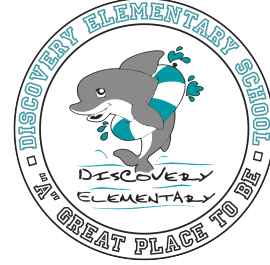


Discovery Elementary School  
School Advisory Council  
Wednesday, September 26, 2018



## Meeting Agenda

### Welcome

Dannyelle de Varona, SAC Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Ms. Pat Jones made a motion to call the meeting to order. Angela Sowell seconded the motion.

Ms. de Varona began by welcoming everyone to SAC. Ms. de Varona reviewed the SAC guidelines and procedures:

- The primary objective of the School Advisory Council (SAC) is to identify needs and recommend programs of action. Through a community-wide commitment, the team will foster a positive learning environment, which sets high expectations and meets the diverse needs of the student body. School Advisory Council functions shall include:
- To facilitate the development of the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- To Monitor implementation of the SIP
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the SIP

### Principal's Message

Julie De Greeff, Principal

Ms. De Greeff welcomed parents and staff to our first SAC Meeting of the year. Ms. De Greeff notified participants of our "A" Rated School Grade. There has not been a date established for A+ funds. Once the district releases a date, SAC will begin the process to draft guidelines for the staff to vote.

### Safety

There are changes that have been made due to the safety and security of our school. All students and staff must wear ID badges, the entrance gates are monitored and secured, and there are designated times for the entrance/exit of each gate.

October 31<sup>st</sup>, is the Storybook Character Parade. Students can participate by dressing up as a character from a book that they have read. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the school and walk across the stage in the cafeteria for parents and students.

Ms. De Greeff announced the 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year: Ms. Doriah and the Employee of the Year Ms. Kim McFadden will represent Discovery Elementary at the Caliber Awards.

### Progress Monitoring

Teachers and students are currently Progress Monitoring through: BAS (Benchmark Assessment System) testing, Checkpoints (will be in October), and iReady. The students have also taken their STAR Assessments, which is used as a baseline for AR (Accelerated Reader) Goals. The goal of the program is to increase leisure reading and allow students to read and take AR test on their AR level. A new policy has been implemented, where students are unable to take AR test below their AR ZPD (Zone of Proximity) Level. Ms. Boggan briefly spoke about the Accelerated Reader program, informing parents of the AR goal system and reading levels.

### Concerns/New Business/Procedures

Dannyelle de Varona, SAC Chair

### SAC Elections

Rachelle Boggan, SAC Co-Chair

- The School Advisory Council represents the ethnic diversity of the school's student population.
- A majority (more than half) of SAC members must not be employed by the Broward County School District.

- Members of the SAC should attend SAC meetings on a regular basis. A SAC member will be removed from membership after two unexcused consecutive absences from properly noticed SAC meetings. Members will be elected for a one-year term only.
- SAC members will be elected by their respective peer groups
- Parent Vote (parents are elected by parents)

To represent the ethnic diversity of the school.

Members are elected annually

#### Nominations/Accepted Position:

- SAF Chair: [Carrie Forsyth](#)
- I -Zone Representative: [Janay Littles](#)
- ESOL Representative: [Dominique Savain](#)
- ESE Representative: [Neila Davis](#)
- Gifted Representative: [Lisa Byard](#)
- Pre-K Representative: [Keisha Gray](#)
- Parent Representatives: [Shantereas Dawson](#), [Angela Fulton](#), [Angela Sowell](#)
- Community/ Business School Representatives: [Alfreda Coward](#), [Xori Brown](#)

Ms. de Varona opened the floor for questions and concerns.

A parent had a concern with her and her child's transition to DES as a first-time student. She suggested that there should be a formal way to gain the information that is needed such as online textbooks, AR, i-Ready login, etc.

Another parent suggested that students should be able to create a Book Fair wish list prior to purchasing books so that parents are aware of the books and price that their child is interested in purchasing.

A parent had a concern with the new procedures regarding AR test and her child's inability to take AR test below her AR level.

A parent asked how to become a volunteer for the book fair, to do so please visit [browardschools.com/volunteer](http://browardschools.com/volunteer) and check with Ms. Kim McFadden at the front office for a status update on your application.

Ms. de Varona thanked everyone for attending and notified participants that SAC Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Meeting Adjournment

Dannyelle de Varona, SAC Chair

Melissa McCormick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jose Halley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 17, 2018 5:30 PM