Stranahan High School
School Advisory Council Meeting
September 2, 2026
5:30 pm
Stranahan Dining Hall

Principal, Nichola Stephenson Gayle
SAC Administrator, Brooke Smith
SAC Chair, Kenneth Hart
SAC Secretary, TBD

SAC AGENDA

I. Welcome & Call to Order – Kenneth Hart Chair

   a. Pledge

II. Presentation of May Minutes – Mr.Hart

III. Principal's Report – Mrs. Gayle

IV. Old Business

   a. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting, (SESIR Incidents) – Mr. Hart

V. New Business

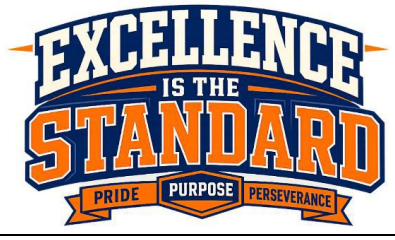
   a. Review 2025-2026 School Data – Mr.Hart

   b. SAC Bylaws- Mr.Hart

   c. Composition Nominations- Mr.Hart

   d. Voting for SAC Composition- Mr.Hart

   e. 2026 -2027 Meeting Dates - Mr.Hart



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VI. Questions/ Concerns

VII. Next Meeting Date – October 7, 2026

VIII. Adjournment

Important Dates

1. Professional Study Day – September 3, 2026
2. Schools Closed – September 7, 2026
3. Interim Reports Issued - September 9, 2026
4. Schools Closed – September 21, 2026
5. Interim Progress Report - September 26, 2025

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PRIDE PURPOSE PERSEVERANCE

Stranahan High School

School Advisory Committee Meeting

Principal -Nichola Stephenson-Gayle

SAC Administrator, Brooke Smith, SAC Chair, Kenneth Hart

September 2, 2026

SAC Minutes

1. Welcome & Call to Order- Kenneth Hart Chair

    a. Pledge
    The meeting was called to order at 5:39PM by Mr. Hart. All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hart introduced Mrs. Gayle, Ms. Smith, Mr. Wright and Mr. Goodwin. Mr. Hart acknowledged that there was not a quorum present, so he asked those present to review the meeting minutes of May 6, 2026, understanding that the minutes could not be approved at this time.

2. Approval of May 6 Minutes Tabled
3. Principal's Report- Mrs. Stephenson-Gayle
    Mrs. Gayle welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming and explained why SAC is so important. Mrs. Gayle provided assessment data as it pertains to student needs and how SAC impacts those needs. Stranahan is an "A" school for a second year in a row and this year we would like to "3-peat". However, this will be a challenge based on the scoring. It goes up five percentage points from 65 to 70, but we are up for the challenge. With collaboration and data, teacher support and consistent messaging we are ready to meet the challenge. I send out a message every Sunday about the importance of ID's- this is a state requirement. Dress code was a challenge, especially for the girls the first week, but has gotten better, even though we still have a few outliers. PM 1 testing will begin this Friday and will continue Wednesday of next week. The football team will play Plantation High school in the first game on Friday at Pink Stadium, please come out and support the team. Enrollment has dropped; however, we have not been informed by the district of any impact on the school. I will keep you updated as I know. Schedule changes are occurring, as appropriate, guidance is working with students as requests are made.

4. Old Business
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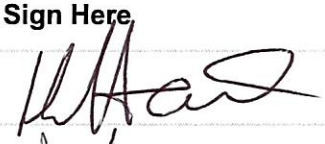
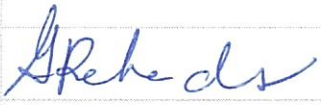
This report will be updated on the website in the next month. Incidents are usually high at the beginning of the year and low at the end of year. The report will be ready in October for review.

b. No Accountability funds are available as of this month

5. New Business
   a. Review 2025-2026 School data -Mr. Hart
      Explained how the school grade was achieved based on the subject categories. Please see the attached slide of the presentation.
   b. SAC Bylaws- Mr. Hart
      Decided not to print the actual Bylaws but hit the 5 main points 1. Your voice matters 2. School Improvement 3. Community Representation 4. Open & Transparent 5. Get Involved.
   c. Composition Nominations- Mr. Hart
      51% or more than half of SAC must be non-BCPS employees. Each peer group shall elect their respective representatives in a fair and equitable manner at a scheduled general meeting.
   d. Voting for SAC Composition- Mr. Hart
      There shall be a nominating committee who shall nominate a slate of candidates for the 2026-27 SAC positions. But there need not be a quorum for this to occur.
   e. 2026-2027 Meeting Dates- Mr. Hart
      Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in the dinning hall until further notice.
6. Questions/Concerns
7. Next Meeting Date – October 7, 2026, suggested time 5:00PM
8. Meeting was adjourned at 6:07PM

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Stranahan HS (0211)

Date: 9/2/26 **Time:** 5:30

#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Hart, Kenneth	SAC Chair	Yes	No	
2	Levy , Craig	Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
3	Miller , Arlene	BTU Steward (or designee)	Yes	No	
4	Richards, Gabrielle	SAC Secretary	Yes	No	
5	Stephenson - Gayle , Nichola	Principal	Yes	No	
6	Ward , Kenneth	Teacher	Yes	No	

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#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Trevor Hamsith	No	Yes	Medical Device	
2	Ashley Wilson	No	Yes		
3	Natasha Mckenzie	No	Yes	Parent	
4	Citrus Relyea	No	No	Equitable	
5	Craig Levy	No	No	Equitable	
6	Bobby Goodwin	Yes	N/A	SBBC	
7	LaToya Facyson	Yes	N/A	SBBC	
8	Antonia Wright	yes	no	SBBC	
9	Barbara Irving	yes	yes	BCPS	
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Welcome Back

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL!

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 | 5:30 PM | STRANAHAN DINING HALL

TOGETHER, WE SUPPORT.

TOGETHER, WE SUCCEED!


PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE
I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA,
AND TO THE REPUBLIC
FOR WHICH IT STANDS,
ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE,
WITH LIBERTY
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
ONE NATION. ONE TEAM. ONE DRAGON FAMILY.

Presentation of May Minutes



STRANAHAN
HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME
NICHOLA GAYLE
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT


STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL
SAFETY
INCIDENT REPORTING
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AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

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b. | SAC Bylaws – *Mr. Hart*

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e. | 2026 -2027 Meeting Dates – *Mr. Hart*



	2023	2024	2025	2026	Change in Points
School Grade	C	B	A	A	
Percent of points	50	59	69	65	-4
ELA Achievement %	39	49	59	51	-8
ELA Learning Gains %	---	61	65	58	-7
ELA Low 25 Gains %		61	73	57	-16
Math Achievement %	23	34	48	43	-5
Math Learning Gains %	---	49	54	43	-11
Math Low 25 Gains %	---	67	64	59	-5
Science Achievement %	46	59	70	81	+9
Social Studies Achievement %	45	58	81	78	-3
High Acceleration %	51	54	77	82	+5
Graduation Rate %	95	96	98	98	-

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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SAC BYLAWS

1 YOUR VOICE MATTERS



Parents, students, staff, and community members help guide school decisions.

2 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT



SAC helps develop, monitor, and evaluate our School Improvement Plan (SIP).

3 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION



SAC membership represents our diverse school community, with more than half of members not employed by the District.

4 OPEN & TRANSPARENT



Meetings are open to the public, votes are documented, and meeting minutes are available to stakeholders.

5 GET INVOLVED



All families are welcome to attend meetings, participate in discussions, and stay informed.

ATTEND • PARTICIPATE • BE HEARD • MAKE AN IMPACT!

SAC Composition (Membership)

SAC BYLAWS - ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The School Advisory Council shall be representative of the racial/ethnic diversity of the school's student population, and include the principal, parents, school staff, community/business members and students for high schools and adult centers.

Requirements:

- 51% or more of SAC members must be non-BCPS employees.
- Race/ethnicity composition must be within ±20 points of each school's student demographics.
- Members must be elected by their peer groups at meetings scheduled by the school for each group**, NOT** at a SAC meeting.
  - Parents by parents
  - Teachers by teachers
  - Students by students
  - Non-instructional by non-instructional



Requirements:

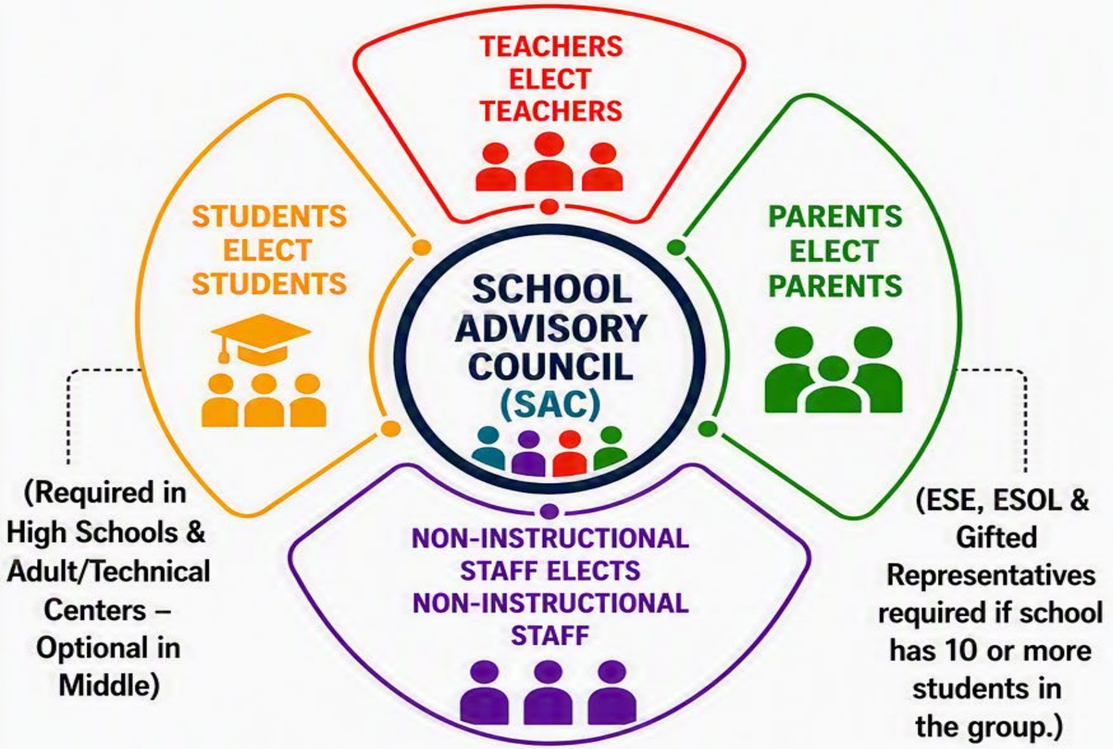
- SAC Officers (Chair/Co-Chairs & Secretary) must first be elected by their peers before being nominated & elected by SAC at a scheduled meeting.
- The I-Zone parent representative must first be elected by the parent group, then nominated & elected by SAC at a scheduled meeting.
- SAC elections and positions must be advertised to each relevant peer group seven (7) full business days in advance.

SAC Composition (Membership) Cont.

51% OR MORE — MORE THAN HALF (51% OR MORE) OF SAC MEMBERS **MUST BE** NON-BCPS EMPLOYEES.

EACH PEER GROUP SHALL ELECT THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN A **FAIR** AND **EQUITABLE** MANNER AT A SCHEDULED GENERAL MEETING.

- ☑ **Principal**
- ☑ **BTU Steward**
- ☑ **Community/Business Representative** *(principal appoints/SAC approves)*
- ☑ **Community School Representative** *(if applicable)*
- ☑ **Teachers**
- ☑ **Non-instructional Support Employees**
- ☑ **Parents**
- ☑ **School Advisory Forum (SAF) Chair** *(Elected by SAF)*
- ☑ **I-Zone Representative** *(parent, elected by SAC)*
- ☑ ***ESOL Representative** *(parent of a student at the school)*
- ☑ ***ESE Representative** *(parent of a student at the school)*
- ☑ ***Gifted Representative** *(parent of a student at the school)*
- ☑ **Pre-K Representative** *(if applicable – parent or certified teacher)*
- ☑ **Students** *(required for high schools and adult/technical centers)*
- ☑ **SAC Officers** *(Chair/Co-Chairs and Secretary) elected by SAC*



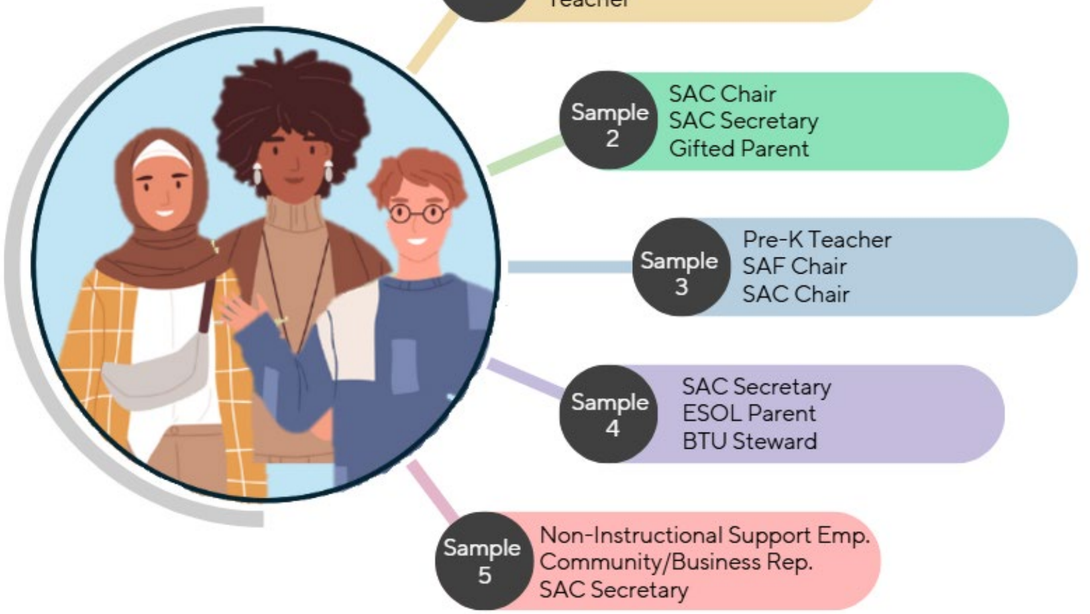
SAC Nominating Committee Sample Members

SAC BYLAWS - Article IV. Section 5 - A. Nomination of SAC Officers

(The I-Zone Parent Representative is also elected through this process.)

- There shall be a nominating committee composed of three members who shall be elected by the School Advisory Council at a regular meeting.
- The committee shall consist of at least one, but not more than two, of current elected officers and the remainder from the general membership.
- The nominating committee presents a slate of interested candidates from among the 2026-2027 peer-elected SAC members for the SAC Officer positions and the I-Zone Parent Representative role.

Sample Members:



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SAC 26-27 MEETING DATES

Every 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

1 **OCTOBER** 10/7/26

2 **NOVEMBER** 11/4/26

3 **DECEMBER** 12/2/26

4 **FEBRUARY** 2/3/27

5 **MARCH** 3/3/27

6 **APRIL** 4/7/27

7 **MAY** 5/5/27

Your Voice Matters!

TIME: 5:30 PM | LOCATION: MEDIA CENTER

★ BE INFORMED. BE INVOLVED. MAKE AN IMPACT! ★

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SAC MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Thank You!

YOUR PARTICIPATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

BE INFORMED. | BE INVOLVED. | BE HEARD.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE STRANAHAN STRONGER!