Challenger Elementary School

A Title 1 School

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Location of Meeting: Challenger Elementary School Media Center

September 25, 2026 8:00 A.M.

Minutes: Quorum Met

Attendance:

Tiffany Haynes

Meta Honorat

Tara Zdanowicz

Vonda Carter

Ross Allen

Alice Dague

Jammal Davenport

Chelsea Delancy

Sarah Divine

Joseph Gardiner

Amy Hinkle

Frederick Lovell

Karen Miller

Elizabeth Rodriguez

Kelly Barbera

Tia Holness

Jennifer Fowler

1. Call to Order……..……..Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)

A meeting of the Challenger Elementary School, School Advisory Council was held in Room 134 on September 25, 2026. Ms. Haynes called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM. Meta Honorat will record minutes for this meeting.

2. Review: What is SAC?..... Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)

Ms. Haynes provided the meeting dates for 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Haynes also reviewed the meaning and purpose of SAC and SAF. Mr. Davenport explained his role as SAF Chair.

3. Election of SAC/SAF Positions……Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)

Ms. Haynes introduced the members of the SAC committee that were voted in by their peer groups to represent the student demographics. Ms. Haynes motioned to begin the voting process, Jennifer Fowler second the motion.

SAC and SAF election was held for I-Zone Representative, SAF Chair, SAC Secretary, and SAC Chair. I-Zone Representative, Chelesa Delancy, unanimously voted in. SAF Chair, Jammal Davenprt, unanimously voted in. SAC Secretary, Meta Honorat, unanimously voted in. SAC Chair, Tiffany Haynes, unanimously voted in.

Jammal Davenport explains the need for a SAF Co-Chair and responsibilities. A 4th grade parent volunteered to step in that role. SAF Co-Chair, Myrline Sterling, unanimously voted in.

4. Approve May 2026 Minutes.....Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)

Meta Honorat motioned to approve May 29, 2026 minutes without correction, Jennifer Fowler second the motion.

5. Review SAC Bylaws……..……...Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)

Ms. Haynes reviewed the SAC Bylaws. She explained the changes to the SAC Bylaws: one chairperson and officers election at the September meeting. Ms. Haynes asked for questions and feedback. No further input was provided. SAC Bylaws unanimously passed.

6. SAC Accountability Funds..... $0 (September 2026)

SAC Accountability funds are currently at $0.00. Mrs. Fowler stated that the Accountability Funds is money accrued from Class Wallet that was not claimed by teachers from the previous school year. The funds are typically released in October.

7. Safety/School Wide Behavior Update/SESIR Report……Vonda Palmer-Carter (Assistant Principal)

Mrs. Carter discussed that there were no SESIR incidents. At this time of the year there are about the same amount of referrals as 2025-2026 school year. Stakeholders were pleased to hear this information. No further input was provided.

8. Principal Report……..…...……...……..…… Tara Zdanowicz (Principal)

Ms. Zdanowicz explained that Challenger's enrollment exceeded projection therefore, got an extra teacher and teacher assistants.

Challenger is getting a new intercom system. Each teacher will have microphones in the classroom including handheld mics, 27' screens in the hallways, and CENTEGIX badges connect to the screens.

Ms. Zdanowicz introduced Mrs. Carter as our new A.P. She also discussed PTA Harvest Fest and Book Fair coming up. Volunteers are needed. Peace Week activity today. BECON TV will be there.

Ms. Zdanowicz asked for input, feedback, and questions. No further input was provided.

Ms. Haynes showed the Next Generation Referendum Video. Ms. Zdanowicz discussed Referendum. A question was asked, "Are taxpayers paying for the referendum?" Ms. Zdanowicz explained that it will not cost tax payers anything extra, the vote is to determine how the money is spent.

9. Beautification Needs Assessment…… Tara Zdanowicz (Principal)

Ms. Zdanowicz discussed the school beautification process, and stakeholders were offered time for input. Mrs. Dague asked about green spaces and more space for students to play. She asked

for the update regarding using the Millennium property. need a fence before Challenger can access that space.

10. Elementary School Grades Parent……..……...Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)

Ms. Haynes showed the video, Understanding our School Grade, and asked stakeholders for feedback, questions and input. No further input was provided.

11. SIP/Title 1 Addendum….. Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)/Kelly Barbera (Title I Liaison)

Ms. Haynes reviewed the School Improvement Plan and discussed the goals for the current school year. Mrs. Barbera explained that there will be adjustments to the plan to accommodate the iReady usage changes. She asked for input from stakeholders. No further input provided.

12. Data and Testing Updates…….……. Tia Holness (Student Support)

All testing is completed.

13. Adjourn……..…….……..…… Tiffany Haynes (SAC Chair)

The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2026. Ms. Haynes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 am. Motion carried unanimously.