Margate STEM Magnet Middle School

SAC Minutes - 9/22/2026

Attendance

Ms. K. Bennett, Ms. S. Phillips, Mr. K. Castrillon, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Boswell, Ms. Humphrey

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Margate Middle School's School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on 9/22/26. Chair Kristal Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Minutes:

The minutes were not approved because a quorum was not present.

Review of SAC Composition

- Ms. Bennett explained the purpose of the School Advisory Council (SAC) and the need for a parent representative position to be filled.

School Data Presentation-Ms. Phillips

- Showed a video explaining Florida School Grades System
- Shared the school's previous achievement data and the forecast for 26/27 achievement
  ELA proficiency improved from 47% to 49%
  Math proficiency, including Algebra 1 and Geometry, improved from 52% to 55%
  Science proficiency, including Biology, improved from 44% to 54%
  Social Studies/Civics performance decreased from 68% to 64%
  The data also showed that the school proudly had 93.2% attendance for the previous school year.

Principal Updates- Ms. Phillips

- Construction: Ms. Phillips explained that the discussions with the district about the new building are on hold due to the redefining of schools mission. However, the restrooms in the hallway outside of the media center will be opened soon. The locker rooms and their restrooms are on hold for repairs until further notice.
- Clubs: Ms. Phillips informed the meeting that there is an upcoming club rush activity for sixth grade students. They will be able to meet with club sponsors and learn more about the clubs at the school.
  Student Government Association (SGA) members are currently campaigning for offices. The election will be convened in the upcoming week.
- Resiliency Ed: Ms. Phillips updated the meeting on the implementation of monthly resiliency lessons. She explained that 45 minutes have been added to 6th period to provide dedicated time for resiliency instruction. The first schoolwide resiliency lesson was conducted on September 11th.
- Parent concern: A parent raised her concerns about frequent class changes affecting her child. Ms. Phillips explained that staff reductions have created challenges in balancing class sizes and that the administrative team is actively working to address the issue. Ms. Dominique encouraged parents to voice their concerns with the School Board by emailing the Board members directly.

Safety updated

- Ms. Shaw provided a brief school update.
  - She stated that all students have received their ID, and they are required to wear the daily as a part of their uniforms. She also asked parents to encourage their children to wear their IDs.
  - She reported that the school has completed the required safety drills- fire, lockdown, and weather.
    She also updated the group that an additional security monitor was added to the team. This addition still has not satisfied the need.

Kid of Character

Three students turned up and received their certificates for cooperation despite the inclement weather

Announcements – Ms. Bennett

- Shared school social media platforms/website and encouraged parents to stay in the loop
- Curriculum Carnival on October 29, 2026 at 6:30 PM
- Ms. Patricia Humphrey and Mr. Kedwin Castrillon agreed to represent the school at the School Advisory Forum.

Next Meeting Date & Time:
The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2026 at 6:00PM in the Media Center.

Meeting Adjournment:
Motion: Mr. Castrillon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM and Ms. Dominique second.

Submitted by,
Kristal Bennett
School Advisory Chair
Approval Date: