



Lakeside Elementary
School Advisory Forum (SAF)
September 30, 2026
Agenda

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. New Business
- IV. Open Agenda- Questions and Concerns
- V. Next Meeting- October 28, 2026- following the SAC meeting which starts at 2:20 pm in Lakeside's Media Center

SAF Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 30,

The meeting was called to order at 2:45PM

TEDx Miramar Presentation

A representative from TEDx Miramar shared information regarding the upcoming Cultural Center event.

- PTA/PTSA participation was encouraged, particularly with ticket sales and parent involvement.
- Schools may have opportunities to nominate students to participate in public-speaking opportunities associated with TEDx.
- Additional information regarding student participation and event involvement will be shared as it becomes available.

PTA/PTSA Purchasing Discussion

Information was shared from a recent PTA/PTSA meeting regarding requests from principals for PTAs to purchase software and other school-related items.

- PTAs/PTSA organizations have specific restrictions regarding allowable purchases.
- Certain software purchases may not fall within the items permitted through PTA/PTSA funding or approved “toolbox” purchases.
- The issue continues to be discussed, and additional clarification will be provided at a future meeting.
- Principals have raised questions regarding PTA purchases, including software and other instructional or school-related resources.
- Transparency between school administration and PTA/PTSA organizations was emphasized.

Broward County Public Schools District/Superintendent Q&A

District updates and questions were discussed.

Bicycle and E-Bike Racks:

Questions were raised regarding providing covered areas for bicycle and e-bike racks to protect them from rain and excessive sun. At this time, covered structures are reportedly not permitted due to safety considerations.

District Budget and Property Taxes:

Information was shared indicating that homeowners should not anticipate an immediate property-tax increase related to the current discussion. The 2027 budget outlook was described positively, with reference made to findings from three independent audits conducted at the request of the School Board. Any potential changes discussed would occur in 2028.

Next Generation Referendum:

The School Board's informational presentation regarding the Next Generation Referendum was discussed. Additional information will continue to be shared as the process moves forward.

Enrollment and School Choice

School choice/enrollment was discussed, including an approximate 4% decrease.

- The decrease was not presented as an immediate concern.
- Affordability and immigration-related factors were discussed as possible contributors to enrollment changes within the district.
- Lakeside Elementary was not identified as being among the schools currently experiencing significant concerns related to these issues.

Redefining Our Schools

Updates were provided regarding the district's Redefining Our Schools initiative.

- Community meetings and workshops will focus on proposed changes and communities that may be directly impacted.
- Parents and community members were encouraged to remain involved and provide feedback.
- A South District Redefining Our Schools meeting was referenced for Flanagan High School on October 26.
- Additional information is expected following School Board action.
- Discussion included the importance of examining enrollment, school utilization, and the impact of potential changes on individual school communities.

Classroom Screen Time

Concerns regarding student screen time were discussed.

- Parent voices and concerns have been shared with the School Board regarding the amount of screen time students experience.
- Particular concern was noted regarding younger students, including Kindergarten and Grade 1.
- The importance of balancing technology use with other instructional experiences was discussed.
- Additional information and feedback will continue to be brought back to the School Board.

Legislative and School Board Updates

Legislative matters and School Board activity were discussed, including education-related issues being considered in Tallahassee.

Discussion also included the importance of remaining informed about School Board meetings, workshops, and decisions that may affect schools.

Recognition – Lakeside Elementary

A special recognition was shared regarding the positive customer service experienced by families at Lakeside Elementary.

A parent specifically praised **Gloria, Lakeside’s Single Point/Media Center staff member**, for providing exceptional assistance and a welcoming experience. The feedback highlighted the strong customer service provided to families by Lakeside’s front office and administrative team.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Regular School Board Meeting:** September 15, 2026 – 8:45 AM
- **School Board Workshop:** September 22, 2026 – 9:00 AM
- **Redefining Our Schools – South District Meeting:** October 26, 2026 – Flanagan High School

Lakeside Follow-Up

Lakeside should confirm whether a SAC representative has been identified and determine whether any required information or report should be submitted to Ms. Biesel.

Adjournment at 3:40 PM

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Lakeside ES (3591)

Date: _____			Time: _____		Sign Here
#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	
1	Batista, Yomaira	Gifted Parent of a student at the school	☒ Yes	☒ Yes	<i>Yomaira Batista</i>
2	Biesel, Tara	SAC Chair	Yes	No	
3	Deonarinae, Patty	Community / Business Representatives , I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	<i>NP</i>
4	Dominguez, Yamile	SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	☒ No	☒ Yes	<i>Yamile Dominguez</i>
5	Gauiter, Briana	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	<i>Briana Gauiter</i>
6	Lafortune, Ann-Sofie	ESE Parent of a student at the school , ESOL Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	<i>Ann Sofie Lafortune</i>
7	Lengnick, Georgina	BTU Steward (or designee)	☒ Yes	No	<i>Georgina Lengnick</i>
8	Lopez, Jennifer	Parent	No	Yes	<i>Jennifer Lopez</i>
9	Lopez, Melissa	Parent	No	☒ Yes	<i>Melissa Lopez</i>
10	Restrepo, Marye	SAC Secretary , Teacher	☒ Yes	No	<i>Marye Restrepo</i>
11	Rini, Sherry	Parent	No	Yes	
12	Rodriguez, Riquelme	Principal	☒ Yes	No	<i>Riquelme Rodriguez</i>
13	Varela, Nelin	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher)	No	Yes	

Sanchez, Mericis SAC Chair Elect

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#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Shanna Bonomo		✓		Shanna Bonomo
2	Kelly Arias		✓		Kelly Arias
3	Elaine Cantillo		✓		Elaine Cantillo
4	Francesca Polanco		✓		Francesca Polanco
5	Amber Rivera	✓			Amber Rivera
6	Rita Rodriguez	✓			Rita Rodriguez
7	Jacky Wood	✓			Jacky Wood
8	Zoe Leal	✓			Zoe Leal
9	Janet Hodgson	✓			Janet Hodgson
10	Kevin Moreno	✓			Kevin Moreno
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