Lauderhill 6–12 School Advisory Council (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 30, 2026 (Friday)

Time Called to Order: 8:44 a.m.

Presiding: Ms. Stone, SAC Chair

SAC Voting Members: Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Barnett, Ms. Bennefield, Ms. Cubano, Faith, Jason Petterson, Dr. Reardon, and Ms. Stone

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Ms. Stone called the October monthly meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

II. Reading and Approval of the September Minutes

Members were given two minutes to read the minutes from the previous meeting, held Tuesday, September 29, 2026, silently. One member requested a correction to the spelling of her name, which was noted. No other corrections or additions were offered. Ms. Alvarez moved to approve the September minutes, and Ms. Bennefield seconded. The minutes were approved.

III. New Business

A. Library Collection Development Report – Ms. Suraci, Media Specialist

- The full report is posted on the school website. The collection holds about 4,500 items, and purchases are guided by collection analysis and student demographic data.
- This year's focus is graphic novels and science/STEM books, and books older than 2005 will be removed. Next year's focus is makerspace materials. Members may contact Ms. Suraci with further questions.

B. A+ Accountability (School Recognition Funds) Process – Ms. Stone, SAC Chair

This item was moved to the end of the agenda to allow more teachers to arrive. It is recorded in Section XII below.

IV. School Improvement Plan (SIP) – Ms. Curry, Title I

Ms. Curry announced that the 2026–27 SIP has been approved. The plan outlines the school's improvement goals, instructional priorities, and action steps to support student achievement. It is available on the school website and in her office, and staff were notified the day before the meeting.

V. BTU Update – Ms. Alvarez

- Referendum: Ms. Alvarez reminded staff to vote on School Board Question 1 to renew the referendum for the upcoming school year. It carries no additional taxes; everything stays the same. The referendum supports teacher pay, school resource officers, school security, and mental health services.
- Classroom supply allowance: A member asked why non-classroom teachers who teach a class, such as literacy and math coaches, were first denied the classroom allowance and later received it. Ms. Alvarez explained that this was a state decision, not a district decision. Unions and districts across the state pressured the state to adjust the criteria, so eligibility now depends on having a certain percentage of classes rather than being coded as a classroom teacher with no students tied to the name.

VI. SAF Update

Due to the presenter's delayed arrival, the SAF update was deferred.

VII. Discipline/Incident Report

There were 10 total incidents for August and September. The breakdown by type (physical altercations, threats, and others) was not available at the meeting. The presenter planned to retrieve it during the principal's report so the totals could be captured.

VIII. School Academic Progress Plan – Department Updates

- **Science:** The department is doing well and reported improvement compared to 2025–26. New science standards are coming: evolution and climate change will be removed, with an increased emphasis on scientific thinking. The changes begin with grades K–2 in 2028, and other grades, including middle and high school, follow the next year. The science safety handbook was updated with more guidance on chemical safety, hazards, and dissections. The science fair will take place in January/February at a new location.
- **ELA/Reading:** PMP letters were sent and parents notified. Reading teachers are monitoring identified students. An assembly was held for the lowest-performing students in ELA, with 122 students identified. Students took a pledge to improve; most need only one or two points to move up a level. Students will aim for growth on PM2 and PM3. Weakest benchmarks from the PM1 results were shared with teachers and will be addressed in ELA classes through warm-ups and exit tickets.
- **Social Studies (Civics and U.S. History):** The department completed an interactive mock election. Classes are on pace, and the transition of 6th graders has gone smoothly.
- **ESE:** The department finalized October FTE survey with 100% compliance. Monthly workshops on a variety of topics continue to be offered to ESE students. ESE students also took part in data chats (Level up) with the ELA and Math department. With district support, the ESE department is making changes to the SVE students' academic schedules to include rotations.
- **Math and Electives:** Representatives were called on; no update was recorded.

- **Counseling:** An honor roll recognition event for high school and middle school was held a few days ago, with strong middle school parent turnout. Teachers are asked to identify students each month who demonstrate the character trait being recognized. Recovery assembly letters were mailed to parents, and students were informed. The deadline for students to complete recovery is December 17th.

IX. Magnet Update

- The Magnet Open House and Family STEM Night will be held on November 19. Many partners and departments are getting involved.
- The District Showcase will be held on December 1, the Tuesday staff return from break, where the school will present to the community.
- Staff may receive an email asking for highlights of what they are doing in classrooms. Constance will visit classrooms to capture video for a showcase reel.

X. School Accountability Fund Balance

The accountability fund balance is $0 for the 2026–27 school year. No accountability funds are expected this year other than A+ funds.

XI. Principal's Report – Dr. Reardon

The principal's report was tabled and will be provided at the next SAC meeting.

XII. A+ Accountability (School Recognition Funds) Process

A. Overview of the Process

- Because the school moved from a B to an A, it is eligible for approximately $52,000–$53,000 in school recognition funds. The final amount depends on the state and may be lower if fringe is deducted.
- The SAC develops a ballot for the school's approximately 67 voting employees. Food and nutrition staff, security, and district-supplied mental health staff may be paid but do not vote.
- A choice wins with more than 50% of the votes cast, so the ballot should be kept concise. State statute requires a vote by February 1; the goal is to release funds by the holidays. If no option receives a majority, the SAC must revise the ballot and restart the process.

B. SAC Discussion

- A member asked that staff who did not leave by choice last year, due to surplus, be acknowledged. Dr. Reardon explained that excluding specific groups requires added exception language, and that some schools have had conflict over excluded groups.
- Ms. Alvarez stated that she was against an option limited to returning staff. Ms. Barnett proposed giving 5% of the funds to the accountability fund for students and distributing the remaining 95% to staff.
- Members agreed to keep the ballot to two options plus "none of the above," and to use a percentage rather than a dollar amount because the final allocation is not yet known.

C. Ballot Approved by the SAC

As required by state statute, a "None of the above" choice is also included on the ballot.

OPTION 1. School Recognition Funds will be distributed equally among staff members who were employed at Lauderhill 6–12 STEM-MED Magnet School for the entire 2025–2026 school year. Staff members in Food and Nutrition, Security, and Mental Health Services are included if they meet this requirement.

OPTION 2. 5% of the School Recognition Funds will be used to purchase student incentives.

95% of the School Recognition Funds will be distributed equally among staff members who were employed at Lauderhill 6–12 STEM-MED Magnet School for the entire 2025–2026 school year and returned for the 2026–2027 school year.

Staff members in Food and Nutrition, Security, and Mental Health Services, as well as staff members currently on leave, are included if they meet these requirements.

The SAC reviewed the revised sample ballot and the order of the options, and no one objected. A motion was made and seconded to approve the sample ballot for the upcoming A+ Accountability vote. The SAC voting members approved the ballot.

D. Next Steps

- The approved ballot will be sent to staff the following week, with details on the process.
- Staff will have three to four days to review the ballot before the vote. Results will be announced after voting closes.
- The goal is to complete the vote before Thanksgiving break. If revisions are needed, an emergency SAC meeting may be called.

XIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Magnet Open House and Family STEM Night.

Minutes recorded by: Frances M. Cubano