

Cooper City High
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Sean D. Curran, Principal

School Advisory Council Minutes 11/18/25-Final

In Person Attendance: Y. Aldana, L. Alonso, A. Alston, K. Cooper, S. Curran, W. Denise, A. Don, M. Forero, L. Garfinkel, L. Gonzalez, G. Lerner, E. Lopez, L. Mallozzi. J. Marmolejos, S. McCarthy, R. Mediavilla, M. Otero, S. Rausseo, S. Rodriguez, J. Spigelman, K. Williford, E. Wirge (*Quorum was met.*)

I. Welcome / Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance- E. Lopez, SAC Co- Chairperson

The meeting officially began at 3:05 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance observed.

II. Discussion Parameters – Robert’s Rules of Order- E. Lopez, SAC Co-Chairperson

- Respect others; do not interrupt.
- Speak only when you have the floor.
- Maintain order and professionalism.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes- E. Lopez SAC Co-Chairperson

- Review of October Minutes.
- L. Mallozzi made a motion to approve the September minutes.
- A. Alston- Seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The minutes from September received approval.

IV. Reports

a. Principal’s Report-S. Curran, Principal

- ROTC won 1st place district-wide and will advance to state.
- Sound of Pride Band ranked third among 63 South Florida teams; now led by a new director: Ms. Chicana Ball from the University of Memphis, starts Friday.
- Ms. Teryl and theatre students delivered an outstanding performance of *The Crucible*.
- BCPS strengthened its Holocaust education partnership with Nova Southeastern. Philanthropists Craig and Barbara Weiner recently transferred museum ownership to the district.
- The CCHS administrative team won the Halloween Spirit Contest with a Grease theme, assisted by the Automotive classroom.
- Ms. Covard received the CCHS CTE Teacher of the Year award, while SCE microenterprise students presented their creative product at the district fair.
- Appreciation extended to NHS student leaders for their successful Harvest Drive, collecting and distributing boxes of food items.
- The Homecoming Dance and football game were well attended and successful.
- Cheer, girls’ volleyball, swimming, golf, football, and the bowling teams achieved notable recent victories.

- PTSA, led by Ms. McClure, hosted a popular Quarter Auction fundraising event.
- On Thursday, November 19, teachers will enjoy a Coffee and Pie Celebration courtesy of the CCHS administration.
- The band sells Christmas trees in the parking lot; please support this initiative.

b. SGA Report- G. Lerner, Student

- There will be a Turkey Trot on Thursday, 11/20.
- Winter Spirit Week will begin on 12/8.

c. Senior Class Report- L. Gonzalez, Student

- Starting to plan for Prom.
- Planning Senior Breakfast.
- Looking for Fundraisers.

d. Latinos in Action-M. Orosco, Student

- Finished Fundraisers.
- Members tutored at Cooper City Elementary.
- LIA's Friendsgiving is this week.

e. NHS Report- A. Don, Student

- The Harvest Drive has already received five pallets of food donations, with additional shipments on the way.
- Primrose Pre-school was a doner.
- The Fall Initiative has concluded, and pies have been distributed to teachers.
- The Club with the best decorated tree will receive donuts.
- Joe Demagio Hospital is collecting Toys for Kids, and NHS is collecting donations to contribute.

V. New Business

a. Vote for ESOL Representative-E. Lopez, SAC Co- Chairperson

- E. Mallozzi nominates A. Shar for the ESOL Representative; A. Alston seconded the motion, and none opposed. The motion was approved.

b. Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds)- S. Curran, Principal

- CCHS received recognition as an A-rated School. CCHS will again be a part of the Florida School Recognition Program (A+ Funds):
- Proposal and Ballot Creation is necessary.
- CCHS Awarded Balance: \$196,014 Total Award: \$15,970; Fringe: 8.87%; Pay Out \$180,044
- District deduction: 8.87% (\$15,970).
- Training for Principal Curran and the office manager is planned for December.
- Decision deadline: 12/12; Payroll dates: Teachers 1/30, Admin 2/6.
Discussion: Early December SAC Meeting on 12/2
Ballot creation for A+ Funds distribution at this upcoming meeting
Parent concerns: Multiple ballots make 66% and 2/3 vote which may seem challenging.

c. Accountability Funds- E. Lopez, SAC Co- Chairperson

- CCHS's accountability funds balance is \$4051 and CCHS's School Recognition Funds Balance is \$34, 639.
- S. Curran said the goal is to spend as much as possible of these funds by the end of the school year.

d. Funding Request-E. Lopez- SAC Co-Chairperson

- J. Tesser, the Testing Coordinator, has requested up to \$1,700 for CLT for Seniors not making concordance.
- W. Elianor made a motion to approve the request. W. Denise seconded the motion. None opposed the motion. The motion was approved.

e. SESIR Incidentes- E. Lopez, SAC Co-Chairperson

- Drug Possession/Use=5
- Tobacco=16
- Fighting=2
- Physical Attack=1
- Total= 24 (Reported as of 10/1/25)

f. School Improvement Plan Best Practices:

Best Practices Presentation #1- K. Agnew, Science Department Head

- Science impacts ELA and Math and the science department's efforts show up in learning gains.
- The percentage of students scoring Proficient or higher on the Biology EOC will increase from 77% to 80% by June 2026.
- Monitoring Components: Common Teacher Assessments, 14 CFA's, data driven instruction, continued spiraled reviews, tutoring, AP tutoring.
- Science learning gains: Goal 85% pass rate; current 77%.
- AP & AICE collaboration for acceleration.

Best Practice Presentation #2- N. Roman, Media Specialist

- Librarian Media Specialist Certification achieved; the focus is now on library curriculum support and age-appropriate materials.
- Age-appropriate curriculum is essential.
- Use Follet to help with the use of periodical materials.
- Opt-out process for parents is available (Phases 1–5).
- The strategic focus is on collection development, budget planning, and the Peterson database.

g. Instructional Schedule 2026-2027 School Year- S. Curran, Principal & E. Lopez SAC Co-Chairperson

- S. Curran met with the instructional staff last Friday to review schedule options.
- The goal is to create a ballot for staff vote; 80% approval with 66% and 2/3 majority required.
- If no agreement by 12/12, default to straight 7-period schedule.
- Curran shared feedback from two staff groups, SGA, and students.
- Of the 105 staff members surveyed, sixty-six provided responses. Out of the 105 staff members surveyed, sixty-six responded.
- Of the respondents, thirty chose Straight 7, thirty-five picked modified block, and 1 selected Rotator.
- Modified block options: 1st or 3rd period shortened; one class always 50 minutes.
- Teachers considered student engagement, class length, and consistency in responses.
- Concerns: Reduced planning time, loss of study hall, and scheduling challenges.
- SAC discussed ESE needs, homework makeup, and whether to keep the current schedule.
- **The Superintendent announced mid-meeting: No change to block schedules for the 2026–2027 school year after all.**

VI. Old Business

- No Unfinished Business

VII. **Best Practice #2: An Embedded High-Quality Response to Intervention (RtI)**

Attendance Plan- F. Calero, Assistant Principal

- Students are required to arrive to school punctually every day.
- The attendance goal is 90% or higher.
- There is no School Approved Senior Skip Day.
- A Parent Link will be sent out detailing the requirements for Seniors to participate in Grad Bash, Prom, and other Senior activities. These events are privileges that Seniors may lose if they have attendance problems.
- Our attendance is well above the district average.
- However, too many students are getting close to the chronic absentee rate; we are close to 10% of students by the end of a Semester.
- The tardy policy expects at the beginning of a school day for students to get to class by 7:40 am. The gates open at 7:00 a.m. Five or more tardies warrant a referral. Also, if a student does not attend assigned Saturday School, they are assigned external suspension which stays on their record.
- Principal Curran also stated that proper attendance and arrival is a school board policy.

VIII. Adjourn.

- W. Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting. W. Elianor seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 4:11 p.m.

Note: A dedicated SAC meeting focused on the A+ Funds Ballot will take place on December 2.