



**Westwood Heights Elementary School**  
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**School Advisory Council**

**Location: Media Center**

**Time: 4:00 PM**

**SAC Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2026**

**Welcome / Introductions / Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Mr. Hanslip. He welcomed the parents and thanked them for joining and supporting the school. He emphasized the critical importance of the home-school connection in building strong bonds to support our school community.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were not read due to the absence of a quorum.

**Monitoring & Feedback – School Improvement Plan (SIP)**

The school remains on track to achieve its SIP goals. Although the school earned an “A” last year, continued improvement requires intentional changes and consistent effort to maintain that rating. Our focus remains on improving student achievement.

**2025–2026 SIP Goals:**

- ELA: 60% proficiency
- Mathematics: 70% proficiency
- Science: 75% proficiency

We have seen growth in ELA. Notably, FAST PM2 2026 scores showed improvement compared to FAST PM2 2025.

**FAST PM2 Current Proficiency Rates:**

- ELA: 37%
- Mathematics: 29%
- Science: 35%

There were no parent comments regarding the SIP plan.

### **SESIR Report**

Student behavior continues to improve overall. The primary concern expressed has been a lack of respect toward adults and ongoing noncompliance with instructions. Some students have received multiple referrals, which are entered into the district system. Mr. Hanslip explained that referrals for students in third grade and above are documented in the district system. A parent asked whether these records remain after high school. Mr. Hanslip clarified that this is not necessarily the case and depends on district policies.

### **Accountability Funds**

The school currently has \$10,035.00 remaining in Accountability Funds. The SAC committee will determine how these funds will be allocated.

### **SAC Funds**

Mr. Hanslip explained that SAC funds were used to purchase ELA materials to support Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO). Funds are also being used to compensate teachers for ELO Camp, which began on January 12, 2026. Any remaining funds will be allocated by the SAC committee.

### **Principal's Report**

Dr. Florea was unavoidably absent. In her absence, Assistant Principal Ms. Qaiyim provided updates.

She thanked parents for their unwavering support, especially Mr. Sterling and Ms. Paul. Ms. Qaiyim reaffirmed that the school is on track to maintain its "A" rating and emphasized continued dedication to helping scholars achieve excellence. She shared that FAST PM2 scores indicate progress and explained that foundational skills are critical; once students build a strong foundation, especially in Reading, growth accelerates. Ms. Qaiyim noted that behavior has improved overall, though disciplinary concerns involve the same group of students. She stressed the importance of daily attendance. While illnesses are understood, consistent attendance is crucial. When students are absent, parents are encouraged to:

- Contact the front office.
- Have students complete i-Ready lessons at home.

She also informed parents about the district's laptop checkout program, which allows students to check out a laptop for the school year, similar to borrowing a library book.

## **Social Worker Update**

The school social worker shared the following updates:

- School uniforms are available for families in need.
- Food bag distribution is available for families.

Families experiencing transportation barriers are encouraged to reach out for assistance. The school is committed to supporting families with resources and services.

## **Questions / Concerns**

There were no additional questions or concerns.

## **Giveaways**

The giveaway winners were:

- Mr. Sterling
- Mrs. Paul

## **Next Meeting**

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2026.