



Challenger Elementary  
Is a Title I School  
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes  
Location of Meeting: Challenger Elementary School Media Center  
Friday, October 24, 2025 8:00 AM

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**Attendance:**

Tiffany Haynes  
Jennifer Cacciola  
Tara Zdanowicz  
Claudine Dunbar-Creary  
Sarah Divine  
Joe Gardiner  
Jessica Gonzalez  
Marlon Holness  
Raquel Lopez  
Reynali Nieves  
Marsha Stephenson  
Alice Dague  
PetaGaye Powell  
Kelly Barbera  
Tia Holness  
Karen Miller  
Staci Silverman

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Challenger Elementary School, School Advisory Council was held in the media center on October 24, 2025. Tiffany Haynes called the meeting to order at 8:14AM. Jennifer Cacciola will record minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:**

Tiffany Haynes motions to approve the minutes of September 26, 2025, Joe Gardiner seconded the motion.

**Old Business:**

- SAC Composition: is balanced to match school demographics. Reynali Nieves nominated for ESE parent, Jessica Gonzalez nominated for Pre-K parent, PetaGaye Powell nominated as parent representative, Marsha Stephenson nominated as SAF Chair- all nominated in.
- September minutes copies provided

### **New Business:**

- The purpose of SAC: Tiffany Haynes (Chair)
- Introduction of committee members
- 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.
- Our accountability funds, as of right now, the funds have not been released. It's projected to be released by the end of the month.

### **Reports:**

1. Principal Report (Tara Zdanowicz):
  - Trunk or Treat was successful and looking to continue to keep it inside for next year.
  - Students are taking tests that help focus on what their specific needs are and providing them with tools.
  - 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.
2. Assistant Principal Report (Claudine Dunbar-Creary) (Safety/School Wide Behavior Update/SESIR Report):
  - 1 SESIR incident this month, due to student accidentally bringing his brother's bookbag to school that had a vape pen inside and showing it to students.
3. Title I Report (Kelly Barbera)
  - Title 1 Parent Engagement Plan on the school website. Events posted, trying to keep it at 3 weeks ahead on the calendar.
  - Looking to add ELL event nights and support for those families at events.
  - Math/Tech/Science Night November 20th
4. Testing & Data (Tia Holness)
  - PM1 FAST completed- Red(several grade levels below), Yellow (below grade level) green (on level), blue (above grade level), purple (several grade levels above). Early Learning Literacy K-1 63% in the red, 17% in the yellow, 10% in the green, 8% in the blue, 1% in the purple. Second grade, 49% in the red, 30% in the yellow, 13% in the green and 7% in the blue. For math- Kindergarten through 2nd grade, 62% in the red, 23% in the yellow, 12% on level, 2% in the blue, 1% in the purple. Grades 3-5 for reading- 40% in the red, 28% in the yellow, 17% on level in the green for proficiency, 11% in the blue, 4% in the purple. For math- 53% in the red, 34% in the yellow, 9% in the green, 3% in the blue, 1% in the purple.
  - PM1 had a lot of curriculum students had not yet seen or been taught. PM2 will give us a better idea of where students are and next steps to help those students.
  - Next FAST window opens on 12/2/25.

### **Open Agenda:**

### **Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2025 at 8:00am in the Challenger Elementary School Media Center.

SAF Meeting to follow

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Jennifer Cacciola motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42am. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Jennifer Cacciola

**Position:** Secretary

**Approval Date:**