next meeting is in October for Lighthouse Team. November for instructional staff.

Teacher Training Update:

- Science Data Analysis- 5th Grade Team
- iReady Data Dive- 5th Grade Team
- Discovery Education- K-5
- Florida Threat Management & Coaches Retreat for North Area- Scalici-Young
- Ongoing UFLI training – K-2

PTA Update: Nicole Kearney

- Pelican is Friday
- Trunk or Treat coming 10/24. Candy and gently used costumes - 10/10 & 10/17 collections.
- Oct. 8 PTA Giveback at Wings Plus

Next SAC: October meeting will be Monday, October 27th at 3:30pm.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Ms. Forrester called to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 pm and seconded by Mrs. Kearney.

Submitted by,

Lindsey Harrington

Name of Position on Board: SAC Chair

Approval Date: