

**School Advisory Committee (SAC) October 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 21st, 2024**  
**3:45PM-4:45PM**

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

**In attendance:** Lauren Overton (Principal), Rochelle Johnson (PAS faculty, PFT Representative), Chanell Bates (SAC member, parent), Jessica McCollum (SAC member, parent), Liz Wing (SAC Secretary, parent), Susie Pierce (HSA President, parent), Amanda Diesel (parent)

**Principal Report**

- Coffee with the Principal to be rescheduled to 10/31
- Fall Festival is this week! Cupcakes are being made as we speak! Excited for the return of this beloved annual event
- We continue to have a strong academic start to our school year start
  - Math & ELA already trending 9% higher this year than last
- Staff push: focus on culturally responsible pedagogy
  - Goal is to make sure all students feel included
  - Staff are receiving support via Responsive Math Teaching Program w/Penn & PLCs
  - We continue to close our achievement gap
    - Largest gap is with Black & Latinx students in mathematics
  - How are we including a sense of belonging in school?
  - Who do we call on/what kind of environment are we creating for students?
  - How can we integrate our core values into this work?
- Continuing One School, Many Stories w/Hispanic Heritage Month
  - Families are encouraged to contribute to a student-initiated *ofrenda* for Day of the Dead
- Student Council working hard on developing & presenting Penn Alexander Mascot voting project
  - Every kid will vote!
- MS students collected donations for Doctors without Borders

**Open Forum Topic: Update Bylaws; 2024-2025 topics**

- Established topic months
  - November: Annual Equity check-in
  - December: HSA-SAC joint meeting to talk about how we can support teachers
  - January: Anti-Bullying
  - February: technology usage
- Field project updates can be quarterly from Susie

**Officer Nominations/Bylaws**

- Officers
  - Chair: motion to nominate Chanell by Jess; seconded by Lauren; majority voted to approve.
  - Secretary: motion to nominate Liz by Jess; seconded by Lauren; majority voted to approve.
  - Vice-chair: motion to nominate Vidya in absentia by Jess; seconded by Lauren; majority voted to approve.

- Bylaws
  - SAC Equity Circle member added to Bylaws
  - Bylaws to be reviewed, edited & updated prior to approval next month

**Approval of 5/24 Meeting Minutes**

Jessica motions to approve; Chanell seconds. Minutes approved.

**Reminder: Next Meeting Dates**

11/18, 12/16, 1/13 (2nd Monday; no school 3rd Monday; rep elections), 2/10 (2nd Monday; no school 3rd Monday), 3/17, 4/21, 5/19 (placeholder)

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Current Waitlist (10/21/24)</b>
K	12
1	7
2	19
3	31
4	35
5	25
6	36
7	17
8	16

Waitlist numbers are posted monthly in the SAC notes. For questions about the waitlist, contact the PAS office at 215-400-7760. Please see the school's statement on enrollment here:

<https://pennalexander.philasd.org/enrollment/>