

Silver Shores STEAM Academy K-8
SAC Meeting General Meeting Agenda

1701 SW 160 Ave., Miramar, FL 33027

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – 6pm

- I. Call to Order:**
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Krystal Romano.
- II. Attendance:**
 - A. Members Present: Kenwel Jahangir (Teacher), Alfredo Rios-Blas (Teacher), Lisette Calero (Parent), Elaine Heyman (BTU Representative), Fadea Ferguson (Parent), Jessica Booze (Parent), Vaughn Reynolds (Gifted Parent), Dr. Jonathan Leff (Principal), Krystal Romano (SAC Chair) , Vanessa Diaz (SAF Chair)
 - B. Visitors Present: Heather Binns (Assistant Principal) , Apoorva Bhetia, Danush.
- III. School Advisory Council (SAC) Update & Elections**
 - A. Vote in New Parent Members: Apoorva Bhetia was nominated for parent membership. Elaine Heyman motioned to approve the membership, and Vanessa Diaz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Vote in New Teacher Members: Heather Binns was nominated for teacher membership. Elaine Heyman motioned to approve the membership, and Vaughn Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - C. Approval of Bylaws: The SAC Bylaws were presented for review. Vanessa Diaz motioned to approve the bylaws, and Alfredo Rios-Blas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - D. Election of Officers: Nominations were opened for committee leadership. Krystal Romano was nominated and approved to serve as SAC President.
- IV. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)**
 - A. There were no incidents to report for the current period.
 - B. Dr. Leff provided an overview of the SESIR framework and reporting guidelines to familiarize new visitors and members with the process.
- V. Accountability Funds**
 - A. Dr. Leff presented the current balances and explained the distinction between the accounts:
 - B. School Accountability Funds: \$4,832.69
 - C. School Recognition Funds: \$2,758.00
- VI. School Improvement Plan (SIP) Monitoring & Stakeholder Feedback**

- A. Parent member Jessica Booze raised a question regarding strategies to help students achieve proficiency given the expansive curriculum and school transitions. She noted that students can feel overwhelmed and asked how parents can better prepare them for the upcoming Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) tests.

VII. Principal's Report

- A. Dr. Leff conducted a data dive explaining the Florida Department of Education's scale scores across Achievement Levels 1 through 5. He shared an informational video detailing the new state grading matrix, noting that schools now require a 70% overall threshold to earn an "A" grade. He emphasized that meeting this benchmark requires a targeted focus on closing learning gaps for the lowest-performing students.
- B. Target Outcomes (By May 2027):
 - 1. *3rd Grade ELA Proficiency*: Increase from 73% to 78%
 - 2. *Overall ELA Proficiency*: Increase from 70% to 75%
 - 3. *ELA Learning Gains*: Increase from 66% to 71%
 - 4. *ELA Lowest 25% Learning Gains*: Increase from 62% to 70%
 - 5. *Overall Math Proficiency*: Increase from 68% to 73%
 - 6. *Math Learning Gains*: Increase from 56% to 62%
 - 7. *Math Lowest 25% Learning Gains*: Increase from 47% to 55%
 - 8. *5th Grade Science Proficiency*: Increase from 55% to 61%
 - 9. *7th Grade Civics Passing Rate*: Reach an 80% passing rate
- C. Dr. Leff outlined core classroom expectations for teachers and students to align with district academic standards for Classroom Walkthroughs:
 - 1. Utilization of district-adopted, standards-aligned instructional materials.
 - 2. Data-driven small group instruction tailored to specific student needs.
 - 3. Readily accessible data tracking folders to justify flexible small-group configurations.
 - 4. Continuous checks for understanding before, during, and after lessons, ensuring high student participation.
- D. Following a recent budget review meeting, Dr. Leff announced that funding has been secured to clear a new position and hire an additional 3rd-grade teacher.

VIII. Presentations

- A. There were no additional presentations at this meeting.

IX. New Business / Old Business

- A. There was no new business or old business to report.

X. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting Date: The next scheduled SAC meeting will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

XI. Adjournment

- A. Elaine Heyman motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Kenwel Jahangir seconded the motion. The meeting was officially adjourned.