



Challenger Elementary  
Is a Title I School  
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes  
Location of Meeting: Challenger Elementary School Room 137  
Friday, September 26, 2025 8:00 AM

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**Attendance:**

Jennifer Fowler  
Joseph Gardiner  
Karen Miller  
Elizabeth Rodriguez  
Meta Honorat  
Dr. Frank Pizzo  
Tia Holness  
Claudine Dunbar-Creary  
Dr. Gastrid Harrigan  
Tara Zdanowicz  
Sarah Divine  
Ashley Foreman  
Tiffany Haynes  
Kelly Barbera  
Linda Guillen  
Raquel Lopez  
Jammal Davenport  
Chelsea Delancy  
Staci Silverman  
Raquel Lopez

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Challenger Elementary School, School Advisory Council was held in room 137 on September 26, 2025. Tiffany Haynes called the meeting to order at 8:14AM. Tia Holness will record minutes for this meeting. Meeting location moved from Media Center to Room 137 due to Book Fair set up.

**Minutes:**

Tiffany Haynes motions to approve the minutes of August 29, 2025, with next meeting date correction from September 19<sup>th</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>. Tara Zdanowicz seconded the motion.

**Old Business:**

- SAC Composition: is still not balanced to match school demographics. Potential nominees are not present at this meeting.

## **New Business:**

- The purpose of SAC: Tiffany Haynes (Chair)
- Reviewed SAC Bylaws
- Provided time for feedback from meeting attendees.
- No further input given at this time from parents, teachers, committee members or community for the SAC Bylaws. Tiffany Haynes motioned to approve Bylaws. The SAC committee unanimously approved the bylaws.
- Reviewed School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Title I Addendum
- Provided time for feedback from meeting attendees.
- Input can be given now in the meeting or at any time because the SIP and Title I Addendum are living documents that can be modified. Attendees were told that we are always here to receive input. No further input given at this time from parents, teachers, committee members or community for the SIP. No further input given at this time from parents, teachers, committee members or community for the Title I Addendum.
- Reviewed Areas of Focus (ELA goal for KG-2, and 3-5). Curriculum Changes/Interventions (UFLI Tier 1 K-2, UFLI Tier 3 for grades 3-5). Davenport asked about the progression. Dunbar explained that our gaps are students transitioning from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Gardiner added that there are big social emotional changes and struggles with independent functioning. These play a role in gaps as well. We find ways to engage them. Letting them choose books they are interested in is helpful.

## **Reports:**

1. Principal Report (Tara Zdanowicz):
  - We didn't lose staff
  - Enrollment is good, but we lost 3 students to charter schools last week.
  - Students started paying for their lunch. We are not allowed to be told who gets what (free/reduced etc...). We get a list of who didn't have money on their account and who needs to pay. We have to find a way to pay for this or call the parents to fill out the forms, or reach out to partners to help pay. They give the kids the meal but someone has to pay for it. We get \$500 for the year to support this.
  - We may get our basketball courts painted.
  - Millennium is removing some portables. We want to use that space for extra recess areas. We got the ok but we are waiting for the land to be leveled and get grass.
  - We have no money in the SAC budget yet. There are no rollover funds from Florida Teacher Classroom Supply Assistance Program.
  - We will let you know when we get "A plus" money.
2. Assistant Principal Report (Claudine Dunbar-Creary) (Safety/School Wide Behavior Update/SESIR Report):
  - No SESIR incidents this month. Compared to last year, behavior looks better.
  - PBIS status: We are a bronze school again. We missed silver due to referral data on a specific subgroup. We are working on improving in that area.
3. Title I Report (Meta Honorat)
  - Some schools lost Title I funding. They are looking into how those schools can still be exposed to the resources that Title I schools get.

- Title I doing more to get dads involved.
  - Event: Dad's Challenge 10/4/25, 10:00am @ William Dandy
  - Visit the Facebook page
4. Testing & Data (Tia Holness)
- All students KG-5<sup>th</sup> have been tested for PM 1 FAST testing. Today is the window closing. We will present the data next month. Next FAST window opens on 12/2/25.

**Open Agenda:**

Dr. Harrigan from Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy: culinary arts program is new, we are working on streamlining our schools as one community (with Challenger). Goal this year is to get the word out on the high school program. They graduate with an AA degree. We are growing our clubs. Parents want education and students want a good experience. We do a lot of prep to bridge the fifth graders at Challenger to smoothly transition them to middle school.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2025 at 8:00am in the Challenger Elementary School Media Center.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Claudine Dunbar-Creary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49am. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,  
Tia Holness

**Position:** N/A

**Approval Date:** October 24, 2025