

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Miramar High School

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Meeting Start Time: 5:45 p.m.

Meeting End Time: 7:07 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by SAC Chair Mr. Jason Fernandez, following the sound of the gavel. A quorum was established.

2. Approval of Agenda

Members were given time to review the agenda.

Motion: To accept the agenda as printed

Made by: Ms. Tanya Davis

Seconded by: Ms. Sharlene Durand

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Introductions of SAC Members and Guests

Council members, staff, students, and guests introduced themselves, including:

- Student representatives, faculty, staff, parents, and community members

5. Establishment of Norms

Mr. Fernandez reviewed meeting norms, emphasizing that SAC meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order.

6. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Several corrections and additions were noted, including:

- Updates to names listed under introductions, Correction to the spelling of Ms. Peters to Ms. Jacqueline Peeters
- Addition of a question from the previous meeting regarding A+ Funds made by Minda Richardson

- Correction to the spelling of “Nathaniel Oceans” (two C’s)

Motion: To accept the minutes with corrections

Made by: Ms. Tonya Davis

Seconded by: Mr. John Lamb

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

7. Principal’s Report – Mr. Winfred Porter Jr.

Principal Porter shared several campus updates:

- **Magnet Open House:** Best attendance in recent years; strong community engagement.
- **MTL Induction Ceremony:** Scheduled for Tuesday; led by Ms. Istene Kennedy and Mr. Jason Fernandez.
- **New Turf Field:** Approved and moving forward.
- **Band Program:** Commended for outstanding performance and trip coordination.
- **A+ Funds:** Significant decrease in state allocation from \$244,000 last year to \$147,000 this year.
- **FAST PM2 Data:** 41% of students are at or above Level 3—showing positive growth.
- **Cultural Show:** Scheduled for the next evening.
- **Basketball Program Enhancements:** Locker room and student experience improvements underway.

He emphasized unity, transparency, and valuing all staff members equally.

8. Old Business

All old business items were addressed in the prior minutes. No additional old business was presented.

9. New Business

A. December SESSIR(School Environment Safety Incident Reporting)

- Miramar High School reported 24 total incidents, representing 0.02% of all Broward County incidents.

B. Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds) – Ballot Development

Mr. Fernandez reviewed:

- Requirements of the A+ Program under Florida Statute
- Approved uses of funds
- Deadline for submitting the final ballot (February 1)
- Survey feedback provided to staff for informational purposes
- Mandatory inclusion of “None of the Above” on the ballot
- Voting procedures scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Public Comment & Discussion (Summarized)

Multiple staff, students, and parents spoke. Themes included:

- Respect for all roles and contributions within the school
- Significant financial losses experienced by many teachers due to schedule changes
- Concerns about fairness, equity, and preserving unity
- Requests for multiple ballot options
- Importance of recognizing custodial, food service, clerical, security, and district-assigned personnel
- Emphasis on student impact and culture of appreciation

Motions Regarding the A+ Ballot

Motion 1: 80% to Instructional / 20% to Non-Instructional

- 100% of school recognition funds would be used for a one-time bonus for faculty and staff. With 80% of the award amount to be distributed among instructional staff and 20% of the award amount to be distributed to the non-instructional that were at Miramar High School for the 2024-2025 school year.

Made by: Ms. Minda Richardson

Seconded: No second

Outcome: Motion failed.

Motion 2: Equal Distribution of A+ Funds Among All Faculty & Staff

100% of A+ Recognition Funds are to be allocated evenly as a one-time bonus payment to instructional and non-instructional staff including district support staff assigned to Miramar High School for the 2024-2025 school year, who were at the school for no less than 99 days on the instructional calendar.

Includes:

- Must have worked 99+ days of the school year
- District staff assigned full time to Miramar HS included, except those who do not meet the 99 day threshold

Made by: Mr. John Lamb

Seconded by: Ms. Joy Denbow and Ms. Sharlene Durand

Vote:

- Anne Brisson – Yea
- Jada Casseus- Yea
- Tonya Davis- Yea
- Joy Denbow- Yea
- Sharlene Durand- Yea
- Paola Flores- Yea
- Istene Kennedy- Yea
- John Lamb- Yea
- Nadine Onfroy- Yea
- Winfred Porter- Yea

No votes against the motion

Motion passed.

Ballot Options Finalized:

1. 100% of A+ Recognition Funds are to be allocated evenly as a one-time bonus payment to instructional and non-instructional staff including district support staff assigned to Miramar High School for the 2024-2025 school year, who were at the school for no less than 99 days on the instructional calendar. Any left over funds will be used for non-recurring expenditures for educational equipment and materials.
2. None of the Above

If “None of the Above” wins, SAC will reconvene to develop new ballot options.

A tentative follow-up meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

10. SIP Focus Review

The SAC reviewed the A+ Funds process as part of ongoing School Improvement Planning.

11. Open Forum

No additional items were presented.

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Made by: Ms. Jacqueline Peeters

Seconded by: Ms. Istene Kennedy

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.