

Cooper City High
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Sean D. Curran, Principal

School Advisory Council Minutes 9/30/25

In Person Attendance: Y. Aldana, L. Alonso, A. Alston, , F. Calero, K. Cooper, S. Curran, W. Denise, A. Don, M. Forero, L. Garfinkel, P. Goedschalk, L. Gonzalez, N. Hicks, G. Lerner, E. Lopez, J. Marmolejos, S. McCarthy, R. Mediailla, S. McCarthy, M. Orosco, M. Otero, I. Polatos, I. Polatos, S. Rausseo, J. Spigelman, J. VanDusen, K. Williford, E. Wirge

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

- The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

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

- The rights of the organization supersede the rights of individual members.
- All members are equal, and their rights are equal.
- A quorum must be present to conduct business.
- The majority rules.
- Silence implies consent.
- A two-thirds vote is required for certain actions.
- Only one question may be considered at a time, and only one speaker may speak at a time.
- Once a member has been recognized, they hold the floor and may not be interrupted.
- The chair may not call a vote while members wish to continue debate.
- Once a decision is made, an identical motion may not be reintroduced during the same meeting.
- Personal remarks during debate are always out of order.

III. SAC Membership 2025–2026 – E. Lopez, SAC Co-Chairperson

Parents:

- Y. Aldana
- A. Alston (ESOL)
- C. Ameralis
- K. Wiers-Sahmir
- K. Cooper
- J. Di Benedetto

- W. Marie Elianor
- C. Farias
- L. Garfinkel
- M. Komatusoulis
- S. McCarthy (Gifted)
- L. McClure
- L. McKenzie
- S. Rodriguez
- J. Spigelman
- G. Tembo
- R. Thorton

Principal:

- S. Curran

Assistant Principals:

- F. Calero
- T. Daub
- P. Goedschalk
- I. Polatos
- J. Vanduson

Students:

- A. Don
- L. Gonzalez
- G. Lerner
- M. Orozco
- R. Mediavilla

Community Business:

- L. Mallozzi

Non-Instructional:

- Sheri Rausseo

Teachers:

- L. Alonso
- W. Denise
- T. Evans
- E. Lopez
- J. Marmolejos

- M. Otero
- K. Williford

IV. SAC Officer Votes – E. Lopez, SAC Co-Chairperson

- J. Spiegelman made a motion to approve L. Alonso as SAC Co- Chairperson. A. Alston seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. L. Alonso was approved as SAC Co-Chairperson.
- E. Wirge made a motion to approve E. Lopez as SAC Co- Chairperson. A. Alston seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. E. Lopez was approved as SAC Co-Chairperson.
- J. Garfinkel made a motion to approve K. Williford as SAC Secretary. J. Spiegelman seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. K. Williford was approved as SAC Secretary.

V. Approval of Minutes – E. Lopez, SAC Co-Chairperson

- L. Garfinkel stated that SAF did hold a meeting; however, due to the absence of a South Area Advisory meeting at that time, there were no specific updates to share with the Cooper City community. She requested this be amended in the notes.
- E. Wirge made a motion to approve the May minutes.
- S. Curran seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. August minutes was approved.

VI. Old Business – P. Goedschalk, SAC Assistant Principal

- SAC Bylaws Amendment Vote for monetary requests to be changed is raised.
- Roll call votes are requested to be used for monetary requests.
- J. Spiegelman made a motion to approve roll call votes for monetary requests.
- L. Garfinkel seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- Roll call votes for monetary requests were approved.

VII. New Business- E. Lopez, SAC Co-Chairperson

- Accountability Funds Beginning Balance as of May 1, 2025 is \$39,517.59.
- SAT funding requests for Juniors and Seniors were submitted by J. Tesser and Principal Curran and received approval, leading to a survey issued to students to assess interest in taking the test. The district is providing payment for Seniors.

- 249 Juniors signed up to take the PSAT; we are waiting for final bill \$2988...less is needed; \$4,000 goes back to SAC.
- Principal Curran would like to start extended learning opportunities earlier this school year at the end of the first quarter and requests \$4800 from SAC to fund it.
- Skill based more than content based; earlier remediation is best.
- Teacher availability and student assessment will be \$4800- we will see or return money to SAC or biology or Reading component.
- L. Garfinkel asks if we are getting the bucket of money from last school year. L. Garfinkel requested clarification regarding the anticipated timeline for the return of funds sent back to the district at the conclusion of the previous school year: SAC funds remain protected under state statute according to Principal Curran.
- L. Garfinkel motioned for the \$4800 funding extended learning opportunities.
- A. Aldana seconded the motion. The motion passes: all in favor, and none opposed.

VIII. Reports

A. Principal's Report – S. Curran, Principal

- Congratulations to I. Barr: CCHS Teacher of the year.
- Congratulations to Chuckee: School Related Employee of the Year.
- Chuckee manages the school facility and the marquee and knows something about everything in his expertise.
- Thank you to BTU and organizing the voting.
- Update on band (students, parents, administration)- received resignation of band director; we have great student leadership as they search for a new band director.
- Thanks to peer counseling, students under Ms. Gailboard. They sponsored Pinwheels for Peace and did interactive activities during lunch. The Start with Hello- event includes students, teachers, and creates great connections.
- Thanks to Ms. Covard and the Senior Class of 2026; on the 26th of every month, they have a Rock Paper Scissors event, setting a fun tone.
- Ms. Siweek held College Night for Seniors and parents during college application season.
- Congratulations to D. Aiden, our National Merit Senior Council member.

- We extend our appreciation to School Board Member Mr. Adam Civero for serving as Principal for a Day. He visited classrooms and reflected on an innovative initiative. He is dedicated to our educational community.
- Principal Curran will meet with students in October to gather feedback on positive and negative aspects.
- Thanks to Mr. Fatout, the Athletic Director—elementary students enjoyed running through the tunnel at our high school home football game.
- The district calendar has students off this Thursday for Yom Kippur, Early Release on October 10th, a Teacher Planning Day on October 14, and additional days off in October.
- Q1 ends October 9. Teachers will notify students of any missing work.
- Mr. Civero addressed policies regarding disconnection and reconnection within the district, emphasizing that student phones should only be used for instructional purposes as a district priority.
- We have an ongoing attendance and tardy huge campaign; we believe in the importance and getting our students to school and on time.
- Congratulations to the football team 4-2.
- Girls' volleyball is doing great.
- The bowling team has a competition at Sparz.
- The swimming and diving team is doing great.
- 707 students purchased Homecoming Tickets, 18 tickets are left.

B. SGA Report – G. Lerner, Student

- Homecoming ticket sales have started.
- We are organizing Spirit Week, the Homecoming Court, banners, and the pep rally.

C. Senior Class Report – L. Gonzalez, Student

- The Rock Papers Scissors Senior Event is going great.
- Senior sweats details are being finalized and will be put on sale soon.
- The Senior class is fundraising.
- Senior Shirt Day is the 26th of each month.
- The “Senior Parking Lot Painting” event was rescheduled to Sept 7 at 5 p.m.

D. Latinos in Action – M. Orosco, Student

- Held a Community Night on 9/29
- The club has received T-shirts and hoodies.
- The Chipotle fundraiser is set for next week.

E. National Honor Society Report – A. Don, Student

- The kindness courier charity collected over nine hundred underwear.
- BCH officer training is taking place with other schools.
- The Harvest Drive is upcoming. Officers will be at the Countryside Publix again this school year collected items.
- Tryout for the Brain Ball Competition is taking place.

IX. School Improvement Plan and Best Practice

Professional Learning Community- N. Hicks, Activities Coordinator

- PLCs gather on Team Tuesdays to review common formative assessment data and other student data.
- PLC also come together to work toward the Smart Goal in progress to be approved by the district.
- Teachers will register to get this PLC information shortly.
- E. Lopez, the school literacy coach, reviewed a Reading Plan and a Comparison Chart of FAST PM1 Data from the state.
- E. Lopez will PUSH into classrooms and show teachers how to use graphic organizers to increase student analysis of text.
- The goal on ELA FAST Reading is to go from 74% Proficiency to 77% Proficiency. The literacy coaching cycle across content areas will commence with Intensive. Reading classes, followed by Environmental Science, and conclude with Biology courses.
- Teachers will apply principles from the Science of Reading.

Literacy Plan – E. Lopez, SAC Co-Chairperson / Literacy Coach

- Reviewed Reading Plan and Comparison Chart of FAST PM1 State Data.
- L. Lopez will push into classrooms to demonstrate use of graphic organizers.
- The goal is to increase ELA FAST PM3 Proficiency from 74% to 77%.
- Continued implementation of Science of Reading.

Positive Behavior Plan – L. Alonso, Behavior Specialist

- The Positive Behavior Plan Team monitors incident data
- PBIS programs
- Student expectations,
- Success Assemblies.

- This year, there have been 90 hallway, 70 restroom and 51 school grounds incidents
- PBIS rewards are based on points and teacher nominations.
- Cowboy Fridays allows students to cash in Cowboy Bucks twice a month.
- Vaping detectors will be installed in bathrooms across the district to help reduce vaping.
- CCHS plans to see vaping incidents decreased by 3%, according to Principal Curran.

XII. SESIR Incidences

Drug Possession Use- 3

Tobacco -9

Total= 12

XIII. Unfinished Business

- None

XIV. Adjourn

- J. Speigelman moved to adjourn, S. Rausseo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 3:48 p.m.

The next SAC Meeting is on October 28, 2025, at 3:00 pm in the media center.