

School Advisory Committee (SAC) March 2024 Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4th, 2024

3:45PM-4:45PM

<https://pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/>

In attendance: Lauren Overton (Principal); Theresa Knight (PAS Counselor); Vidya Plainfield (SAC Chair); Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky (SAC Member for SHCA); Chanell Bates (Parent Rep), Jessica McCollum (Parent Rep), Susie Pierce (HSA Pres).

Principal Report & Budget for 24-25 (Overton, please add as needed)

- Budget
 - Budget has been released. Overall, PAS has been able to maintain status quo and improve in some areas. Funding was better than projected due to a lack of realization on project attrition.
 - Next 3 weeks will be spent on Budget planning. Currently PAS requires about \$8.5M to Operate. Approx. 200K is provided through HSA
 - Meeting with teachers on Budget has taken place to integrate feedback and ensure that materials are ordered in a timely fashion to ensure availability when school starts in the fall.
- Update:
 - Several events are coming up including Equity circle, Math festival, Neurodiversity panel, Ramadan awareness and education events.
 - School is beginning end of year planning

Open Forum Topics: Supporting Family connection, Play days, new family meetings, neighbor meet and greets etc

- PAS has several events to support family connection including:
 - Uniform Swap
 - Ice Cream Social
 - Popsicle social for Kindergarten families
 - Affinity events and groups
- Opportunity to support summer playdates and family engagement.
 - Recommendation to have room parents send notes out to families to call on parents to organize play dates/meet ups at Clark Park during the summer
 - Vidya will reach out to Mr Johnson to help set up a Neurodiversity family meet up
 - For next year, would like to expand affinity events to include additional groups like LGBTQ, Neurodiversity and others.
 - Opportunity to do some diligence to identify other affinity subgroups that would benefit from organized events.

Working session Summer Action item list (example, policy review)

- SAC team identified an opportunity to set up a separate working session to ideate on a full packet of materials that can be assembled during the summer to support back to school in the fall. That list may include
 - Parent handbook
 - Policy book
 - Pickup-drop off safety flier
 - Key contact flier
 - Calendar of events etc
- This will be the main topic for April 2024 meeting

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Becca, seconded by Theresa; minutes approved

Future Dates: 4/15/24

Grade	Current Waitlist (3/4/24)
K 24-25	12
K 23-24	7
1	17
2	26
3	31
4	26
5	34
6	15
7	16
8	13