

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
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Silver Lakes Elementary

January 27, 2026

Meeting Notes

Attendance:

List members and attendees:

Tammy Gilbert, Principal

Jasmine Johnakin, SAC Chair

Jeremy Scott, Community School Representative

Katy Estarita, ESOL Parent

Jason McFarlane, Parent

Bronwen Leaver, Teacher

Krystle Hitchens, Parent

Lydia Moore Allen, Gifted Parent

Maria Rojas, Parent

Tiffany Gonzalez, Non-Instructional

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Silver Lakes Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on January 27, 2026. Chair Jasmine Johnakin called the meeting to order at 7:46 am. Bronwen Leaver will record minutes for this meeting.

Item 1. Welcome!

Members were welcomed, new members were introduced, and roll was called to establish Quorum.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

The committee was given time to review the minutes from the previous meeting. No was no additional input.

Item 3: Review School Improvement Plan Monitoring and Feedback

Ms. Johnakin discussed our School Improvement Plan and the focus on the entire plan, making sure that we put things in place to get students to proficiency. Based on December data, it is evident that the school is making progress in that area. If members want to review the PM2 Data, the minutes have been made available online for all members. The PM2 FAST assessments were taken in December. Mrs. Gilbert shared that the minutes from the meeting could be printed to make the data easily accessible to members to review.

Item 4: School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) Data

Mrs. Johnakin shared that we have not had any SESIR incidents to report.

Item 5: School Accountability Funds

Mrs. Johnakin shared that there is a total of \$6664.40 in the School Accountability funds account. We will vote on approval of using funds for Spring semester student tutoring to prepare students or PM3 in May. Mrs. Gilbert shared that since COVID, schools had been given grant money to use for tutoring, so that's what the school has used for tutoring; however, those grants are no longer in place. Mr. McFarlane made the motion to use up to \$6000 of the School Accountability funds for after-school tutoring salaries, materials and supplies. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion; no members voted against the motion.

Item 6: School Recognition Funds A+ Funds Proposals

Mrs. Johnakin shared that after the last SAC meeting the paperwork had been submitted and approved, the school has done its part on their side to enter everything in the database for the bonus payment so now it's in the district's hands as far as processing that for payroll. We don't know when that will be processed.

Item 7: Redefining Schools

Mrs. Gilbert shared that the redefining vote was taken at the school board meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, as far as our school, we will remain for next school year a K-5, as far as our zone, the Everglades zone, on the schools that are a K-5 will remain a K-5. Silver Shores will remain K-8, Coral Cove K-8. Glades Middle remains open. Mrs. Gilbert stated that she believes the next process will open before the end of the school year. No word on what that's going to look like, but most likely they will begin additional school closing/redefining considerations for the 27-28 school year. Mr. McFarlane stated that it's a tragedy to continue with proposals for closure without a comprehensive plan together because that's the main that's the major pushback with the decisions that are being made. Mrs. Gilbert shared that our school board member did say that at the meeting that it needs to be a comprehensive plan and then it needs to look at the whole district because in her district she had many schools impacted this is a district wide issue and not only an issue in our zone. The percentage of enrollment of schools across our entire district is way low and even though ours is worse than the rest, it's not by a lot. There are a lot of other areas that may have 10% more of their capacity, but when you're looking at 45 to 55%, it's still very low. Mrs. Gilbert continued to share that other board members agreed that this is something to review each year in terms of boundary process but not considering closing schools every year because that does not make families feel comfortable. Mrs. Hitchens stated that continuing to propose closing schools is going to chase people into the charter schools because charters are not in the same predicament as the public schools.

Item 8: SAF Updates

Ms. Allen shared that at the meeting in December, they spent some time overviewing some of the programs in Broward and that some of the Broward schools, talking about opportunities for college courses with BCC and FAU, obviously most of that is related for middle and high schoolers but our kids will get there eventually. Providing opportunities for students to complete college courses and receive an AA degree when they graduate High School. They discussed that sometimes students in accelerated programs may start failing and, in those cases, they just pull them back completely so eventually doesn't affect like the overall transcript. At the meeting they also discussed PRISMS a virtual reality program that eventually will be available and will be for the math and science for all grades in all middle schools. At the meeting they also addressed concerns about excessive testing that was a question that came up in the discussion from parents. One of the concerns brought up was if the assessments being used effectively, how is the data being used. Are they ensuring that parents are receiving education and information on how to help their children improve or resources for students who need acceleration opportunities. Mrs. Estarita shared that parents feel very overwhelmed and confused with reports or students' academic data and not sure how to take action to help their children. Mrs. Johnakin asked how Silver Lakes Elementary could serve parents better when communicating with parents about students' scores and performance on FAST and other assessments. Mrs. Leaver shared that hosting a Parent-School virtual meeting on TEAMS dedicated to FAST scores, next steps and understanding what the data means could be an option. In the past, the school hosted a Winter Open House parent night focused on PM2 data.

Item 9: Upcoming Events

Mrs. Johnakin shared that on February 13, the school will participate in a day of service and love. Students will participate in a school-wide initiative to create heart notes for the Veteran and Homeless Shelter.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Johnakin, second by Ms. Allen. Meeting ended at 8:27 am.