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Good afternoon Sunland Park Academy Parents and Guardians,

Please mark your calendars and join us on Thursday, January 15th for our School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting, at 8:30 AM located in our Media Center. We'll be discussing important updates, develop our School's Accountability A+ funds Ballot, and school initiatives.

We hope to see you there!

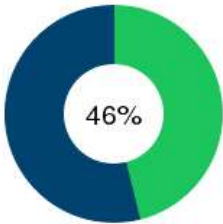
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### Upcoming SAC and SAF Meeting

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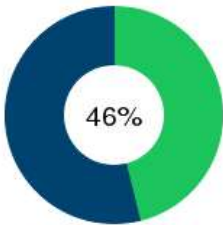
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# SUNLAND PARK ACADEMY 2025 - 2026



## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Join us for our School Advisory Council meetings!  
All parents, staff, and community members  
are welcome.

### Meeting Dates:

September 24, 2025 at 5:30pm\*

October 29, 2025 at 9:00am

December 3, 2025 at 3:00pm

January 15, 2026 at 8:30am\*

February 25, 2026 at 3:00pm

March 25, 2026 at 9:00am

April 29, 2026 at 3:00pm

May 27, 2026 at 9:00am



**Stay involved and help shape  
the future of our school!**

For more information, contact  
Sunland Park Academy.

\* Combined SAC and SAF Meeting



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**TITLE 1 SCHOOL  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL &  
SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM JOINT MEETING  
8:30 A.M.  
JANUARY 15, 2026  
AGENDA**

❖ SAF

- Welcome
- Review and Approval of December SAF Minutes
- SAF Updates
- Open Floor
- Questions/Concerns

❖ SAC

- Welcome
- Roll Call to Establish Quorum
- Review and Approval of December SAC Minutes
- School Improvement Plan Review/Edit
- School Accountability Funds
  - School Recognition Program (A+ Funds Ballot) Proposals
- Title I
  - School Compact
  - PFEP
  - Survey
- SESIR Update
- Principal Updates and Upcoming Events
- Questions/Concerns

**Sunland Park Academy**  
**SAC Minutes - January 15, 2026**

**SAC:** Ms. Johnson called the Emergency S.A.C meeting to order at 8:57 a.m. and read off the composition; quorum was met with 8 out of 13 members present

**Review December Minutes:**

- **Previous Meeting:** Reviewed last month's minutes (Ms. Cox motioned 1<sup>st</sup> and Ms. Applin 2<sup>nd</sup>) to approve December SAC minutes.

**SIP Review/Edit:** Ms. Kassim reviewed the current School Improvement Plan

- No changes have been made since December's meeting; however, the data must be updated with STAR/FAST PM2 data.
- Data has improved from PM1 scores to PM2 scores.
  - Kindergarten – Math increased by 35 percentage points and ELA increased by 26 percentage points.
  - First Grade – Math increased by 14 percentage points and ELA increased by 12 percentage points.
  - Second Grade – Math increased by 23 percentage points and ELA increased by 21 percentage points.
  - Third Grade – Math increased by 35 percentage points and ELA increased by 38 percentage points.
- Ms. Kassim opened the floor for input or changes - No comments, input or concerns were made at this time.

**School Accountability Funds:** (Mrs. McDowell)

- **Orders** – we hope to have the materials ordered by the next meeting; there was a delay due to Ms. Miller's absence.
  - **No new request for funds were made at this time.**
- **School Recognition Funds (A+ Money)** – we will receive \$ 26, 789 in A+ Funds
  - Due to an oversight at our December meeting, we will repeat the A+ Funds ballot process today. At the last meeting, we heard input from attendees on how they proposed funds should be spent, then asked guests to leave while the SAC committee developed the ballot. We later learned this did not follow Sunshine Law requirements. Therefore, today we will hear input again from the floor, after which the SAC committee will develop the A+ Funds ballot.
  - Mrs. McDowell invited everyone to share their ideas regarding the allocation of A+ funds. No comments were made.
  - Mrs. McDowell read the previously submitted ballot and again asked the floor for additional input. No comments were made.
    - Ms. McDowell reviewed the proposals from the previous ballot and asked members individually if they liked to make any changes or edits to the ballot. Ms. Johnson wanted to ensure that café staff were identified as staff on the ballot.
      - **Proposal 1:**
        - 90% of the funds will be used for a one-time bonus to be divided evenly among all 2024–2025 staff members who:
          - Worked at least 140 days of the 2024–2025 school year (per the 186-day calendar),
          - Returned for the 2025–2026 school year, and
          - Received an effective/satisfactory evaluation or higher.

In addition, the following individuals will be included in receiving the bonus:

- Parent Educator: Mrs. Patricia Goode
- School Security: Jamoi Wesley and Gavinisha Watson
- Cafe Staff
- Retiree: Ms. Dorothy Harrison

- 10% of the funds will be allocated to the school for nonrecurring expenditures for classroom and educational technology.
- All leftover funds will be used for nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment and materials.
- **Proposal 2:**
  - 100% of the funds will be used for a one-time bonus to be divided evenly among all 2024–2025 staff members who:
    - Worked at least 140 days of the 2024–2025 school year (per the 186-day calendar),
    - Returned for the 2025–2026 school year, and
    - Received an effective/satisfactory evaluation or higher.

In addition, the following individuals will be included in receiving the bonus:

- Parent Educator: Mrs. Patricia Goode
- School Security: Jamoi Wesley and Gavinisha Watson
- Cafe Staff
- Retiree: Ms. Dorothy Harrison
- **Proposal 3:**
  - None of the Above
- **Motion to Approve Ballot Proposals**
  - Members: Cox, Delay, Russell, McDowell, Applin, Voltaire, Joseph, Johnson
  - Ms. Voltaire motioned 1<sup>st</sup> and McDowell 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the previous stated proposals for staff voting:
    - Roll call vote was taken to approve the ballot:
      - Yes: 8
      - No: 0
  - Motion carried. The ballot was approved as written for staff voting.
    - The ballot will be emailed to staff today to review prior to voting (must receive 3 days before the vote can take place). Voting will take place on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:15pm

**Title 1:** Mrs. Voltaire – PFEP displayed and each section was reviewed.

#### **Review 2025/2026 PFEP**

- **HeadStart** – Prepping students for kindergarten by implementing literacy, math, and science lessons.
- **Title 1 Evaluation and Survey** - to be completed QR code is available to scan, and the link will be posted to our school's ClassDojo announcements.
  - Completed parents and students.
- **Teacher** - PLC/meetings and trainings (on campus or off) are happening for teachers to discuss data and help our students achieve by supporting / meeting any academic gaps.
- **Communication** – (monthly newsletter / marquee / parentlinks) - helps to inform our families of what is happening in our school.
- **Resources** – providing materials or keeping parents informed of community resources or Title 1 activities / events that provided family resources.
- **Events** - family activities / events such as – Science Night / Literacy Night / Movie Night / Cupid's Ball to get our families and students involved / engage with our school.

\*\*\* **Reviewed the current plan and no suggestions or changes made for the next school year (2026/2027)** – Ms. Cox motioned 1<sup>st</sup> and Ms. Delay 2<sup>nd</sup>

- The current PFEP is available next door at Carter Park, or you can reach out to me (Ms. Voltaire) for a printed copy.
- **Survey** – the link will be posted on our school's ClassDojo page as well as the QR code will be made available.

**SESIR Update:** Ms. Kassim stated the current school year's status

- We have 0 based on the State but we should have 1 incident (nonviolent) that should reflect on the next updated reported.
  - A student found a bullet and brought it to school and therefore police had to be notified.
    - It is considered a Class B Weapon (official terms)

**Principal Updates and Upcoming Events:** (Mrs. McDowell)

- **State of the District**
  - School closures / Charter School coming applying to utilize district school buildings.
  - Potential state takeover (Union responded)
  - Enrollment / students/ attendance matters
  - Hiring Freeze – this is affecting us at Sunland we have lost 2 Teacher Assistants
    - We are currently able to hire a sub, the district letting schools keep the funding and schools figure out vacancies internally.
    - Transfer window for teachers is not currently open.

**Questions:** Teacher – with our academics being great how is there an issue about the possibility of the district being taken over by the State?

- Mrs. McDowell – academics is not the only factor, even though we are an ‘A’ District, other factors such as attendance, parent concerns, loss of students.
  - Ms. Kassim explained further by stating that the main concern is the misappropriation of funds for the district.
- **Today (January 15<sup>th</sup>)** – Kindergarten is taking iReady Math / they took their iReady Reading yesterday (Tues. 14<sup>th</sup>)
- **January 16<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll**
- **January 21<sup>st</sup> – January 22<sup>nd</sup> - iReady Testing for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> student.**
- **January 26<sup>th</sup> – January 30<sup>th</sup> - Literacy Spirit Week**
  - **Monday:** Picnic with a book / **Tuesday:** Caution (wear denim) / **Wednesday:** Wear your favorite boots / **Thursday:** Dress for success / **Friday:** Minion reasons to read (wear yellow)

**Question/Comments:**

- No other questions or concerns

**Meeting Adjournment:** 9:28 a.m.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:** February 25, 2026 SAF @ 2:30 pm / S.A.C @ 3:00pm

**Submitted by:** Shirlee Voltaire, SAC Secretary

\* Minutes Approval – Pending February Meeting

**Sunland Park Academy**  
**SAF Minutes - January 15, 2026**

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Sunland Park Academy's School Advisory Forum was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026. Ms. Johnson called the SAF meeting to order at 8:39 p.m.

**SAF Updates:** Dr. Russell (Ms. Max absent) - reviewed SAF minute notes provided by Ms. Max

- Broward County is on is on a hiring freeze.
- The amount of campus monitors will be reduced, and some will be relocated to other schools in the Spring.
- Intercom systems that are not working will be fixed.
- Safety/Security will decide if cameras need to be added at blind spots on certain school campuses.
- Random searches suspended during the summer for some schools will return (middle and high school)
  - Vaping and smoking on campus
- School gates must be locked and the fencing around the school should be in good condition.

**Review:** Reviewed last month's minutes (Voltaire motioned 1<sup>st</sup> and Ms. Candance 2nd) to approve

**Questions:**

- Parent: Does my child have a lunch balance?
  - Ms. Kassim is checking while we continue with the meeting.

Adjourned 8:55 am

☆ SAC Sign in Sheet for Sunland Park Academy (K-3) (0611)

Date: 1/15/2026

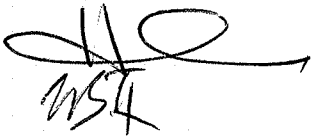
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#	SAC Member Full Name	Position	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Sign Here
1	Brivitte, Maxine	Community School Representative (if applicable), Community / Business Representatives	No	No	
2	Cox, Tannio	Parent	No	Yes	T. Cox
3	Delay, Cadence	ESE Parent of a student at the school, Parent	No	Yes	Candace Delay
4	Golden-Applin, Angerlean	Non-Instructional Support Employees	Yes	No	Angerlean Golden-Applin
5	Johnson, Erica	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	Erica Johnson
6	Joseph, Kat	ESOL Parent of a student at the school, Parent	No	Yes	Kat Joseph
7	McDowell, Nikia	Principal	Yes	No	Nikia McDowell
8	Pineda, Brenda	Parent, I-Zone Representative (must be a parent)	No	Yes	
9	Powell, Joshua	Parent, SAF Chair (or designee) Parent of a student at the school	No	Yes	
10	Robinson, Greer	SAC Co-Chair	Yes	No	
11	Russell, Donna	BTU Steward (or designee), Teacher	Yes	No	Donna Russell
12	Voltaire, Shirley	SAC Secretary	Yes	No	Shirley
13	Wells, Roger	Pre-K (if applicable - parent or certified teacher), Parent	No	Yes	

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Date: 1/15/2020

Time: 8:30am

#	Full Name	SBBC Employee	Parent of Student	Community/Business	Sign Here
1	Helen Kassim	yes	—	—	 HK
2	Wayne Bailey II	yes			
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