

Silver Shores STEAM Academy K-8

SAC General Meeting Agenda

1701 SW 160 Ave., Miramar, FL 33027

October 29 2025 -- 6pm

- I. Call to order**
 - A. A meeting of the Silver Shores STEAM Academy School Advisory Council was held in Dr. Leff's Office on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Krystal Romano called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.
- II. Introductions**
 - A. Dawn Lopez, Media Specialist, joined our meeting to present the "Collection Development Plan".
 - B. We are in compliance with our Composition requirements.
- III. Attendance**
 - A. Member Attendance: Jonathan Leff (Principal), Krystal Romano (SAC Chair), Elaine Heyman (BTU Steward), Vaughn Reynolds (Gifted Parent), Alfredo Rios - Blas (Teacher) Lissette Calero (Parent), Fadea Ferguson (Parent), Kenwel Jahangir (Secretary), Vanessa Diaz (Parent)
 - B. Guest: Dawn Lopez (Media Specialist), Josephine Kolajo-Garcon (Parent)
 - C. A Quorum was established.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**
 - A. The 2025 September SAC Meeting Minutes have been reviewed. A motion was created by Ms. Romano to approve the meeting 2025 September Minutes, seconded by Elaine Heyman. All approved by the Quorum.
- V. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)**
 - A. Four Events - All lower level: Dr. Leff explained what SESIR was and spoke briefly about very low level threats and comments made.
 1. 1 - 1st Grade
 2. 1 - 3rd Grade
 3. 1 - 5th Grade
 4. 1 - Kindergarten
- VI. Accountability Funds (if applicable)**
 - A. School Accountability Funds: \$3,401.22
 - B. School Recognition Funds: \$2,438.00
- VII. School Improvement Plan Monitoring**
 - A. Dr. Leff spoke about the budget crisis of Broward County and what that means for redefining schools. There was mention of the K-8's that will be repurposed. As well as the boundaries.

1. For our school, we will remain a School Choice school.
- B. Monday is the opening for reassignment.
 1. December 9th is the School Showcase for Broward and we spoke about assets we will display at this Showcase.
 2. Dr. Leff also mentioned the new additions for 7th and 8th grades such as Virtual Reality, Flight simulators, and a financial literacy course.
 3. One of the parents asked about Sports for next year and the desired programs were spoken about.
- C. Thursday November 13th is the next redefining schools meeting. They will also look at the configurations for High Schools as well.
- D. Dr. Leff spoke about the Boys Mentoring group that they have started. Originally they started a few years ago but this year it was revamped. This year, a program was formalized, "5,000 Role Models" for our school. This year we inaugurated 9 boys from 5th to 6th grade. The vision is to include 4th-8th.
- E. Today Dr. Leff did a Data Dive about our school. He spoke about Three problems of practice and how we are monitoring their progress moving forward.
 1. Third through Fifth Math proficiency
 2. Fourth through Fifth low 25th gains.
 3. 5th grade science needs to surpass 53%

VIII. **Stakeholder Feedback**

- A. Stakeholders were happy with the school choice for the upcoming year. They were interested in the School Showcase and gave ideas about how they can contribute. Parents spoke about having a reputable group of students attend this Showcase to give their testimonies of their experience at our school. Stakeholders also mentioned that they are excited about the 5,000 Role Models and believe it will be a beneficial and crucial part of our schools.

IX. **Presentations (if applicable)**

- A. Collection Development Presentation - By Mrs. Lopez, Media Specialist
 1. Mrs. Lopez explained what the professional development and the highlights of it:
 - a) Mrs. Lopez shared the "Library Programs" which contains hours for the Media Center and the check out schedule.
 - b) Criteria for Selection of Materials was discussed. Ms. Lopez uses Follett Titlewave. Other topics for criteria is below:
 - (1) Books must support mission of our school
 - (2) Enrich and support curriculum
 - (3) Age appropriate and development of our students
 - (4) Represent different view points
 - c) Gifted or donated items must fit selection criteria.
 - d) Books must be weeded through annually and must fit the process. Mrs. Lopez shared how to file a request for a book that was not reported.
 - e) We currently have 7,735 books. Our average age of the collection is 2007. We need to drop our "aged titles" percentage.

- f) Our strengths and weaknesses of our library have been discussed with the desire to grow our “middle grade” book collection.

X. **New Business**

- A. There is no new business at this time.

XI. **Old Business**

- A. There is no old business at this time.

XII. **Announcements**

- A. PTO will be hosting a night at the Pub. More information will be announced through Parent Link.
- B. Gifted Update by Vaughn Reynolds who shared the following:
 - 1. Go to the in person meetings for gifted parents. Extremely informative.
 - 2. Please complete the gifted survey from email. If they are a gifted parent who did not get the email, please contact Vaughn Reynolds.

XIII. **Next Meeting Date**

- A. The next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:00pm.

XIV. **Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn by Elaine and seconded by Vanessa Diaz. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.