

## SILVER SHORES STEAM ACADEMY K-8

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### SAF MEETING MINUTES September 24, 2025

#### School/district updates

- We are looking at data of how we are going to address all the data and testing plans for this year.
- Our ESE students are held accountable with their FAA scores that contribute to our school grade. The FAA is about 10 times harder than the FAST due to the length of time.
- Dr. Leff will be meeting with the district on our journey as a K-8.
- Parents are concerned about middle school potential behaviors, i.e. vaping, fighting, bullying, etc. and began dialogue with the principal on how these areas have been addressed and how the school will move forward in handling these types of incidents (this gave rise to the SESIR discussion below).
- Dr. Leff explained that there will be ongoing meetings with the District and Senior Management regarding the successes and obstacles met along the K-8 journey. The principal gave some examples of successes, like departments that were spot on with assistance in a very timely manner, the day-to-day operations of the school, and providing the school with K-8 funding to specific obstacles and concerns that shifted the original vision of the school's academic plan, added 40 minutes of instructional time to the elementary school instructional day, and not having furniture for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes until the pre-planning week.

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- There was a question about the functionality of the WIFI, which was addressed by district IT coming to school to assess and correct.
- Basketball issues on the court - the backboards are old and at an elementary height (this was supposed to be corrected by the district but was never addressed other than in conversation)
- The school marquee no longer works and was brought to the District's attention. IT was sent out to confirm it wasn't working and that there is no repair, only replacement. Still waiting for a follow-up for next steps..
- Parents asked what types of fundraising can they do with the school.

#### **SESIR Updates**

- Nothing to report - August/September 2025
- Dr. Leff explains what SESIR is and how it is addressed.

#### **School Budget Updates**

- Dr. Leff explained what each fund is and what they mean. We missed our A+ rating by 11 points. Dr. Leff used the summertime to calculate how we would move forward and what plan we need to come up with to improve.
- There are things that will change with 6th grade. We are no longer on the elementary accountability system. We are in the middle school accountability. Elementary has 7 buckets and added an 8th. In middle school, there are 10 buckets. Now we must be at 65% to be an A school. All goals are based on a 65% threshold.