

School Advisory Committee (SAC) September 2024 Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16th, 2024
3:45PM-4:45PM

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

In attendance: Lauren Overton (Principal), Ann Kreidle (PAS Partnership Manager), 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, parent), Jessica McCollum (SAC member, parent), Natasha Dye (FACE Liaison), Andrew Ziv (parent), Marta Bartholomew (SHCA, parent), Mandy Diesel (parent), Romana Siddiquee (parent)

Welcome to SAC School year 2024-2025!

Principal Report

- New year off to a great start
- School assessments: many gains for every student group in ELA and Math
 - 2nd highest performing school in our district (K-8)
- Only missed goal has been attendance
 - We will review attendance policies with families
- Goals for the year ahead will be unrolled at BTS night tomorrow
- New partnerships this year:
 - CHOP
 - Supporting executive function in middle school students
 - May include workshops for parents
 - Anti-bullying & SEL programs for 3-5th grade classes
 - Responsive Math Teaching Program from Penn
 - Will support our practice around PLCs and improving math instruction
- Afterschool programming
 - We have less money this year to support afterschool programs
 - We are exploring a partnership program w/YMCA
 - Afterschool care, not club
 - Fully managed by YMCA, including cost; subsidies available
 - November 4th pilot program starts; 40 families; pickup from PAS walk to Y 52nd and Chestnut
 - Pickup on half days as well as after school
 - Clubs must be teacher-run
 - We can do parent-run clubs; however, if a club is in the building, it needs a teacher sponsor
 - We are working on a partnership w/SLA high school students to teach middle schoolers Ultimate Frisbee as an external club
 - Can we prioritize kids to participate in a club if they need aftercare more than those who don't?
- Fall festival, BTS night coming up
- Speed bumps around the perimeter of the school are coming – hopefully before the winter!
 - Pedestrian Plaza project also in motion
- Through the hard work of Jessica Moore & HSA – finally got in touch with SPD point person to talk about field project programming

- We're looking forward to a great year!

Open Forum Topic: 2024-2025 topics

- Topic ideas
 - Technology usage
 - Student mental health/talking about hard topics
 - Anti-Bullying
 - Annual Equity check-in
 - HSA-SAC joint meeting to talk about how we can support teachers
 - Traffic & bike safety
 - How to advocate for school funding
 - Field project updates
- Topics to be determined at next month's meeting

Approval of 5/24 Meeting Minutes

Becca motions to approve; Chanell seconds. Minutes approved.

Reminder: Next Meeting Dates

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)

Grade	Current Waitlist (9/16/24)
K	11
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/>