

School Advisory Committee (SAC) May 2024 Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13th, 2024

3:45PM-4:45PM

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

In attendance: Theresa Knight (SAC member, School Counselor), Vidya Plainfield (SAC President, parent), Liz Wing (SAC Secretary, parent), Susie Pierce (HSA President, parent), Chanell Bates (SAC member, parent), Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky (SAC Member for SHCA), Jessica McCollum (SAC member, parent), Sunshine Ludder (parent)

Principal Report & Budget for '24-'25 (rescheduled)

- Busy next month until school ends
- Funding for next year is set
 - Can maintain Asst Principal and existing positions
 - We have hired many awesome educators for open teacher positions!
- Will start setting up class assignments for the year ahead
- Graduation, career day coming up
- Free books event on 5/31 w/Ms Freiberg
- Testing: PSSA testing completed and sent in early
 - Keystones coming up
- We will be sending out Algebra interest form for rising 8th graders
- We need families to fill out the family survey!!!
 - Emphasize multi-pronged communications
- Grades close 6/11
- Title 1 funding
 - Most \$ is directed by the district for specific things: Art teacher, Kindergarten, Parent involvement
- We got ARPA funds this year
 - We will put this \$ towards funding staff positions
 - We were 3 students short of having 600 students, the threshold for having the Asst Principal position funded by district

Open forum Topic:

- 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 SAC Summer Action Item List:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z9Hb4DAf_zKKJ27OWyvxXl-v-zlYJ8dhpjAxNjexvw/edit?usp=sharing
- Start of the school year will include Pops w/Principal, ice cream social, uniform swap
- How to support BTS night
 - FAQ/Key communications table staffed by HSA and SAC
 - MTK/HSA website login: QR code on a slide at BTS night, in multiple languages
- Can we do reverse communication for people who have not signed up for MTK?
- Fliers
 - New family checklist
 - Call for volunteers
 - Flier about music programs
 - Rebecca to follow up w/teachers
 - Flier about afterschool club cycles

- Flier about sports programs
- Pickup/drop off safety flier
- Liz to meet w/Lauren over summer to work on website update
- Need to order Yardsticks pamphlets
- Work on Unity Day/Anti-bullying pledge w/Ms Knight

SAC Elections for officers & members

- Elect officers first SAC meeting September 2024
- Postpone member elections until April 2025
 - Solicit new members starting January 2025
- Solicit Equity Circle rep
- Liz to review SDP bylaws

Select SAC Meeting dates for 2024-2025

3rd Monday of the month:

9/16, 10/21, 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)

Approval Previous Meeting Minutes

Vidya motions to approve; Susie seconds; minutes approved

Grade	Current Waitlist (5/13/24)
K 24-25	13
K 23-24	6
1	18
2	26
3	31
4	26
5	34
6	15
7	16
8	13

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/>