

# Margate STEM Magnet Middle School

## SAC Minutes - 11/20/2025

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### **Attendance:**

Ms. K Harrison, Ms. K. Bennett, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Boswell, Mr. Castrillion, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Span, Ms. Wagner, Ms. White

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Margate Middle School's School Advisory Council was held in the cafeteria on 11/20/2025. Chair Kristal Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:41AM.

Ms. Marilyn motioned to approve the minutes, and Ms. Latoya seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 10/28/2025 meeting.

### **Attendance Update - Ms. Bennett**

- Ms. Bennett shared that Margate's Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is more than 1% higher than the district ADA. Margate will be doing incentives to motivate students to consistently attend school.

### **SIP Monitoring and Stakeholder Feedback - Ms. Phillips**

- Ms. Phillips shared the comparative PM 1 data from the 2024- 2025 school year and the current 2025-2026.
- Ms. Phillips also showed the data trends over the last two years, along with the 2026 goals. Ms. Phillips emphasized that although PM1 scores usually look discouraging, the students and the teachers work hard to attain our goals.
- Ms. Phillips advised that we would be starting PM2 testing the first week of December.
- Data chats will be planned for January to help students understand their scores and learning goals.
- Time was allotted for stakeholder feedback. No questions or comments at this time.

### **SESIR- Ms. Shaw**

- Ms. Shaw shared the SESIR incidents for August and September and how we compare to similar schools in the area. Margate has fewer incidents.
- Ms. Shaw also shared that the administration and staff are dedicated to maintaining a safe environment.
- Ms. Shaw also encouraged parents to continue to positive behaviors at home.
- We hope have the October and November data available for the December SAC meeting.

### **Principal Updates- Ms. Phillips**

- Construction Progress:
  - The roof repair is delayed due to finding additional damage.
  - Phase 1 (the north side of the building) is nearly complete. The plan is to have teachers currently in the portable to move back into the building on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Phase 2 affects 6 classrooms and they will temporarily be relocated inside the main building.
- Academic Field Trips:
  - 6th Grade Biscayne Nature Center trip on Dec. 1, with 29 seats still available.
  - 8th Grade Frost Museum trip on Dec. 8, approximately \$30, 20 seats available.
  - STEM Mod in-school trip on Dec. 9.
  - Instructions were given on how to make payments and the permission slip procedure.
- 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.
- A+ Funding:

- Margate was awarded approximately \$77,000 for raising the school grade to a B.
- SAC will be start discussing the proposal for spending this funding at the December SAC meeting

**New Business - Ms. Phillips**

- Accountability Fund balance: \$22,000
  - Ms. Phillips explained that this funding must be used by the end of the school year or the balance will have to be returned to the district. Ms. Phillips expressed her strong commitment to ensuring all funds are used to directly benefit students.
  - Ms. Phillips proposed to use \$1,210.96 to fund the transportation for the Biscayne Nature Center and Frost Museum fieldtrips.
  - Ms. Sardine motioned to spend \$1,210.96 for the above-mentioned fieldtrips and seconded by Ms. Boswell. The floor was open for discussion, but there were no stakeholder questions or comments. The motion passed unanimously.
- Library Media Collection Development Plan (LMCDP)
  - Ms. Sardine presented the three year plan for updating the media center. The plan includes, removing outdated books and replacing them with modernized collections with new fiction/nonfiction. The plan will also expand language offering or ESOL and multilingual students.
  - The budget is sourced from the School Library Budget (\$7,708.80) and the Library Media Internal Funds (\$3,000) for a total of \$10,708.80.
  - Mr. Castrillion motioned to approve the Library Media Collection Development Plan and seconded by Ms. Vixamar. The floor was open for discussion, but there were no stakeholder questions or comments. The motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements - Ms. Bennett**

- Next SAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6PM
- Remember to reserve your child’s spot for the upcoming grade level fieldtrips.
- The Hurricane Melissa Relief Drive ends tomorrow, November 21. Please send your donations to school with your student or drop it off in the front office.
- Ms. Phillips encouraged parented that own a business to partner with us through the Banner sponsorship Program. The cost is \$350. \$40 is spent on the banner and balance goes directly back to the school.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2025, at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Ms. La toya motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:17AM and Ms. Boswell second.

Submitted by,

Kristal Bennett,

School Advisory Chair

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_