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**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**Florida Atlantic University Schools' School Advisory Body**

**College of Education, Florida Atlantic University**

**Zoom Virtual SAB Meeting**

**I. Call to Order/Sign-In/Flag Salute/Approval of Agenda** Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair  
Call to order made by Mr. Jon Cipyak at 5:30pm. The Salute to the Flag followed. Zoom virtual attendance of SAB members was confirmed by Ms. Iris Bernstein, SAB Recording Secretary.

**II. Draft Agenda Approval**  
**Motion** – A motion was made by Mr. Michael Moore to approve the Draft Agenda.  
**Second** – Seconded by Mr. AJ Frydman.  
**Unanimous Approval**

**III. Welcome** Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair  
Mr. Jon Cipyak welcomed the SAB Members, presenters, and visitors.

**SAB Members present:**

Ms. Tracey Thompson - Middle School Parent Representative

Ms. Lisa Spaulding - At-Large Faculty Representative

Mr. AJ Frydman - Education Support Staff Representative

Mr. Jon Cipyak - Business/Community Representative - SAB Chair

Mr. Michael Moore - At-Large Parent Representative - SAB Vice Chair

Ms. Kristin Potter-Oliveri - Secondary Faculty Representative

Ms. Najla Ghazal - High School Parent Representative

**SAB Members not present (Excused):**

Ms. Jasmine Coyle - Elementary School Parent Representative

Mr. Michael Panagis - At-Large Parent Representative

Dr. Stephen Locke - FAU Faculty Representative

Dr. Deborah Shepherd - Dean of the College of Education Designee

Ms. Naika Placide - Student Government Association High School Student Representative

Ms. Cara Pavek- Elementary Faculty Representative

**Other Staff present:**

Dr. Joel Herbst, Superintendent, FAU Lab Schools

Ms. Gracie Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Lauren Robinson, Principal

Dr. Tammy Bresnahan, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Learning

Ms. Iris Bernstein, SAB Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Valerie Rivera, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Chris Gaspar, PTO Liaison

**Visitors present:**

A list of attendees to the SAB Zoom meeting is on file.

**IV. Introductions**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

Approval of November 19, 2025, Monthly SAB Minutes:

**Motion** – A motion was made by Ms. Lisa Spaulding to approve the November 19, 2025, SAB minutes.

**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Tracey Thampson.

**Unanimous Approval**

**VI. Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Joel Herbst

Dr. Joel Herbst provided information on the following.

- Legislative Session & CESI
- Strategic Plan 2030

**VII. Principal’s Report**

Dr. Lauren Robinson

Dr. Lauren Robinson provided the following highlights:

- **State Testing**
- **Student Awards**
  - *Computing Research Association (CRA) Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award*
  - *Junior Lifeguard of the Year*
- **2026 School-Related Employee of the Year & 2027 Teacher of the Year**
  - *Valerie Rivera (School-Related Employee of the Year)*
  - *Ella Pillitteri (Teacher of the Year)*
- **Science Fair**
- **Curriculum & Clubs Updates**
- **Athletics**
- **Upcoming Events**
  - *Literacy Week*
  - *John Halligan Guest Speaker*

**VIII. PTO Report**

Updated Presented by PTO Liaison, Mr. Chris Gaspar.

We would like to thank PTO for their continued support!

- Staff are extremely grateful for the holiday gift wrapping done by PTO and the generous Amazon holiday gift cards.
- Thank you for the delicious back-to-school lunch from Poke Company after winter break for teachers and staff.
- Thank you for the support of Character Counts and AR Reading Challenges as we start the semester.
- PTO has been managing winter formal ticket sales and purchasing items for the event.
- PTO assisted with the purchase of shirts and supplies for Studio Sessions' upcoming bleach painting lesson.

Upcoming PTO Events:

- February 6: Sweetheart Dance
- February 20: Owls Run Kick Off

**IX. Action Items**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

**A. 2026-2027 School Calendar**

Dr. Tammy Bresnahan

Dr. Tammy Bresnahan gave an overview of the proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar for approval. She provided information on the process for determining the Academic Calendar.

**Motion** – A motion was made by Ms. Tracey Thompson to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

**Second** – Seconded by Mr. Michael Moore.

**Unanimous Approval**

**X. Discussion Items**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

**XI. Old Business**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

**XII. Public Comment**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

**XIII. Announcements and Comments**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

None

**XIV. Adjournment**

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair

Mr. Jon Cipyak, Chair, entertained a motion to adjourn the SAB Meeting at 5:47 pm.

**Motion** – A motion was made by Mr. AJ Frydman to adjourn the SAB Meeting.

**Second** – Seconded by Mr. Michael Moore.

**Unanimous Approval**