

Indian Ridge Middle School  
School Advisory Council Meeting  
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School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes  
General Meeting – **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm**  
Media Center/ Distance Learning Room/ Microsoft TEAMS

1. **Call to order:** A meeting of the Indian Ridge Middle SAC was held on **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. SAC member – Andrea Tower called the meeting to order at **4:51**, Sarah Escobar seconded the motion. Ms. Escobar recorded the minutes of the meeting.
2. **Introductions and Attendance:** **MEMBERS:** Wade Brosz, Sherrie Caldwell, Allison Chastain, Judith Clarke, Sandra Elidor, Sarah Escobar, Judy Hakiel-Calcaterra, Sarah Heller, Diana Lake, Job Maria, Monica Maria, Alicia McNabb, Ian Murray, Jessica Rodriguez-Trigueros, Alina Shaw, and Andrea Tower. **GUESTS:** Patricia Acebal, Karen Cardona, Cristina Hines, Kalebra Jacobs-Reed, Artavia Musgrove, Cheryl Reep, and ~~Biana~~ Santini.  
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3. **Approval of SAC Bylaws:** Andrea Tower made a motion to approve the SAC Bylaws for the 2025–2026 school year. Jessica Rodriguez-Trigueros seconded the motion. The bylaws were approved unanimously.
4. **Reports:**
  - **Attendance Report:** Sarah Escobar presented the attendance data. From August 11, 2025, through September 10, 2025, 94% of students attended school. While anything in the 90s is considered good for Broward, our goal remains to strive for 100% attendance.
  - **Principal Report:**
    - Mr. Ian Murray and Mrs. Jacobs-Reed provided important updates regarding recent schoolwide events. They shared that students participated in FAST Progress Monitoring 1 (PM1) from September 8–11, 2025. They also informed the council that beginning September 24, 2025, school lunch will no longer be free for all students, as it has been since 2020. However, breakfast will continue to be free for all students. Families are encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Application, which is available online, if they would like to apply for meal benefits.
  - **Accountability Funds [Current Balance: \$6,883.16 (SAF) and \$19,259.49 (School Recognition Funds)]:** The next topic discussed was the school accountability funds. The current balance is \$6,883.16, and it was noted that the state is no longer distributing these funds. Once they are spent, they will not be replenished. The school recognition fund has a balance of \$19,259.49.
  - A request was made to allocate \$3,000 from the School Accountability Funds for the 6th Grade Round-Up event.  
**Motion:** Andrea Tower  
**Second:** Diana Lake  
**Outcome:** The request was unanimously approved by voice vote, with no objections raised.
  - A second request was made to allocate \$13,000 from the School Recognition Funds to continue supporting Saturday School and Wednesday Detention.
  - The group engaged in discussion and raised concerns about the effectiveness of these behavior interventions. Some members questioned whether Saturday School and detentions were successful in reducing behavioral issues. Supporting data was shared that showed a decrease in infractions since the implementation of these programs. Without these interventions, the school might see a rise in suspensions for minor infractions (e.g., uniform violations). Additionally, these programs offer students opportunities to complete missing assignments and improve academic performance.

It was also mentioned that a portion of potential future A+ Recognition Funds could be set aside to continue supporting these initiatives next year. However, a concern was raised about the shrinking size of A+ distributions in recent years and the fact that most funds have gone to staff bonuses. While SAC is responsible for creating the A+ ballots, the staff must vote to approve. If the staff does not approve what is presented, the proposal can be revised and re-voted, meaning the process may go back and forth.

**Voting Method:** Roll Call Vote

**Outcome:** The request was unanimously approved.

➤ **School Improvement Plan:**

- The 2025–26 School Improvement Plan (SIP) was reviewed with a focus on academic proficiency and growth. The committee compared current FAST PM1 data to the previous school year. In Math, proficiency increased from 28% in 2024–25 to 32% in 2025–26. ELA proficiency rose from 45% in 2024–25 to 51% in 2025–26.
- It was noted that all required sections of the SIP have been submitted, and district feedback has been reviewed and addressed. The academic goal for this school year is to increase ELA proficiency in grades 6–8 from 69% to 72%.

- **IRMS Happenings:** Important upcoming dates and activities at Indian Ridge Middle School were shared with attendees. The NJHS Supply Closet will continue to operate every Wednesday morning in the cafeteria, providing access to materials needed for students.
- Athletics are well underway. Basketball tryouts have begun, and soccer, golf, and cross-country teams are currently competing.
- Upcoming schoolwide events and closures include:
  - Peace Week will be observed from September 22–29, 2025
  - 6th Grade Dance will take place on September 25, 2025, from 4:00–6:00 PM
  - No school on September 23, 2025 (Rosh Hashanah)
  - No school on Thursday, October 2, 2025

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

5. **New Business:** There was no new business brought forth at this time.
6. **Announcements:** The next SAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 4:45 PM** 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:** **Sarah Escobar** made a motion, and it was seconded by **Andrea Tower** to adjourn the meeting. SAC agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at **5:51 pm**.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Sarah Escobar

Name of Position on Board: SAC Co-Chair

Approval Date: Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025