

Indian Ridge Middle School
School Advisory Council Meeting
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School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes
General Meeting – **Tuesday, October 7th, 4:45 pm**
Media Center/ Distance Learning Room/ Microsoft TEAMS

1. **Call to order:** A meeting of the Indian Ridge Middle SAC was held on **Tuesday, October 7th, 2025**. SAC member – Andrea Tower called the meeting to order at **4:44**, Sherrie Caldwell seconded the motion. Ms. Escobar recorded the minutes of the meeting.
2. **Introductions and Attendance:** **MEMBERS:** Wade Brosz, Sherrie Caldwell, Judith Clarke, Sarah Escobar, Andrea Tower, Judy Haikel-Calcaterra, Sarah Heller, Monica Maria, Alina Shaw, and Jessica Rodriguez-Trigueros. **GUESTS:** Natalie Francois, Cheryl Reep, and Kalebra Jacobs-Reed.
3. **Approval of May, August, and September Minutes:** Andrea Tower made a motion to approve the May 2024–2025, August 2025–2026, and September 2025–2026 SAC meeting minutes as written. Sherrie Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. No objections were raised.
4. **Vote of SAC Officers (I-Zone Representative):** The next item was the open SAC officer position for the I-Zone representative. The floor was opened for nominations; however, no members in attendance volunteered or expressed interest in serving as the I-Zone rep. The position will remain vacant at this time.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Attendance Report:** Sarah Escobar presented the current attendance data for Indian Ridge Middle School. According to the latest figures, 32.6% of students had zero to two absences, while 45.7% of students had three to six absences. However, 21.7% of students had already accrued seven or more absences, raising concern about chronic absenteeism. During this segment, a member of the committee asked what strategies were being implemented to improve attendance. Sarah responded by highlighting the school’s focus on implementing engaging instructional strategies that make students want to come to school. Additionally, she mentioned the use of weekly spirit days and school-wide events to boost morale and motivate students to attend consistently. These efforts align with the school’s broader initiative to address attendance as both an academic and cultural priority.
 - **Principal Report:**
 - Assistant Principal Kalebra Jacobs-Reed provided the principal’s update in Mr. Murray’s absence. She reviewed behavior and discipline data for the school, highlighting that there was a total of 179 referrals across all grade levels. The breakdown included 106 referrals from 8th grade, 38 from 7th grade, and 35 from 6th grade. In addition, there were 17 SESIR-reportable incidents on record. The administrative team is continuing to monitor behavioral trends and implement proactive strategies to support a safe and positive learning environment. Staff are encouraged to continue using established procedures for documentation and follow-up, and the importance of consistent expectations and student-teacher relationships was emphasized.
 - **Accountability Funds [Current Balance: \$5,247.94 (SAF) and \$19,259.49 (School Recognition Funds)]:** The next topic discussed was the status of the School Accountability and School Recognition funds. The current balance for the School Accountability Fund is \$5,247.94. It was noted that the state is no longer distributing these funds; once depleted, they will not be replenished. The School Recognition Fund currently has a balance of \$19,259.49. However, it was explained that the rollover from last year’s funds has not yet

been received, and the previously approved \$13,000 expenditure from the account has not been processed. This delay accounts for the unchanged balance since the last meeting.

➤ **School Improvement Plan:**

➤ Ms. Escobar provided an informational update on the 2025–2026 School Improvement Plan. She reiterated that the school’s primary area of focus is increasing proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) across all grade levels (6–8). While a full review of the FAST PM1 results was conducted during the September SAC meeting, this month’s update served as a brief progress check-in. She reminded the council that the targeted subgroup remains the lowest 25% in ELA, and that the school is continuing efforts to strengthen Tier 1 instruction, support small-group interventions, and monitor progress through ongoing data analysis.

➤ **IRMS Happenings:** Various school events and updates were shared during this portion of the meeting. These included upcoming student performances, club meetings, academic support opportunities, and reminders related to the school calendar. Families were encouraged to check the school website and social media for up-to-date announcements. Highlights included a student showcase event, tutoring availability, early release logistics, and opportunities for student involvement across grade levels. Attendees were also reminded of the school resources available to students and upcoming spirit-related activities.

➤ **New Business:** There was no new business brought forth at this time.

6. **Announcements:** The next SAC meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 4:45 PM (originally scheduled for November 4, 2025)** in the Media Center/Distance Learning Room. Attendees are encouraged to arrive by 4:30 PM for the School Advisory Forum (SAF) meeting, which will take place from 4:30–4:45 PM, followed immediately by the SAC meeting from 4:45–5:30 PM.

7. **Adjourn:** **Andrea Tower** made a motion, and it was seconded by **Sherrie Caldwell** to adjourn the meeting. SAC agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **5:13 pm**.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Sarah Escobar

Name of Position on Board: SAC Co-Chair/ Secretary

Approval Date: **Thursday, November 6th, 2025**