



**School Advisory Committee (SAC) Mins**  
**Thursday February 5, 2026**  
**2:20pm- 3:00pm**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

- **Call to Order-** A meeting of the Tradewinds Elementary School Advisory Council was held at Tradewinds Elementary on January 8th, at 2:20 p.m. Mrs. Vivian Lewis called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m. in the school's media center. Mrs. Schafer recorded the minutes for this meeting.
- **Attendance-SAC MEMBERS:** Vivian Lewis, Dr. Priscille Elie, Natalie Brantley, Nancy Fry, Teresa Petty, Susan Didway, Stacy Schafer, Scarlett Botina, Officer Laura Sudman, Shari Ham, Cassandra Cruz, Shari Graham, Rob Pagan, Ayumi Rodriguez, Officer Laura Sudman, Teagan Fiore, Marie-Michelle Desrosiers
- **Introductions-** SAC Chair, Vivian Lewis, welcomed all attendees to the sixth (2nd of the 2026 school year) SAC meeting of the 2025–2026 school year and welcomed current members back.
- The agenda and Jan SAC minutes were distributed.
- A motion to approve Jan SAC minutes was given by member Nancy Fry.
- The motion was second by member Cassandra Cruz
- The motion was passed as 10 of the 12 members were present at the meeting (requirement met of 50% plus 1, Quorum)
- **SAC Roles:** All key roles are currently filled.

**2. Staple Agenda Items (Reports):**

- SIP 2025-2026 (School Improvement Plan) Monitoring
  - Two big school wide initiatives: attendance challenge and IREADY
    - **Attendance Competition:** grade-level contest update was provided, and 2nd grade won the challenge (Stanley Cup). Ms. Torres's class won overall best class attendance for Jan and won the Price is Right Plinko challenge and will get to drop the Plinko chip on WTNN school show for the school to view and win the prize from the Plinko board.
    - **IREADY Usage incentive:** The IREADYopoly challenge winners for Jan Ms. Velandias (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) class with 93% and Ms. Friedman's class (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) with 100%. Ireadyopoly is still on through the month of February, and an increase has happened in Reading up to 40%. The thermometers can be located in the commons area on the wall by the PTA window.



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- Stakeholder Feedback-
  - Still excited for the challenges and loved that 2nd grade won along with a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade winning overall best attendance and the Plinko challenge.
  - A Stakeholder asked if the Gifted Identifier is classified as a learning disability? The answer is YES.
  - A Stakeholder asked for clarification on the numbers being projected for the students' scores. Principal Elie explained in more detail the increase, the learning gains and how the students' scores count for the school score.
  - A Stakeholder asked if students that count as High Achievers count as Gifted? Principal Elie explained that they are not, they are General Population students.
  - A Stakeholders asked about the Share A Pet program that TWE used to have and explained how students that needed in extra push or motivation to read would be able to Read to A dog. Officer Sudman explained that a program such as this still existed through the Police department.
- A Stakeholder asked if there was an easy way to find the types of books that students are reading in the classroom. Principal Elie explained that the public library has these types of books, but that sometimes sticking with grade level band type books doesn't peak the student's interest, so in order to foster reading in her children she wallows them to choose what interests them, but they also have to choose at least one non-fiction book. The stakeholder stated that that makes sense.
- SESIR (School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting)-no current reports.

### **3. Additional Items**

- Old Business-none
- Accountability Funds Update-\$8,843.04 (no change)
- Last Meeting Follow-up- no follow ups at this time.
- New Business- No New Business
- Announcements-
  - Principal Elie-provided an update about Mid-Year Data Review. A PowerPoint presentation was conducted that showed the breakdown of K-5 scores from PM1-PM2 (proficiency, learning gains, points increased). The presentation also shared students identified as Gifted, across K-5 (32 ELA, 33 Math), and how their scores factor in with the General Education students. She also explained that there are High Achievers classrooms. Principal also explained how Dual Exceptionalities work. When a student is Dual their primary diagnosis supersedes their secondary and this could place a student in Gen Ed population instead of self-contained (for example, ESE in ELA, but Gifted in Math).
  - Principal Elie provided information on being a RAISE school and this means that the primary grades (k, and 2<sup>nd</sup>) were supposed to score a 50% in reading, but scored a (K-48%, 2<sup>nd</sup>46%). This means that the school had to create a plan to monitor and write Smart Goals to address this area.



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- Principal Elie spoke about The Hands on South Florida Read For The Record Program and that the link has been sent out requesting volunteers. The February Parents Newsletter is going out and a parent link will also be sent out with this information.
- Principal Elie announced that a perimeter fence will be placed around Tradewinds and that the initial survey has been completed and plans are currently being drafted.
- Principal Elie provided an update about the Hiring Freeze still taking place, but they approved the hiring of a General Clerk position as they are down an essential staff in the front office.
- Principal Elie also spoke about the District Letter that was sent out about Students Protests. A copy of the letter was provided to members to review. Principal Elie explained that the districts position is that students have the right to Freedom of Speech, but are not authorized to protest during instruction time.
- Principal Elie announced that additional cameras will be added outside and that old cameras across the campus will be replaced with new aerial view cameras.
- Principal Elie also announced that the Media Center Doors are now being locked during instructional time as this is classified as a classroom during the day and that cameras will also be added inside the Media Center.
- Principal Elie spoke about Early Release on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and this being a day a of love and service. A flyer for events for the day was passed out to members and attendees to review. A reminder was given that's it's also President's Day on Monday and there will be no school.
- The Flyer also referenced additional Feb events like, Kindergarten Round-up, PTA Weather PROs, The Just Do It Awards, New Worlds Reading Workshop for Parents, and Class Picture Day.
- BTU Steward-Shari Ham announced that a vote of Teacher Salary Increase Allocation (TSIA) funds of 0.55% for Teachers, grandfathered/pay-for-performance, and raised will be seen on Mar 13<sup>th</sup> check for AA and Mar 27<sup>th</sup> for BB payroll.
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#### **4. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm

#### **Next Meeting Date:**

March 5, 2026 (Thurs) 2:20-3:00 pm in the media center.