

## School Advisory Committee (SAC) November 2024 Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18th, 2024

3:45PM-4:45PM

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

**In attendance:** Lauren Overton (Principal), Lisa Lapina (PAS faculty, PFT Representative), Ann Kreidle (PAS Partnership Manager), Vidya Plainfield (SAC vice-chair, parent), Chanell Bates (SAC chair, parent), Liz Wing (SAC Secretary, parent), Susie Pierce (HSA President, parent)

### Principal Report/Open Forum

- Ongoing work around equity
- On 11/7 Caroline Hill met with faculty & staff for a school walkthrough
- We are emphasizing transforming teacher practice for inclusion & belonging. We want more than posters – how can teachers change practice to change relationships with students?
- Wellbeing Survey results, done 3x year w/grades 3-8
  - Adult-to-student, student-to-student relationship scores were assessed
    - In some spaces peer relationship scores are the lowest
    - Clear discrepancies for black & brown students
    - Need to do work w/Latinx students
  - The responses from survey were higher this year than last year, but data limited to quantitative responses
    - Moving forward, kids will have the opportunity to share stories/qualitative data that will help guide teachers
- Equity Circle dinner 11/12
  - Stories shared about experiences leading up to election
    - Concerns re: immigrant experience in school community a common thread
    - Many families are tangibly concerned about immigrant status
      - How can we come up with mutual aid/create a resource guide for our families?
  - An opportunity to share and find out what resources we need to support our community
  - Planning is starting now for Affinity Dinners to be held in January
- CwP this month will touch on equity data
- Conferences – not all middle school families were able to be seen for capacity reasons
  - Discussion today in PLCs about how to prioritize families whose kids have needs & need to be seen
  - Some families whose kids have critical needs may need sign up in advance
  - Families & teachers working in collaboration to make the experience better
    - Trying to plan for February now
      - Potentially pay for substitutes to cover extra time, or cover with more specials
- Can we create a childcare co-op to support needs at dropoff & pickup?
  - We could have parent volunteers help in the mornings – if parents have clearances
  - MTK has a bulletin board. Can we activate this to use as a community bulletin board? How can we take it offline, so families can meet face-to-face?

- How can we support neurodiverse students and interactions with their schoolmates who may not be their classmates?
  - We talk about neurodiversity and neurodiverse language in SEL
  - We can develop a list of literature featuring neurodiverse kids – this is an easy and effective way to incorporate this content in classrooms

**Approval of 10/24 Meeting Minutes**

Chanell motions to approve; Susie seconds. Minutes approved.

**Reminder: Next Meeting Dates**

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 (11/18/24)</b>
K	11
1	6
2	18
3	27
4	32
5	28
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/>