

James S. Rickards Middle School

Welcome

SAC (School Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – March 4, 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 March 4, 2025. Co-chair, Mr. Rubinchik, called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

-Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- A motion to approve minutes from the January 21, 2025, and February 4, 2025, meetings was made by Ms. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Donnelly, and it was approved unanimously.

-Oakland Park Report – Mr. Donnelly

-Ms. Telesford – request for funds for end of the year promotion ceremony

-Thank you to Mr. Jack Donnelly for his constant support

The sum of \$1,500 for the eighth-grade promotion ceremony was requested.

As a quorum was present, a motion to vote on said request was made by Ms. Ellis and seconded by Jack Donnelly. A vote was taken, and the request was unanimously approved.

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

Incidents Reported 08/21/23 – 1/31/2025

Total: 28

-Tobacco – 2

-Fighting- 3

-Unclassified Offenses/OTH Major- 1

- Unsubstantiated Bullying-

-Sexual Harassment -

-Harassment-

-Threat Intimidation- 3

-Alcohol - 3

- Bullying - 2

-Drug possession or Use - 9

-Physical Attack - 5

- Weapons Possession -

-SIP Update – Ms. Deleon

Science Updates:

- BSA was taken today, March 4th. All tested science subject areas were tested today (Biology, Physical science, Gears 2)
- Data will be analyzed and used to drive our crunch time schedules for our tested science areas.
- After-school tutoring sessions for acceleration courses, physical science, and Gears 2 courses. Starting next week, Tuesday and Thursday for Acceleration and Wednesday for Physical science and Gears 2.
- Thank you to the 8th grade science team
- Thank you to the 8th grade team for their full support for the BSA testing done today.

-Principal’s Report – Mr. Gurreonero

Building update—pushed back from August to November. There is an issue with building two, and they are deciding whether to remove it or build over it. This issue needs to be resolved.

-Accountability Funds \$12,959.08

-Celebrating Black History Month with an amazing Family Night (2/26). There were HBCU alumni, a black history live museum, a band, music, and some spoken word. The week included a fun facts calendar, a celebration, and a luncheon for teachers,

-The NJHS held an induction ceremony, and 11 new students were inducted into NJHS. They will be hosting a brain ball for the 1st time, organized by Ms. Ellis.

-ELO Saturday, March 15th: There are 35 instructional days until testing. Students need to gear up and take advantage of the free tutoring to succeed.

-BSA testing is being conducted to determine your child's level. Today, we did science, and math will be next week. These will help determine what standards we need to remediate and what we need to enrich.

-Day of Love and Service Event/a carnival was held to celebrate students who are achieving and showing growth. We hosted over 500 students at our carnival to celebrate students' learning gains.

The next meeting is on April 1, 2025.

- **Motion to adjourn.**
 - The motion to adjourn by Ms. Ellis at 6:24 pm was seconded by Ms. Walton and was approved unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Lisa Smith Lopez

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval Date: