

# **Western High School**

## School Advisory Council

### Minutes for October 28th, 2025

Called to Order at 3:08 PM in the Media Center

**Members Present:** Syed Arhaam, Zachary Banks, David Hanley, Erica Hansinger, Nicole Henderson, Barry Jones, Helen Lacayo, Michael Levinson, Brandon Monse, Meghan Munoz, Alejandro Quinonez, Bonnie Reisler, Samantha Reisler, Christopher Ryan, Landyn Spellberg, Audrey Spicer, Holly Stracquadaine, Art Waganheim, Nikki T. Watkins, Taylor Watkins, Tamara Wehrell

**Non-Members Present:** Jayden Jean-Baptiste, Dylan Bustus, Melnni Pinnocir, Riss Steward, Harley Steward, Messihh Ashhey, Jayden Bilch, Animron Wileas, Amber Ryan, K. Marim, Helene Kocis, Sebastian Asuero, Roxanne Huggins, Jessie Bastos

### **Order of Business on Agenda**

- I. Reviewed and discussed the September 30, 2025, minutes.
  - A. Art Waganheim approved the minutes, Bonnie Reisler seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Report on the latest SAC budget information
  - A. Balance: \$15,501
  - B. Contingency Reserve: \$1,000
  - C. Available Balance: \$14,501
- III. News Report from Principal
  - A. Helene Kocis, assistant principal, speaking in place of Ms. Pedura, who had a conflicting meeting with SAC.
  - B. District Feedback: Approved of teachers implementing stations and collaborative learning. The district would like to see more rigor in coursework.
  - C. Activities & Achievements Review: Band received a Superior rating last weekend, two debate tournaments were recently hosted, two freshmen won districts in golf, the boys' bowling team won districts, the football team won districts, hosting a football game against West Broward on Thursday, and the swimming team is at districts today.
  - D. Red Ribbon week is taking place: red ribbons around campus, dress-up days.
  - E. Senior night for football, band, and cheerleading is Thursday night.
  - F. Harvest Drive is coming up; look out for announcements.
- IV. Sesir Data
  - A. District disruptions on campus: drug possession, physical abuse, and tobacco use.
  - B. Sesir Data are reported to the state.
  - C. Alcohol is reported; however, reports of alcohol are uncommon at Western.

- D. Major disturbances have to hold up the school, such as a fire alarm being pulled or a bell schedule being changed due to a student disruption.
- V. ELA Results
  - A. English Language Arts Assessment (ELA) - compared 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 results.
  - B. Only PM1 FAST given so far in 2025-2026
  - C. Last year 7% increase in overall achievement, and learning gains and ELA increased by 1%.
  - D. Helene Kocis explains FAST grading with a 1-5 scale, important for students to take FAST testing seriously to accurately see where help is needed.
  - E. Upcoming FAST test before winter break.
- VI. Funding Requests passed by the SAC Budget Committee
  - A. N/A
- VII. School Improvement Plan Review - F.A.C.E. Plan
  - A. Erica Hansinger presented details regarding the FACE (Family and Community Engagement) plan: FACE connects families, schools, and community partners to improve student engagement. The goal of FACE is to build strong, lasting relationships that empower every wildcat.
  - B. Priorities: Two-way communication with families, expand community partnerships, increase family participation in events & SAC, celebrate diversity and inclusion.
  - C. Community Partnerships: Partnership with the mayor of Davie, opportunities for volunteers. Reaching out to corporations and small businesses for donations and volunteer opportunities is essential.
  - D. Weekly Newsletter has been successful and provides information to students and parents on key regulations, upcoming events, and upcoming sports games.
  - E. Western's Engagement: Parent Nights & Curriculum Events, Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders, Cultural Showcases & Performances, Business and Volunteer Partnerships.
  - F. Future Data Goals: 10% increase in parent event participation, 20% growth in community partnerships, 100% staff involvement in engagement activities (success in recent teacher Crock Pot challenge)
  - G. Suggestion for a video newsletter run by students for parents and students. A club dedicated to creating and publishing a Western High newsletter in a news channel style could be established.
  - H. David Hanely suggests screens/projections in the lunch room and halls, displaying the newsletter. Example in Plantation High School. These screens/projections could also be used to display warnings in case of an emergency.
  - I. Information kiosks for events and scheduling meetings, also suggested.
- VIII. New business before the SAC
  - A. Michael Levinson discussed that it is time for the formation of committees, specifically the budget committee (positions available).

- B. A district training meeting from 6 to 9, 10/29 on Teams tomorrow is encouraged for budget committee interest members.
  - C. Next meeting, there will be a SAC training presentation.
- IX. Adjournment — Next Mtg: 11/18/25
  - A. Bonnie Reisler approved, Art Waganheim seconded. The motion carried unanimously.