

# **Western High School**

## **School Advisory Council**

### **Minutes for August 26, 2026**

#### **Called to Order at 3:05 PM in the Media Center**

**Members Present:** New Members Not Yet Elected For This Term. \*\*\*INFORMATIONAL MEETING\*\*\*

**Non-Members Present:** Lydie Medley, Jaritza Aragon, Zachary Banks, Pete-Gaye Bisset, Nicole Henderson, Michael Levinson, Brandon Monse, Michelle Padura, Alejandro Quinonez, Bonnie Reisler, Samantha Reisler, Christopher Ryan, Audrey Spicer, Holly Stracquadaine, Art Waganheim, Nikki T. Watkins, Taylor Watkins, Tamara Wehrell, Helene Kocis, Roxanne Huggins, Adam Cervera, Begaina Lopez, Risa Steward, Luz Rodriguez, J Hollis, Alan Bushkin, Jennifer Smith

- I. Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year: All stakeholders are welcomed in.
- II. Report on SAC budget information: Last known budget balance was \$14,501.00
- III. News Report from the Principal
  - A. Ms. Padura explained grade changes for High Schools in Florida, which include higher standards and what this would entail in order for Western to keep it's A grade.
  - B. Discussion took place regarding the school's tardy policy and Mr. Waggenheim brought up that students arriving for 3<sup>rd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> period are waiting at the entry gate for extended periods of time causing them to be late to class.
  - C. There was a discussion regarding ways to facilitate parent volunteering at Western, with some suggesting this could be done using an online platform with the positions posted that are vacant for parents to fill. Parents were referred to the president of the PTSA to fill open vacancies.
- IV. SAC is governed by Florida Statute 1001.452: Mr. Levinson handed the stakeholders an overview of the statute and how it applies to what is done in SAC.
- V. An appeal was made to the stakeholders to become a member of SAC for the coming term (2026-2027 school year). Parents will elect parents, students will elect students and the staff will elect staff to be new members of SAC. Elections would need to be held by all respective groups before the next SAC meeting, where the new members will be seated.
- VI. An overview of the decisions that SAC will make including, but not limited to, A+ Award Recognition Funds distribution and continuation of the PSD Waiver.
- VII. New business for discussion. No further discussion.
- VIII. Adjournment at 3:40PM – Next meeting will be on September 29, 2026.