

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Montessori Academy

**SAC Minutes - November 4, 2025**

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## **Attendance:**

Sharon M. Stephen-Buitrago	Rosemary Neely	Kalina Martinez
Ariel Douglas	Cobatha Thomas	James Harris
Jeantara Harvard	Keryanna Taylor	Jesse Burton
Keirra Holmes	William Ler	Clarissa Fuller
Tania Labriola	Jamell Hankerson	Clarence Fuller
Delores Moody	Ednise Dasmansle	Maria Henderson
Kimberly Nelson	Paul Matthews	Laron Wright
Tyqueena Palmer	Donna Hayes	Stanley Evans
Mitshuca Parent	Michelle Lewis	Sheena Morris
Demonica Ray	Lyonel Ferribur	
Darryl Wilson	James Hart	

## **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Montessori Academy School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on November 4, 2025.

Chair Sharon M. Stephen-Buitrago called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm second by Ms. Jeantara Harvard the motion. Darryl Wilson recorded the minutes for this meeting.

## **Minutes:**

I. Welcome

II. Approval of October Minutes 2025 minutes

Sharon Stephen-Buitrago asked the SAC body to review the minutes of October 2025. There were no changes. Ms. Tyqueena Palmer made motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Ms. Keirra Holmes. The motion was repeated by the chair.

## **III. Magnet Program Formal Removal Process- Mrs. Buitrago**

- **Reasoning-** The stakeholders were informed that the school is currently in the process of removing the Montessori magnet program due to transient families/students, lack of certified trained Montessori teachers, and the recent name change.
- **School & Community feedback-** results from the school renaming process and the eProve Parent survey section F #5. The majority of the community was in favor of name change and the parents were satisfied with the various clubs and programs made available to their child.
- **Feedback-** Mr. Hart asked if the removal of the program would change how the students are being taught. Ms. Parent informed the parents that in some classes Montessori-type instruction was still being implemented.

- **Next Steps:** Ms. Buitrago informed SAC that completed packet will be submitted to the Magnet & Innovative Programs department.

- IV. Title I Updates** ~ Ms. Guardascione shared that the following documents can be found on the school website <https://mlking.browardschools.com/> : School Improvement Plan, Title I Addendum, Family and Community Engagement Plan, and School Grades.
- V. Florida School Recognition Program-** Ms. Buitrago shared that the school will be receiving funds because of the School grade increasing from a 'C' to a 'B'. She stated that at the next meeting suggestions will be taken and the ballot created .
- VI. Principal Report-** Ms. Parent mentioned that the school have completed all the PM1 and AP1 testing and using that data to make informed decisions such as restructuring classrooms, adding push in support, and ELO camp for a targeted group of students.
- VII. School Accountability Funds-** The school accountability funds are **-\$8,385.86**. The rollover funds were not received as yet, hence the negative balance.
- VIII. SEIR-** No incidents at this time to report
- Broward Mental Health Assistance Allocation Team (MHAART)** - Ashley Garcia and Annette Hall presented; supported by Terrissa Bryan. They spoke about the services provided by the Mental Health Services Department. They also talked about MHAART and the role of MHAART within the Mental Health Services department. Special mention of the **TALK App** that can be found on the student's Clever Dashboard for support if they are feeling overwhelmed, stress or just need to talk with someone. They also spoke about stress some of the causes, and ways to combat it.
- IX. 2025-26 Deam Achievers Young Men of Standards Induction Ceremony-** Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pierce led the ceremony as the young men pledge to be an example of a model student at school and at home.
- VII. Upcoming Events**
- November 10- Picture Day Retake
  - November 11- No School
  - November 14- Panthers' Challenge Parade
  - November 24-28 Thanksgiving Break
  - December 2- Joint SAF/SAC meeting

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 3:30 pm in the media center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Sharon Stephen- Buitrago motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm. Seconded by Ariel Douglas. The motion was carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Darryl, Name of Position on Board: Secretary , Approval Date: 12/2/2025