

School Advisory Council (SAC)/ School Advisory Forum (SAF) Joint
Meeting
Meeting Minutes VSY Elementary
September 2, 2026 8:30 AM

Attendance:

See Sign-in sheet

Call to Order:

A meeting of the ___ Virginia Shuman Young Elem. ___ School Advisory Council/ School Advisory Forum was held in the Media Center on September 2, 2026.

Chair Jane Lowe called the meeting to order at 8:35. Alison Avayu will record minutes for this meeting.

Vote in Members- The following parents were voted in by parents unanimously.

Georgia Evaul, Jessica Schussler, Noelia Guaita, Alison Avayu, Eric Jaiven, Ross Eckert, Sarah Hodges, Kateryne Rehmus, Kristi Lamantia, Michelle Hearne, Vanessa Kalman, Ana Baruca, Meagan Fitzpatrick, Ebonni Chrispin

The following staff members were voted in by staff unanimously

Maria Miranda, Y. Monix, Cynthia Felton, Jane Lowe, Kristinia Rowntree

Alison Avayu will continue as secretary. Motion made by K. Lamantia, seconded by M. Hearne Motion approved unanimously.

Jane Lowe will continue as SAC Chair. . Motion made by K. Lamantia, seconded by M. Hearne Motion approved unanimously.

Ebonni Chrispin was voted as SAF chair.. Motion made by K. Lamantia, seconded by M. Hearne Motion approved unanimously.

SAC/SAF Responsibilities- Reviewed the roles and responsibilities for the SAC and SAF committees

Reviewed SAC Bylaws and voted to approve. Motion made by Mr. Eckert, seconded by Ms. Evaul. Motion passed unanimously.

Reviewed SAF Bylaws and voted to approve. Motion made by Mr. Eckert, seconded by Ms. Evaul. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 2026 minutes was approved. Motion made by Alison Avayu, seconded by K. Lamantia.

Assistant Principal's Report and SESIR report- Nothing New to report

SAF- Ms. Chrispin

Legislative Update (2026-27 Session)

Funding: \$30B statewide K-12 budget (~\$9,338/student, not guaranteed uniform); \$1.56B for teacher/staff raises (district-dependent)

SB 182: Mandatory cursive instruction (grades 3–5); new mentoring incentives for teachers in D/F schools

History of Communism instruction: now formally enacted for K-12 (originated 2024)

HB 1279 (Education Omnibus): GPA weighting changes, digital certifications, epinephrine device authority, university enrollment residency rules

HB 851: Mandatory autism-specific training for all instructional staff this year

SB 1296: Changes to public employee union certification/strike fines

HB 757: Guardian program expansion (mostly postsecondary) and K-12 threat record transfers

2027 session will start March 2 (later than usual) due to election-year committee scheduling

Watch items: teacher compensation, school choice funding, AI/student data policy, security drone program (folded into AI/tech legislation)

School Accountability Funds Current Balance: \$0

New Business:

- None at this time

Principal's Report:

Ms. Felton reviewed data from the 2025-26 school year.

Talked about the change in Technology usage. Especially for younger students

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: K. Lamantia motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:44. Seconded by J. Schussler carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Alison Avayu, Name of Position on Board: Secretary

Approval Date: 10/7/2026