

James S. Rickards Middle School

Welcome

SAC (School Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025

-2023-2024 SAC Committee Officers

- Mr. Rubinchik and Ms. Fatima DeLeon Co-chairs
- Lisa Smith-Lopez Secretary

-Call to Order

- A Rickards Middle School Advisory Council meeting was held in person on January 21, 2025. Co-chair, Mr. Rubinchik, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

-Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for December 3, 2024- Ms. De Leon moved to approve the minutes. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Walton, a quorum was present, a vote was taken, and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

-Oakland Park Report – Mr. Donnelly

-ELA Update – Ms. Williams

Literacy Department Update for SAC Meeting

1. Completion of the Second Growth Map Assessment

- The Reading Branch has successfully completed the second Growth Map Assessment. This milestone provides valuable insights into student progress and areas needing improvement.

2. ELA Curriculum Progress

- 6th Grade ELA: We are progressing through Unit 5.
- 7th Grade ELA: We have commenced Unit 4.

- 8th Grade ELA: Unit 2 is now underway.

3. Remediation Efforts

- The department has been actively remediating based on specific standard data, selection tests, iReady Diagnostic, and Workshop Assessments. These efforts aim to address individual student needs and enhance overall literacy skills.

4. Literary Art Fair

- The Literary Art Fair has been a significant focus for ELA classes. The submission window opened on January 9th and will close on February 7th, 2025. Students are encouraged to showcase their creativity and literary talents.

-Principal's Report – Mr. Gurreonero

-Accountability Funds \$12,959.08

-RMS has been awarded the Magnate School of Distinction award for the first time.

-FAST PM2 data is trending very well. The scores are up 6% points in ELA and 11% in Math from PM2 last year.

-We will start grade-level discipline assemblies with behavior expectations and positive behavior plans next week.

-Field Trip to Northeast on 1/29 for eighth graders

- S.E.S.I.R. – School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (will be updated next meeting)

Incidents Reported 08/21/23 – 12/20/2024

Total: 26

-Tobacco – 1

-Fighting- 3

-Unclassified Offenses/OTH Major- 1

- Unsubstantiated Bullying-

-Threat Intimidation- 3

-Alcohol - 3

- Bullying - 2

-Drug possession or Use - 8

-Physical Attack - 5

-Sexual Harassment -

- Weapons Possession -

-Harassment-

The next meeting is on February 4, 2025.

- **Motion to adjourn.**
 - The motion to adjourn by Ms. Ellis at 6:21 pm was seconded by Ms. Walton and was carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Lisa Smith Lopez

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval Date: