

Indian Ridge Middle School
School Advisory Council Meeting
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School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes
General Meeting – **Tuesday, August 26th, 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, August 26th, 2025**. SAC member – Andrea Tower called the meeting to order at **4:47**, Natalie Vincent seconded the motion. Ms. Escobar recorded the minutes of the meeting.
2. **Introductions and Attendance:** **MEMBERS:** Wade Brosz, Judy Calcaterra, Sherrie Caldwell, Alison Chastain, Ana Escobar, Sarah Escobar, Andrea Tower, and Natalie Vincent. **GUESTS:** Karen Cardona, Judith Clarke, Sandra Elidor, Natalie Francois, Cristina Hines, Kalebra Jacobs-Reed, Monica Maria, and Jessica Rodriguez-Trigueros.
3. **Approval of May Minutes:** The May 2025 SAC meeting minutes were presented for approval. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved by those present. However, because quorum was not met at this meeting, the minutes will need to be voted on again at the September SAC meeting (9/17/25).
4. **Vote on SAC Bylaws:** The proposed SAC Bylaws for the 2025–2026 school year were presented for approval. A vote was taken, and the bylaws were approved by those present. However, because quorum was not met at this meeting, the bylaws will need to be voted on again at the September SAC meeting (9/17/25).
5. **Reports:**
 - **Principal Report:**

In Mr. Ian Murray’s absence, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kalebra Jacobs-Reed provided the administrative update. She welcomed everyone to the start of the new school year and acknowledged the transition period as students and staff settled into routines. She noted that systems were still being finalized and appreciated everyone’s patience and flexibility. Mrs. Jacobs-Reed also shared that planning was already underway for important initiatives and upcoming events that support student achievement and school operations.
 - **Accountability Funds [Current Balance: \$6,883.16 (SAF) and \$19,259.49 (School Recognition Funds)]:**

The next topic discussed was the School Accountability Funds and School Recognition Funds. The current balance of the School Accountability Funds is \$6,883.16. It was noted that these funds are no longer distributed by the state, and once they are used, they will not be replenished. The School Recognition Funds have a balance of \$19,259.49.
 - A request was made to allocate \$3,000 from the School Accountability Funds to support the 6th Grade Round-Up event. The request was approved by a voice vote with no opposition.
 - A second request was made to allocate \$13,000 from the School Recognition Funds for the continuation of Saturday School and Wednesday Detention. Several SAC members engaged in discussion about this request. Questions and concerns were raised regarding the effectiveness of these behavioral interventions. Some members asked if Saturday School and Detention were reducing student infractions. Supporting data was shared indicating improvements in student behavior and a decrease in minor infractions, which could otherwise result in suspensions. Additionally, it was noted that these programs allow students to recover from missing assignments and improve grades. While the discussion was productive, the request was not approved at this meeting.

- **Important Note:** Although these requests were voted on during the meeting, it was later determined that a quorum was not present. As a result, both votes were considered invalid, and the items were placed on the agenda for the September meeting for formal action.

- **School Improvement Plan:**
 - During the meeting, the School Improvement Plan (SIP) was reviewed. The focus was on updating the plan for the 2025–2026 school year, using reflections and data from the previous year as a foundation. It was noted that the leadership team had worked collaboratively to input all required elements into the online system.
 - The SAC Chair mentioned that the SIP was submitted to the district and would remain in “pending” status until the school receives feedback. Once feedback is received, appropriate edits will be made. SAC will be responsible for approving the final SIP once it is updated and returned from the district.
 - The SIP goals remain centered on increasing student achievement in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The Math goal focuses on improving performance among the school’s **Lowest 25%** subgroup, while the ELA goal aims to raise overall proficiency.

- **IRMS Happenings:** The following upcoming events and school-wide announcements were shared with the group:
 - NJHS Supply Closet is open every Wednesday morning in the cafeteria for students who need school supplies.
 - Fall Sports:
 - Basketball tryouts have begun.
 - Soccer and Golf games are underway.
 - Cross-Country events are also in progress.
 - 6th Grade Dance will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 4:00–6:00 PM.
 - Peace Week will take place from September 22-29, 2025.
 - FAST PM1 Testing for ELA and Math will take place from September 8–11, 2025.
 - No School on Monday, September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day.

These events were shared to keep stakeholders informed and involved in school community happenings.

6. **New Business:** There was no new business brought forth at this time.
7. **Announcements:** The next SAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 17, 2025, in the Media Center/Distance Learning Room. The meeting will follow a joint PTO/SAC/SAF structure.
PTO Meeting begins at 4:30 PM.
SAC/SAF Meeting will begin immediately afterward at 4:45 PM.
8. **Adjourn:** **Natalie Vincent** made a motion, and it was seconded by **Andrea Tower** to adjourn the meeting. SAC agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **5:42 pm**.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Sarah Escobar

Name of Position on Board: SAC Co-Chair

Approval Date: **Tuesday, October 7th, 2025**