



APOLLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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School Advisory Council (SAC) 2024-2025

August 28, 2024 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Media Center

Dr. Louis Kushner, Principal

Mr. Damon Martin, SAC Liaison

Mrs. Danairy Perez and Mrs. Fenoune Sainvil, SAC Co-Chairs

Minutes

1. Welcome

Mrs. Perez

a. Introductions

The purpose of SAC is to facilitate, monitor, and evaluate the SIP.

2. SAC bylaws

Mrs. Perez discussed the bylaws.

3. General Information SAC/SAF (School Advisory Forum)

- Membership requirements
- Mrs. Perez explained the SAC membership requirements and asked volunteers to fill the needed positions. The positions were:
 - ✓ ESE representative- Marcela Farias
 - ✓ ESOL representative-Laura Cossio
 - ✓ I-Zone representative-Anne Priebis
- Robert's Rule of Order
- The meetings will be conducted according to Robert's rule of law. The highlights of this way of conducting meetings are:
 - One subject at a time: Only one topic can be discussed at a time.
 - One speaker at a time: Only one person can speak at a time.
 - Full debate: Each item on the agenda is entitled to a full and free debate.
 - Majority rule: The will of the majority prevails, but the rights of the minority must be protected.
 - Second required: A motion usually needs a second before it can be put to a vote.
 - Chair's impartiality: The chair should remain impartial.
 - Silence is consent: If someone doesn't vote, they allow the decision to be made by those who do.
 - Two-thirds vote: A two-thirds vote is required for any motion that takes away a member's rights.



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4. Accountability funds

- Because we went from a 'C' to a 'B', we are going to get state accountability funds. We do not know the exact amount yet. SAC must give its opinion and develop a ballot to divide the money among the entire staff. Staff will vote.

5. Approval of SAC Meeting Minutes

- May 29, 2024-The minutes from our last SAC meeting were read. Mrs. Cardet moved for its approval.

6. Principal Updates

Dr. Kushner

- School Beautification

We need to add more wraps to the walls for beautification purposes. We already have some funds approved by SAC but next meeting we will be asking for the needed funds.

School construction is finally done. We have maintenance being done though

- SESIR data- From August 21-April 30, 2024

62 incidents, which is a decrease from the school year before

- Open House

Tomorrow will be open house and parents are invited to return.

- Enrollment

As of today (August 28, 2024), we have 1171 students enrolled. This means there will be additional funding and one additional teaching position. Schedules are being adjusted, and class sizes are reconfigured.

- School Grade

Apollo improved from a grade of 'C' to 'B'

- Dr. Kushner made the meeting aware of parents in the southern region SAF meeting, mentioning the rollout of metal detectors in high schools.

There was also a conversation about parents having concerns regarding cell phone use.

Dr. Kushner said that we have not had any issues with cell phone usage at Apollo.

7. Title one updates

Ms. Morris

- Ms. Morris mentioned the first-day forms and urged parents to return them, especially the parent compact forms. At least 75% of the school population must return the parent compact.

8. Upcoming dates

Mrs. Sainvil

- Ms. Sainvil listed the dates for the upcoming SAC meetings but pointed out that they will be adjusted for holidays such as winter break

- ✓ September 25, 2024
- ✓ October 23, 2024
- ✓ November 20, 2024
- ✓ December 19, 2024
- ✓ January 22, 2025
- ✓ February 26, 2025



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- ✓ March 19, 2025
- ✓ April 23, 2025
- ✓ May 28, 2025

9. Open Discussion

Mrs. Sainvil

- Dr. Kushner is inviting parents to come and volunteer. Clearance will be needed. We have ESOL parent engagement night tonight (August 28, 2024), and on September 25, 2024, we will have Hispanic heritage night.
- Mr. Pigan is in his seventh year as Debate Coach. He asked for volunteers to act as judges during debate tournaments.
- Parents had a query about cell phone use. Dr. Kushner clarified that it is allowable if teachers permit for academic purposes.

10. Meeting adjourned

Ms. Perez moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 5:55 pm