

Margate STEM Magnet Middle School

SAC Minutes - 8/25/2026

Attendance

Ms. K. Bennett, Ms. S. Phillips, Mr. K. Castrillon, Ms. Dominique, Ms. White,

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Margate Middle School's School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on 8/25/26. Chair Kristal Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:27PM. Richelle Shaw recorded minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Ms. White motioned to approve the minutes, and Mr. Castrillon seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 05/16/2026

Title I Discussion

- Ms. Bennett explained the purpose of SAC and the parent representative that needed.

Safety updated

- Ms. Shaw provided a brief school update.
 - Students should be in unified dress code daily. She also stated that the students would receive their ID shortly and students will be required to wear the daily as a part of their uniforms.
 - Our fire lockdown and fire drill were completed successfully
 - Corrective action has been taken to purchase blinds for the classroom with large windows so that the window can be fully covered during a lockdown.
 - Security personnel have been reduced by one. We now have three campus monitors and one specialist

Principal Updates- Ms. Phillips

- Spartan Squads: Ms. Phillips explained the new squad system and how students were placed based on their last name.
 - She also explained the purpose of the squads and how students will be able to earn points for their squads.
 - Students/Squads will receive weekly, monthly and quarterly incentives as well as bonus point for shout-outs for notable acts.
 - Squad representative will be elected in about 2 weeks. There will be 6 representatives per squad, 2 from each grade level.
- Resiliency Ed: Ms. Phillips explained how the implementation of Resiliency Ed has changed for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Once a month, 45 minutes will be added to 6th period as dedicated teach the resiliency lesson.
 - Students will then have an opportunity to earn points for their squad by returning the parent acknowledgement form.
- Grade level field trips are being planned.
 - 6th grade - Key Biscayne
 - 7th grade - To be determined
 - 8th grade - Frost Museum
 - We have also applied for some of the SEAS field trips and will let students know when they are available.
 - Ms. Dominique pointed out that some students weren't given the opportunity to attend one of the trip last year. Ms. Phillips reassured her that should not have happened and we will ensure all students have the opportunity attend eligible field trips.

Announcements - Ms. Bennett

- PM1 Testing will be next week - August 31 to September 3.
- Open house will be on September 3 at 6:00PM

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Castrillon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM and Ms. Dominique second.

Submitted by,

Kristal Bennett

School Advisory Chair

Approval Date: _____