

# Margate STEM Magnet Middle School

## SAC Minutes - 12/16/2025

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### Attendance:

Ms. A. Anderson, Ms. K. Harrison, Ms. K. Bennett, Ms. S. Phillips, Ms. C. Boswell, Mr. K. Castrillion, Mr. K. Span, Ms. J. Wagner, Ms. C. Dominique, Mr. B. Reid

### Call to Order:

A meeting of the Margate Middle School's School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on 12/16/2025. Chair Kristal Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:36PM. Kenyetta Harrison recorded minutes for this meeting.

### Minutes:

Mr. Castrillion motioned to approve the minutes, and Ms. Dominique seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 11/20/2025 meeting. The vote passed unanimously.

### Principal Updates- Ms. Phillips

- Accountability Fund:
  - Ms. The accountability fund is currently at \$22,446,
  - The funds for the bus for the Frost Museum is not withdrawn because the price was calculated into the student cost.
  - SAC did pay for the bus for the Key Biscayne field trip bus. The Tiger Tail field trip is coming up in February.
  - Ms. Phillips discovered that we have an unpaid invoice for a bus to the business competition last year. The bus cost \$528. Ms. Dominiques motions to approved the payment. It was seconded by Ms. Anderson and it passed unanimously.
  - Mr. Mejia, the computer engineering teacher, and his students will be participating in Pitsco competition. They have everything the need exception for the Pitsco Impluse G3 race system. Ms. Dominiques motioned to approve the impulse G3 race system to for \$2,480.17. It was seconded by Ms. Harrison and passed unanimously.
  - Margate will be host the VEX Robotics competition February 3. Ms. Phillips requested approval for the Portable Field, the anti-static tiles and the game elements for a total of \$1,739.27. Ms. Dominiques motioned to approve the request to purchase the items and was seconded by Ms. Priest. The motion passed unanimously.
- Beable Launch:
  - Ms. Phillips shared that Margate will be launching Beable, which is an online reading program that meets the students where they are and incorporates real world professions.
  - Margate is one of a few schools that will be getting Beable at no cost.
  - There will be a soft launch with the teachers leaders on 12/17/202. Teacher will be trained when we return in January.
- Events:
  - Ms. Phillips did a review up the up coming events.
    - This week, is our holiday spirit week.
    - The holiday dance will be on Wednesday
    - The fall pep rally we be on Thursday during the day and the band concert will be in the evening.
- School Culture and Events:
  - Boys Basketball undefeated; playoff game set for Dec. 3 or 4.
  - Volleyball teams named; first games Dec. 4.
  - District School Showcase on Dec. 9 at the Amerant Center.
  - Margate Middle Open House & STEM Showcase on Dec. 11.
  - Holly Jolly Spirit Week Dec. 12-19, including a possible pajama day.
  - Winter Wonderland dance is planned.
  - Student with have the opportunity to participate in the voluntary holiday break, i-Ready or IXL challenge.

## School Safety Updates, SIP Monitoring and Stakeholder Feedback - Ms. Shaw

- Ms. Shaw reviewed the PM2 scores for ELA and Math, expressing that while that are moving in the right direction and making Gail, we still have work to do.
- Ms. Shaw also shared that the civics mid year scores look promising. The score were up 13% from the previous year.
- Ms. Shaw also shared the school goal for the 2025-26 school year. A request was made to break down the data for the individual categories (i.e. Lower quartile, ESE , ELL etc. )
- Ms. Dominiques raised the question about extended learning opportunities. Ms. Phillips explained that there is funding set in the budget for Saturday camp, which we usually state after spring break. To offset the cost for teacher pullout, math and ELA teachers will be compensated with comp time (being allowed to come in late or leave early) following the week they do the pullout.

## New Business - Ms. Phillips

- A+ Funding Proposals
  - Ms. Phillips explained that the school is receiving these funds because the school went from a C to B last year and the goal for this meeting is to create a proposed ballot for how the money will be spent.
  - Ms. Phillips explained the process and opened the floor for discussion.
  - Before starting to develop the ballot, clarification was made for who is eligible to receive the funds, who is eligible to vote and a sample ballot.
  - Ms. Phillips shared the results from the survey that she sent out to the staff requesting their input on how the A+ fund should be used.
  - Ms. Bennett shared her screen to type up the ballot as suggestions were made and explained that the ballot would be presented to the eligible voters as is when the meeting concludes.
  - Ms. Dominique proposed that 5% of the funds be spent on extended learning opportunities and educational resources but later reduced it to 2% and the remainder distributed to the staff that worked 99days or more for the 2024-25 school year and are in good standing.
  - Everyone agreed to keep the second proposal like the example ballot to split the fund equally among all eligible staff.
  - There was also a discussion for the importance of including that the eligible staff members should be in good standing (i.e. no pending legal or disciplinary actions).
  - A roll call vote was held and ballot was approved unanimously.

## Announcements - Ms. Bennett

- Next SAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6PM
- Remember to reserve your child's spot for the upcoming grade level field trips.

## Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2026, at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

## Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Ms. Harrison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:52PM and Ms. Shaw second.

Submitted by,  
Kristal Bennett,  
School Advisory Chair  
Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_