

School Advisory Council Meeting
School Advisory Council General Meeting
September 23, 2026
9:48 AM
Media Center
Informational Meeting Minutes

- I. Desired Outcomes
 - a. Monitor School Improvement Plan (SIP)
 - b. Areas of Focus: Attendance, Credit and Course Recovery, Graduation
- II. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:48 am.
- III. Introductions
- IV. Attendance
- V. Welcome – Mrs. Charisse Merchant-James, *Principal*
- VI. Review of May 2026 minutes: Mrs. Merchant-James moved to accept the May 2026 minutes and Ms. Thompson seconded the motion.
- VII. Administrative Report
 - a. Main Campus High School: Mr. Overstreet reported –
 - a. The Next Generation Academy allows students to come to school 2 days a week, with 12 hours of instruction, and work at home outside of school hours. This program has also been implemented by Dave Thomas EC and Henry D Perry EC. We have 174 students enrolled in NGA. The goal is to get the students to earn their credits at a faster rate.
 - b. Main Campus Middle School: Ms. Morris reported –
 - a. Our PM testing proficiency rates have increased. Incentives really helped with this.
 - b. Incentives also helped increase attendance.
 - c. The majority of our students moved to the next grade level.
 - c. DJJ Report: Mr. Larose reported –
 - a. We have developed a student transition plan, the goal of which is to restore hope, one youth at a time. This year we are bringing in a drone certification program at the detention center. It is sponsored by the CTACE Department.
 - b. Eight students have graduated from PACE Center for Girls this year.
 - c. We are working on adding a forklift certification for all students.
 - d. Workforce Programs: Mrs. Savage reported –
 - a. There will be a commencement ceremony held today for one of our incarcerated juvenile students. Our goal for both incarcerated adults and juveniles is to provide them with a quality education.
 - b. Our evening ESOL program is for adults who are trying to master the English language.
 - c. Our ESE Department and AWA Department are doing a great job.

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- e. Mrs. Merchant-James reported –
 - a. We now have a teen parent program for both male and female students.
 - b. We now have the Adults with Abilities program, AWA, on campus. This is for disabled students aged 22 and above. Our oldest student is 72.
 - c. We now have the Child Development Center located on our campus.
 - d. We have 3 more OCLC sites.
 - e. SAC will eventually have to vote on A+ funds.
- f. SESIR Updates: There is no SESIR report currently.

VIII. New Business

- a. Presentation to Teacher of the Year, Ms. Brooks and School Related Employee of the Year, Ms. Ferguson – Mrs. Merchant-James acknowledged and presented certificates for Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year.
- b. SAC Video – Ms. Morris presented a video about SAC.
- c. New Committee Members Vote:
 - i. Ms. Morris asked for nominations for SAC Chair. Ms. Gill nominated Mr. Schmider for SAC Chair. Mrs. Robillard seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. A vote was taken, a quorum of 14 members was present, and the vote passed. Ms. Morris asked for nominations for SAC Co-Chair but there were no nominations. As a result, the by-laws will be updated to reflect only a SAC Chair and no Co-Chair this school year.
 - ii. Ms. Morris asked for nominations for SAC Secretary. Perigon Cooper nominated Mrs. Maharaj as SAC Secretary. Treasure Cooper seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. A vote was taken, a quorum of 14 members was present, and the vote passed.
 - iii. Ms. Morris asked for nominations for I-Zone Representative. Ms. Thompson nominated Ms. Godwin for I-Zone Representative. Ms. McFarlane seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion. A vote was taken, a quorum of 14 members was present, and the vote passed.
- d. SAC by laws: Ms. Morris reviewed the SAC by laws.
- e. Roberts Rule of Order
- f. Current Accountability Funds Balance (not yet available)

IX. Questions and Concerns

- X. Adjourn: Mr. Schmider motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Medrano seconded the motion.

Time meeting adjourned: 10:40 am

Next Meeting Date:

October 21, 2026

SAC Meeting Dates:

1. Wednesday, September 23, 2026
2. Wednesday, October 21, 2026
3. Wednesday, November 18, 2026

4. Wednesday, December 9, 2026
5. Wednesday, January 20, 2027
6. Wednesday, February 24, 2027

7. Wednesday, March 17, 2027
8. Wednesday, April 21, 2027
9. Wednesday, May 19, 2027