

Western High School

School Advisory Council

Minutes for March 31, 2026

Called to Order at 3:00 PM in the Media Center

Members Present: Alexa Aguila, Zachary Banks, David Hanley, Erica Hansinger, Nicole Henderson, Barry Jones, Helen Lacayo, Michael Levinson, Alejandro Quinonez, Bonnie Reisler, Samantha Reisler, Christopher Ryan, Landyn Spellberg, Holly Stracquadaine, Art Waganheim, Nikki T. Watkins, Taylor Watkins, Tamara Wehrell

Non-Members Present: Layla Fais, Santiago Arrojo, OFC. A. Dady, B. Vezina, Helene Kocis, Jimmy Arrojo, Roxanne Huggins, R. Marino

- I. Review and accept the minutes from the 2/24/2026 meeting.
 - A. Art Waganheim made a motion to approve the minutes, and Holly Stracquadaine seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Report on SAC budget information
 - A. Balance: \$726.00
 - B. Contingency Reserve: \$726.00
 - C. Available Balance: \$0.00
 - D. Instructional Materials: \$26,965.05
- III. News Report from the Principal
 - A. Helene Kocis is giving the report in place of Michelle Padura for this meeting.
 - B. FAST writing exam will take place tomorrow for 9th and 10th graders.
 - C. Thursday will be a Professional Study Day—Students are dismissed at 11:24AM.
 - D. The SAT for juniors took place last week on Wednesday 3/25/2026.
 - E. Pay attention to the principal's newsletter as end-of-year events approach.
 - F. We are now finishing up course selection cards and middle school visits.
- IV. Sesir Data
 - A. Western High December Report - 0 Infractions
 1. Distruption on Campus (Major Disorderly Conduct) - 0
 2. Drug Possession and/or Uses (Excluding Alcohol) - 0
 3. Physical Attack - 0
 4. Tobacco Possession and/or Use - 0
 - B. Western High January Report - 0 Infractions
 1. Distruption on Campus (Major Disorderly Conduct) - 0
 2. Drug Possession and/or Uses (Excluding Alcohol) - 0
 3. Physical Attack - 0
 4. Tobacco Possession and/or Use - 0
- V. We're Now In 4th Quarter — The Home Stretch Begins!

- A. Michael Levinson announces that we are heading towards the end of the 2025-2026 school year, with the official testing season about to get underway.
- VI. Attention Parents: Complete the 2026 BCPS Parent Survey!
 - A. Michael Levinson says that the BCPS Parent Survey currently needs more participants, and urges the parents of SAC to participate.
 - B. The parent survey is anonymous.
 - C. If parents have any suggestions to encourage other parents to participate, please share.
- VII. Funding Requests Received For SAC Approval
 - A. Three funding requests for instructional materials. All for world languages.
 - B. SAC has until the end of the month to spend the instructional materials funds.
 - C. Global Leaders United, formerly Latinos in Action, funding request for \$486.50 from Cara Mendez-Silva and Maria Rodrigues Sanchez for 35 student leadership handbooks. This is for the class, not the club. Art Waganheim moved to approve, and Bonnie Reisler seconded. Carried unanimously.
 - D. World Language funding request for \$479.04 from Cara Mendez-Silva for Blooket subscription for the department. Cannot spend this year's money on next year's budget. Subscription should last a whole year. Art Waganheim moved to approve, and Helen Lacayo seconded. Carried unanimously.
 - E. AICE French funding request for \$1,382.36 from Cara Mendez-Silva and Nouha Hakam for AICE French test prep books. David Hanley questions since requests are for A-level AICE French prep books, but the class offered is AS-level AICE French. AICE French teacher says that these books are all that is available, and lessons can be pieced together by unit to cover AS-level AICE French. Art Waganheim moved to approve, and Bonnie Reisler seconded. Carried unanimously.
- VIII. School Improvement Plan Review — Cognia eProve Survey
 - A. Michael Levinson presents information about this component of our SIP.
 - B. School Improvement Plan survey results can be found online, showing the surveys for students, staff, and parents.
 - C. These surveys are crucial for our school improvement plan, and it is important to encourage your students and parents to fill out the surveys.
- IX. New business before the SAC
 - A. Holly Stracquadaine discusses the outstanding success of the Spring food drive, which was able to serve 120 families.
- X. Adjournment – Next Meeting: 4/28/2026
 - A. Art Waganheim moved to adjourn, and Hansinger seconded. Carried unanimously.