

Indian Ridge Middle School

School Advisory Council Meeting

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School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 4:45 p.m.

Media Center/Distance Learning Room/Microsoft Teams

1. **Call to Order:** The Indian Ridge Middle School Advisory Council (SAC) met on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**. Sherrie Caldwell moved to call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Andrea Tower seconded the motion. Judith Clarke served as recording secretary.
2. **Introductions and Attendance:** **MEMBERS:** Wade Brosz, Sherrie Caldwell, Alison Chastain, Judith Clarke, Sandra Elidor, Sarah Escobar, Natalie Francois, Judy Hakiel-Calcaterra, Sarah Heller, Monica Maria, Ian Murray, Jessica Rodriguez-Trigueros, Alina Shaw, and Andrea Tower. **GUESTS:** Merly Block, Santos Canales, Kalebra Jacobs-Reed, Frank Maizner, Abby Potvin, Cheryl Reep, and Heather Velazquez.
3. **Approval of May Minutes:** Sarah Heller moved to approve the May minutes as presented, and Andrea Tower seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

4. Reports

➤ Principal's Report

Mr. Murray welcomed attendees to the 2026–2027 school year and reported that students and teachers had settled into their routines. He noted that Week 5 would include FAST PM1 testing and interim reports. He encouraged parents to stay involved by asking students what they learned each day and to limit TikTok and other social media use because of related student concerns. He concluded by thanking everyone for attending.

Announcements

- Monday:
 - NJHS (Club Sponsor Ms. Oliveros)
 - Anime (Club Sponsor Ms. Munoz)
- Tuesday:
 - CHOC (Club Sponsor Mrs. Weintraub)
- Thursday:
 - Golf Tryouts at Cooper Colony Golf Course

Families interested in school sports should complete the required forms at [RegisterMyAthlete.com](https://www.registermyathlete.com).

- First Priority (Club Sponsor Mr. Desir)
- 8th Grade Open House (This Thursday)
- Cheerleading Tryouts (Next Week: September 8, 9, and 10)
- No School on Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)
- FAST testing, the ROAR Store, and PTO candy sales will take place next week.

Mrs. Jacobs-Reed, sixth-grade assistant principal, thanked the council for funding the Sixth-Grade Round Up held in July. The event gave incoming sixth-grade students an opportunity to become familiar with the campus before school began. Approximately 365 students attended.

5. School Accountability Fund

- \$5,177.87

The council approved School Accountability Fund money for the Sixth-Grade Round Up. After the deduction is posted, the remaining balance will be \$2,177.87.

6. School Recognition Fund

- \$12,524.02

- **Funding Request:** Allocate \$10,000 from the School Recognition Fund to continue Saturday School and Wednesday Detention.

Sarah Escobar moved to open the request for discussion, and Sherrie Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Question: Does Saturday School provide enrichment, serve as a disciplinary consequence, or both?

Answer: It serves both purposes. Beginning in January, students who are failing will be invited to attend Saturday course recovery. Saturday School also provides an alternative to sending students home when disciplinary concerns arise.

Question: Is the school permitted to replace a failing student's elective course with course recovery?

Answer: No. However, the school and parents may agree that replacing an elective with course recovery is the best option for a student.

Question: How will Saturday School be funded next year?

Answer: The account had been unused for several years and was funded when the school earned an A grade. Because the school currently holds an A rating, the A+ funds ballot may include a proposal to reserve money for Saturday School. The amount available will depend on the funding received.

Vote: A roll-call vote was conducted, and the funding request passed unanimously.

7. School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- **Deadline and Planning:** The SIP is due September 8. Ms. Escobar, Ms. Clarke, and Mrs. Jacobs-Reed will review the data and establish the school's goals.

Focus: This year's priority is the lowest performing 30% of students. Historically, the school's goals have focused on reading and students with disabilities.

Next Steps: The finalized goals and PM1 scores will be presented at the October SAC meeting.

- 8. IRMS Happenings:** This information was already included in the Principal's Report and will be emailed to members.

- 9. New Business:** Mr. Murray explained that, beginning this year, middle schools must earn 65% of the available points across nine assessed categories to receive an A grade. Under this standard, Indian Ridge Middle School would have missed an A by seven points last year. Because those additional points are tied to the lowest performing 30% of students, the school will prioritize support for this group.

Question: Will the school continue using i-Ready?

Answer: No. The school will use Khan Academy through a three-year agreement.

- 10. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 4:45 p.m. in the Media Center/Distance Learning Room and via Microsoft Teams.

- 11. Adjournment:** Andrea Tower motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Sarah Escobar seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection, and the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Submitted by

Name of Recorder: Judith Clarke & Sarah Escobar

Position on Board: SAC Co-Chair, Secretary

Approval Date: _____