



SAF and School Advisory Council Joint Meeting

Bair Middle School

Wednesday September 17th, 4:45pm



Nominations & New Members

Secretary: Mr. Williams nominated Mrs. Lendick

SAC Chair: Ms. Williams nominated Ms. Dennis

BTU Steward: Ms. Dennis nominated Ms. Daley

SAF Chair: Ms. Dennis nominated Ms. Marcel

Non-Instructional Representative: Ms. Dennis nominated Mr. Hankerson

Gifted Parent Representative: Ms. Marcel nominated Mr. Bloise

ESOL Parent Representative: Ms. Bartfield nominated Mrs. Dowman

ESE Parent Representative: Mr. Marcel nominated Mr. Bone

I-Zone Representative: Ms. Marcel nominated Mrs. Milledge-Allen

Parent Representative: Ms. Dennis nominated Ms. Bartfield

Community/Business Representative: Ms. Dennis nominated Mrs. Fernandez

School Safety & Clear Bag Policy

Mr. Williams spoke about the importance of SAC and how it relates to the School Improvement Plan (SIP), particularly in the areas of academics and safety. SAC plays a vital role in making decisions that protect students—both from community influences and from their own choices.



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He shared recent campus incidents, emphasizing topics such as gun safety, possession of Class A weapons, and the serious consequences associated with these infractions, including “what-if” scenarios. The goal, he noted, is to save good kids from making bad decisions.

A vendor has offered to donate clear backpacks for all students. Additional considerations include providing privacy pouches for female students, as discretion at this age is important. The discussion also included questions about metal detectors. Mr. Williams explained that while metal detectors are being phased in at the high school level, they have not yet been rolled out to middle schools. If implemented, students could bring their own clear backpacks, but the school is prepared to supply them so parents are not burdened.

Ms. Kraus addressed accommodations for students with disabilities, noting that social stories would be developed to help prepare students and strengthen the home-to-school connection.

Motion

A motion was made by Ms. Marcel for parents to vote on the adoption of clear backpacks. The vote passed unanimously. This decision will be communicated to parents, and a date will be set for distributing the backpacks along with clear expectations for their use. A question was raised regarding the durability of the backpacks; Mr. Williams assured members that quality would be considered.

SIP Monitoring/ Principal’s Report

The school year is off to a strong start. Mr. Williams commended the staff for adapting positively to numerous changes. Recent instructional review feedback was encouraging, reflecting positive growth and results. The district continues to support the school’s needs, with a strong emphasis on Cambridge and Montessori programs to strengthen teaching and learning. “Redefining School” meetings are taking place, and the collective goal remains Destination Excellence—to achieve an “A” rating and align with district priorities.

Stake Holders feedback n/a

PTSA Updates

Focus on recruiting new members.

Safety updates included educating students and parents on Fortify and See Something, Say Something.



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Centegix safety platform was also reviewed.

Title I & Parent Engagement Title I events

are underway.

Open House is scheduled for tomorrow and will include information sessions for parents.

Other Program Updates

Free & Reduced Lunch: Ongoing communication with families.

Magnet Programs: Montessori teachers and others are currently receiving Cambridge training to ensure alignment. **Department Updates**

1. ELA: Finalized iReady/FAST PM1 updates. A language arts tracker is being used to identify where students are, where they need to go, and how to get there. Partnership with parents is encouraged.
2. Science: Expansion of STEM electives and Biology course offerings.
3. Math: Focus on literacy in mathematics, increasing rigor, and fostering student collaboration.
4. Social Studies: Integrating ELA strategies to strengthen instruction.
5. VILS: Updates provided on paper-based resources, which have been positively received.
6. Guidance: Health screenings scheduled for 9/18. Testing underway, with make-ups scheduled for next week. Parents are encouraged to address concerns early to avoid escalation.
7. ESE/ELL: Meetings to update IEPs and student services are ongoing. Gifted student meetings are also taking place.

Positive Behavior: Development of a school store where students can use “Bair Bucks” earned for positive choices. PTSA offered to support this initiative.

Scheduling: Discussion of exploring different scheduling models for the 2026–27 school year, as curriculum shifts may warrant adjustments.