

**Everglades High School
School Advisory Forum (SAF)
Minutes
General Meeting
September 25, 2018 – 3:09 PM**

Call to Order

SAF Officer Elections:

Ms. Helene Malanga volunteered to continue as SAF Chair and Elizabeth Malanga as SAF Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor. Committee unanimously voted to approve the slate. The position of Co-SAF Chair remains open.

By-Laws:

By-Law template was discussed. Everything is the same from last year. Motion was made by Ms. Claudia Pelaez to accept the By-Laws as written, seconded by Ms. Sharon Ford-Marshall. Committee unanimously voted to approve the By-Laws.

Minutes:

May 2017 minutes accepted as written, no corrections.

District Advisory Report:

The District is working on a schedule for Innovation Zone Meetings. Meeting dates will be posted ahead of time. There will be one meeting per quarter open to all parents. Emails have been removed from school websites due to security reasons. The District is working on a security wall to prevent emails being used for identity theft. Emails will return to the websites as soon as the problem is corrected.

Calendar Options:

Discussion was held regarding the school calendar options for the 2019-20 school year. Option #1 has school starting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 and ending on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. First semester ends prior to the winter break. Option #2 has school starting on Monday, August 19, 2019 and ending on Thursday, June 4, 2020. First semester ends after the winter break. Feedback was requested to be emailed to evergladessaf@gmail.com.

Homework Policy:

Feedback was requested by the South Area School Advisory Forum if any parents are having any issues with homework policies. Some parents have complained that syllabuses were given by some teachers that require students to turn in homework assignments on the date required regardless if they are absent. We haven't had any complaints. School Board policy on homework is followed.

Honoring February 14th

The District would like suggestions how to commemorate the anniversary of the MSD tragedy. Some schools suggest taking the day off. Other suggestions might be a moment of silence, or making a heart shape by students outside in the field. Some Elementary Schools are planning to write letters. Mrs. Darbar suggested the District send out a survey to each zone requesting suggestions from schools.

Community Events:

- College Fair – October 22nd 6 pm to 8:30 pm – 3301 College Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, 33314.
Information about the fair at www.browardschools.com/collegefair
- Save the Date: Ed Talk 2018-19 will be held on December 1, 2018 from 8 am to noon at Charles W. Flanagan High School, 12800 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines, 33028.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Malanga