

Silver Shores STEAM Academy K-8
SAC Meeting General Meeting Agenda
1701 SW 160 Ave., Miramar, FL 33027
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 -- 6pm

I. Call to Order

The final meeting of the 25-26 School Advisory Council was called to order at 6:49 PM on May 28, 2026, by Council Chair Krystal Romano.

II. Roll Call & Attendance

The following members were present:

- Krystal Romano, Chair
- Kenwel Jahangir
- Kiran Khan
- Jonathan Leff, Principal
- Elaine Heyman
- Lissette Calero
- Alfredo Rios
- Josephine Kolajo-Garcon

III. Approval of Minutes

Alfredo Rios moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded by Elaine Heyman and carried unanimously.

IV. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

The Council reviewed a safety report regarding a fourth-grade student who brought pepper spray onto campus. The administration noted that the student took the item from her parents for personal safety during her daily walk to school and exhibited no intent to threaten others. The student did, however, show the item to peers.

V. Financial Reports

The Council reviewed the current financial balances:

- Accountability Funds: \$4,832.69
- School Recognition Funds: \$2,758.00
- Projected Accountability Funds: \$4,382.00

The Chair noted that if the school earns an "A" rating, the Council will be required to vote on the formal allocation of the School Recognition Funds.

VI. School Improvement Plan & Principal's Report

Principal Dr. Jonathan Leff presented the administrative report:

- Academic Progress: Preliminary assessment scores indicate strong student performance.
- School Expansion: The inaugural year operating as a K-8 center has proven successful, with continued growth projected.
- Personnel Updates: Announcements were made regarding upcoming staff retirements, including the Information Management Technician (IMT).
- Administrative Requests: Dr. Leff has formally requested that the district assign an Assistant Principal with specific middle school expertise to support the expanded grade levels.

VII. Special Orders: 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Dr. Leff presented the budget projection for the 2026–2027 academic year to inform both the School Advisory Council (SAC) and the School Advisory Forum (SAF).

He outlined historical budget processes, noting that while the school faces an annual district reduction, it currently maintains a financial surplus. A primary operational change includes phasing out the Pre-K program, though existing students will not be displaced.

The district projects an enrollment of 405 students. Current enrollment stands at 350 students, with 210 applications received and 80 families fully committed.

Based on these projections, the school has been allocated 45 total positions, structured as follows:

A. Instructional Staff (33 Positions)

- Elementary Classroom Teachers: Kindergarten (2), First Grade (3), Second Grade (2), Third Grade (2), Fourth Grade (2), and Fifth Grade (3).
- Middle School Core Teachers: Reading (1), Language Arts (1), Mathematics (2), Science (2), Social Studies (2), and Foreign Language (1).
- Specialists & Electives: Art, Physical Education, Music, Media Specialist, and Science/STEAM.
- Middle School Elective Pathways: Digital Design, Physical Education, Band, Financial Literacy, Aviation, Spanish, and Environmental Studies.

B. Exceptional Student Education (ESE) & Special Programs

Program offerings remain unchanged from the previous year, with the exception of the Pre-K sunset. Staffing includes:

- Elementary: Intellectual Disabilities (IND) Clusters.
- Middle School: Varying Exceptionalities (SVE) Clusters.
- Support Specialists: One ELA/Reading Coach, one ESE Specialist, 2.5 ESE Support Facilitators, a 0.5 Reading Interventionist, and one Guidance Director.

C. Non-Instructional & Administrative Staff

- Paraprofessionals: Nine general paraprofessionals and two IDEA paraprofessionals.
- Program Coordinator: One Magnet Coordinator.
- Administration & Clerical: One Principal, one Assistant Principal, one Office Manager, and one Information Management Technician (IMT).

VIII. Unfinished & New Business

No unfinished or new business was brought before the Council.

IX. Announcements & Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Council will be scheduled for September of the 2026–2027 school year, with the exact date to be announced.

Elaine Heyman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kiran Khan and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Krystal Romano at 7:38 PM.