PIPER HIGH SCHOOL

School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Nook (Media Center)

Attendance

Attendees included school administration, staff, parents/community members, students, and other stakeholders. See the official meeting sign-in sheet.

I. Opening and Welcome

Ms. Lopez welcomed attendees and called the School Advisory Forum to order at 5:55pm. Attendees were reminded that SAF is the open forum for questions, concerns, and ideas related to the school and district.

II. Central Area Advisory Update

Ms. Lopez provided an update from the Central Area Advisory Board and asked for additional volunteers who may be able to attend meetings when her schedule prevents her from doing so.

- The Central Area Advisory Board meets monthly and provides updates from schools and district/community partners.
- Many meetings are held during the school day, generally from approximately 9:45 a.m. to noon, with some evening meetings.
- The September 17 meeting included general area updates and a presentation from the Children's Services Council (CSC).
- The CSC presentation highlighted community investments such as backpacks and school supplies, YMCA and water-safety programming, and other services for children and families.
- Members were encouraged to stay informed about public funding and tax-related issues that affect community services.
- The next Central Area Advisory meeting was announced for October 15, 2026, in the evening.

III. Open Forum - Questions and Concerns

The floor was opened for questions and concerns. A parent asked for clarification regarding communication and school procedures during the recent brief lockdown.

A. Lockdown Communication

- Administration explained that a ParentLink call and email were sent regarding the brief lockdown.
- Because the lockdown was very short, the initial message and resolution occurred close together; a separate follow-up phone call was not sent.
- Administration noted that communication was sent as quickly as possible while also coordinating with district leadership.

B. Lockdown Alert System

- A concern was raised about the lack of an audible lockdown alarm, particularly in larger/common areas where occupants may not immediately notice the flashing lights.
- Administration explained that the district uses the Synergis security system, which includes visual lockdown alerts and computer notifications but does not use an audible alarm for the lockdown alert.
- Administrators emphasized the importance of drills so students and staff recognize and respond to the visual alert system.
- Flashing alert devices are located throughout the campus, including common and outdoor areas.

IV. Next Meeting

The next SAF meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2026. The November meeting is on the second Tuesday because of the election calendar.

V. Meeting Adjournment

The SAF meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.