



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM (SAF) TO FOLLOW

AGENDA

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **SAC Meeting Dates for 2025-2026 school year**
- **SAC Bylaws Review**
- **SAC Committee members**
- **SAC Composition**



SAC BYLAWS

- Please scan the QR code with your phone to view the 2025-2026 School Advisory Council Bylaws.



SAVE THE DATE

- SAC Meetings the 1st Friday of every month at 8:20am in the Media Center
 - OCTOBER 3
 - NOVEMBER 7
 - DECEMBER 5
 - JANUARY 9*
 - FEBRUARY 6
 - MARCH 6
 - APRIL 10*
 - MAY 1
- SAF Meetings to directly follow SAC.



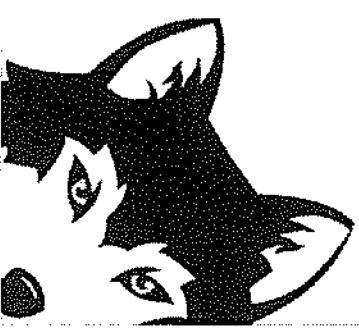
SAC Composition

- **BTU Steward:**
Suzanne Gagne
- **PTO Rep:**
Rita Berger
- **I Zone Rep:**
Amrit Mann
- **Business Rep:**
Michael Goldberg
- **SAF Designee:**
Carly Walker
- **ESOL Rep: OPEN**
- **ESE Rep: OPEN**
- **Gifted Rep: OPEN**
- **Non-Instructional Rep:**
Latanya Fondren



AGENDA

- **Review and approval of May 2025 Minutes**
- **Current Budget**
 - **Accountability Funds: TBA**
- **Testing Update- Mrs. Keery**
- **School Update-Mr. Bianchi**
- **New Business**



FAST

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking

6th Grade Reading: 9/8

6th Grade Math: 9/15

7th Grade Reading: 9/9

7th Grade Math: 9/16*

8th Grade Reading: 9/10

8th Grade Math: 9/16*

Algebra/Geometry Students do NOT take a FAST Math Test



THANK YOU

- **Next Meeting: October 3**
- **Remember to sign in and if you would like to be a "Parent Rep" please see Mrs. Keery!**



Westglades Middle School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting
Minutes for Friday, September 5, 2025



Call to Order: Ms. Keery at 8:25am in Media Center

Welcome and Introductions of SAC Officers and membership

SAC Meeting Dates for 20256-202 year-meetings will be starting at 8:20 a.m. in the Media Center.

- October 3
- November 7
- December 5
- January 9*
- February 6
- March 6
- April 10*
- May 1

SAC Bylaws Review: (Keery)

- Scan QR code and follow along

Approval of Bylaws

- Motion to approve: Ms. Fondren
- Second: Mr. Goldberg
- All approve

SAC Chair Vote

- Option for nominations
- Motion to keep Keery as SAC Chair and make Nichols SAC Secretary
- Approve: Ms. Berger
- Second: Ms. Walker
- All approve

SAC Roles & Responsibilities:

- Primary focus is on School Improvement Plan
- Focus on teacher growth, student needs and achievement
- Ongoing monitoring of School Improvement Plan
- Funding Request from different departments for example conferences, materials for students, etc.
- Required Membership Representatives:
 - Principal
 - Teachers
 - BTU Stewart
 - Parents
 - I Zone representative
 - Community Business Representative
 - SAF Chair or Designee
 - ESOL Parent
 - ESE Parent
 - Gifted Parent
 - Non-Instructional employee

- Voting-must have at least 50% of parents present than staff members.
- Any parents interested in any of the positions, please email Mrs. Russo (PTO President) to vote.
- Membership Attendance-after two absences; the member's name will be removed from the list. If you will be absent, email Mr. Francis, secretary of SAC to avoid being removed from the membership list.

Accountability Funds- \$TBA (not in the budget at this time) for the entire school-the money will be allocated towards different departments throughout the school year.

Bylaws Amendment-Cap on Funding Requests-due to a decrease in the amount of Accountability dollars our school receives annually and an increase in the number of staff members submitting funding requests to the SAC Committee, a \$500 cap per teacher will be placed on individual funding requests for workshops.

Approval of May 2025 Minutes:

- Motion to Approve: Ms. Walker
- Second: Mr. Goldberg
- All approve

Testing Update- Mrs. Keery

- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) test for ELA and Math: Some students mistakenly believe that the PM1 and PM2 tests don't count because the FAST is taken three times, so they don't try their hardest. However, this is a misconception. The FAST is an adaptive test, meaning the difficulty of the questions adjusts based on the student's answers. If a student answers correctly, the next question gets harder; if they answer incorrectly, it gets easier. Skipping or rushing through questions can negatively impact the test's ability to accurately assess a student's skill level, making it much more difficult to achieve a proficient score of Level 3 or higher.
- PM 1 in early September:
 - 6 ELA- 9/8, 7 ELA- 9/9, 8 ELA 9/10
 - 6 Math- 9/15, 7 Math- 9/16, 8 Math- 9/16 (FAST Math Only)
- PM 2 in early December:
 - 6 ELA- 12/2, 7 ELA- 12/3, 8 ELA 12/4
 - 6 Math- 12/8, 7 Math- 12/9, 8 Math- 9/9 (FAST Math Only)

School Update- Mr. Bianchi

1. Positives

a. Test scores have gone up significantly in many areas over the last 3 years.

ELA

79% Proficiency in ELA up from 71% since the 2022-2023 school year

65% Learning Gains in ELA up from 60% since the 2022-2023 school year

57% Learning Gains for the lowest 25% in ELA up from 46% since the 2022-2023 school year

Math

90% Proficiency in Math up from 78% since the 2022-2023 school year

78% Learning Gains in Math stayed at 78% since the 2022-2023 school year

78% Learning Gains for the lowest 25% in Math up from 62% since the 2022-2023 school year

Science

79% Proficiency in Science up from 73% since the 2022-2023 school year

Civics

88% Proficiency in Civics has stayed the same since the 2022-2023 school year

b. TOY-Adi Mudrauskas & EOY- Ellen Gozansky

c. Open House was very successful. We appreciate our teachers, many of whom came out both nights to greet our families.

2. PM1 Testing

Some students mistakenly believe that the PM1 and PM2 tests don't count because the FAST is taken three times, so they don't try their hardest. However, this is a misconception. The FAST is an adaptive test, meaning the difficulty of the questions adjusts based on the student's answers. If a student answers correctly, the next question gets harder; if they answer incorrectly, it gets easier. Skipping or rushing through questions can negatively impact the test's ability to accurately assess a student's skill level, making it much more difficult to achieve a proficient score of Level 3 or higher.

3. 10-10-10 Rule

a. Rationale:

1. For the 2023-2024 school year, 232 Students miss 10% of the school year. This is over 14% of the student body missing 18 days or more. 85 students or 5% of students miss more than 15% or 27 days or more.
2. When students are not in school they are not able to learn the material the same as students who are at school. Student achievement falls, students lose valuable time to socialize.

b. Results at MSD's 10-10-10 Policy- Absences have decreased by 50%, Sign out have decreased by 62%. Student achievement has gone up dramatically.

c. Mr. Bianchi will be speaking more about this at our next SAC Meeting and providing clarifications.

4. Leader in Me

a. We are excited to begin our Leader in Me journey this year. We had staff training during pre-planning and our social studies department has met to discuss the Leader in Me lessons that will be taught from the beginning of September through March. There will be 25 weeks of lessons taught and the teachers are excited to bring this curriculum to the students.

b. The Leader in Me Curriculum will be taught in our Peer Counseling class as well.

New Business

- Schedule Exploration
- PTO/SGA 5K Coming Back in November

Parent Comments/Concerns

- none

Next Meeting October 3rd

Adjourned at 8:55am

★ SAC Sign in Sheet for Westglades MS (3871) / SAF TO FOLLOW

Date: SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Time: 8:20 AM

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	ANDEA VEERY	Y	Y	SACCHAIR	ANDEA VEERY
2	BRENDA MARTORANA	Y	N	STAFF SAF chair PTD	Brenda Martorana Cary Walker
3	Cary Walker		Y	SAF chair PTD	Cary Walker
4	Latanya Fendren	Y	N	Staff	Latanya Fendren
5	Michael Goldberg	N	Y	Business	Michael Goldberg
6	Amrit Mann	N	Y	Parent	Amrit Mann
7	Renee Yu	Y	N	STAFF	Renee Yu
8	Sudeen Douglas	N	Y	Parent	Sudeen Douglas
9	Meena Valliappan	N	Y	Parent	Meena Valliappan
10	Jennifer Stratos	Y	N	BTO	Jennifer Stratos
11	Jennifer Pickett	Y	Y	Parent	Jennifer Pickett
12	Rita Berger	N	Y	PTD President	Rita Berger
13	Caermon Fernando	N	Y	PTD	Caermon Fernando
14	Amy Cook	Y	N	Staff	Amy Cook
15	Keja Nichols	Y	Y	Staff	Keja Nichols
16	Suzanne Desrosiers	Y	N	Staff	Suzanne Desrosiers