



Wednesday, October 29, 2025 | 4:30 – 6:30 PM | Central Office – Room 206/208
Meeting minutes below, approved 11/19/2025

ITEM		TIME
Dinner & Arrival	Set and ready for students upon arrival. Students will arrive via pre-arranged transportation plans and begin their meal.	4:15 PM
Welcome	Welcome New & Returning Members	4:35 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call of Schools & Returning Representatives, Jenni Hofschulte, interim SSAC advisor • Meeting protocol • Update on hiring of the SSAC advisor, Christy Stone, Director of the Department of Strategic Planning and Customer Service 	
Report & Sharing	<p>Updates & asks from Superintendent Cassellius – presentation of ideas and/or discussion items Dr. Cassellius wishes to have input or feedback on from the SSAC membership.</p> <p>Closing the loop – Mr. Shapiro will share his findings on the following concern raised by SSAC members during the September 24, 2025, meeting: the ‘why’ behind some of the technology changes/updates and challenges students are facing.</p>	4:40 PM
Discussion Focus	Orientation to the SSAC – Roles, the work and looking forward. Getting to know one another, team building	5:00 PM
Election	Election for the SSAC Leadership - presentations and voting.	6:00 PM
Next Steps	What are our follow-ups and needs between now and our next meeting?	6:15 PM
Gratitude & Closing		6:25 PM
	<p>Board Buses 6:30 PM</p> <p>Next meeting 11/19/2025 4:30-6:30pm</p> <p>Focus: leadership tools for representing your constituency / fellow students.</p>	

Recruitment and Representation

Not yet represented -	Confirmed -	
Project Stay	Audubon	Milw. Virtual School
Transition	Bay View HS	Pulaski High School
North Division	Bradley Tech.	Reagan HS
Groppi	Golda Meir HS	Riverside University HS
Vincent	MacDowell Montessori	Rufus King IB HS
Alliance	Madison/JMAC	South Division HS
Hamilton	Marshall High School	Washington HS
Obama	Milw. HS of the Arts	WCLL
	Milw. School of Languages	

SSAC Meetings	
As posted: mpsmke.com/ssac	January 28, 2026 <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i>
September 24, 2025 <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i> <i>Returning members.</i>	February 25, 2026 <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i>
October 29, 2025 <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i> <i>Welcoming new members</i>	March 25, 2026 <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i>
November 19, 2025 <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i>	April 22, 2026 <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i>
December 18, 2025 <i>Board Report</i>	May 6, 2026 - Special Mtg & Celebration <i>Central Office - Room 206/208</i>
	May 7, 2026 <i>Board Report</i>

Meeting Notes 10/29/2025

MPS High Schools Represented: Audubon, Bay View, Tech, Golda, Madison, MacDowell, Marshall, Milw. High School of the Arts, Milw. School of Languages, Milw. Virtual School, Pulaski, Riverside, King, Reagan, South Division, Washington, and Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning. (41 students)

MPS Staff & Guests: Michael Harris, Chief of Staff, Brian Litzsey Chief of Family Engagement and Community Partnerships, Aaron Shapiro, Secondary Academic Superintendent, Christy Stone, Director of Strategic Partnerships & Customer Service, Nhya Everette SPCS Administrative Assistant, and Jenni Hofschulte, Family & Community Engagement/SSAC Advisor

Slide Deck

Welcome – Introductions and overview of communications leading up to the first few meetings. To prepare for this meeting we conducted outreach to returning members, activated of the SSAC Google Classroom, and SSAC interim advisor, Jenni Hofschulte, and President Mei to set the agenda for this meeting.

Reports & Closing the Loop –

Community Meetings: Mr. Harris gave the updates due to Dr. Cassellius being unable to attend this meeting. The Academic Superintendents will host community meetings starting November 19th. They will be visiting schools to engage with staff, families and community members who live or work within each of the representative school board areas. Meetings will be held regularly and in rotating locations throughout May. Meeting topics will include timely matters concerning the district and may include long-range facility needs, closure/merger proposals, literacy plan, the budget and more. There was discussion around the topic of closure/merger and some factors which may influence decisions - low enrollment, aging buildings and other factors which may make a school site not conducive to the staff and students. He stressed that even though these will be tough conversations to have, at the end of the day, we are still student centered and student success focused.

Food Drive: Due to the uncertainty with future implementation of the government funded food assistance program, SNAP/Food Stamps MPS has decided to partner with the city of Milwaukee to host a community wide food drive. He emphasized that students could help raise awareness and reach out to school leaders to promote the food drive in a variety of ways like the morning announcements, create some incentives etc.

School Year Calendar - There are three options for both the next school two school years for the students and families to provide feedback on. The administration is hoping publishing two years of calendars will give families and the district time to plan with more certainty.

Closing the Loop: Each month the group shares their concerns with Mr. Shapiro, and he provided his findings at the following meeting. At the last meeting, the group brought a concern about content being blocked on YouTube and some restrictions on sites used for dual-enrollment courses. He talked to Technology Director, Chad Meyer, regarding this concern and learned that

there had been some abuse of use as well as some search flaws in YouTube's filters which had allowed inappropriate content to be accessible to students. They are hearing student concerns around access and are looking into ways to ensure appropriate and necessary access.

Team Building –

The group exercise consisted of the group standing in a circle, introducing themselves including their name, grade, and school and included present staff as well.

Election –

Uncontested positions: **Secretary (1)** Ingrid Melzer (MHSA) **At Large Representatives (3)** Mae Soe (MHSA), Chinaza Onyebuashi (MSL) each presented their desire and qualifications to serve and were appointed by voice vote of the body.

Contested position: **Vice President** Lucina Matos (King) & Mateo De La Cruz (Reagan) presented their desires and qualifications to serve as VP of the SSAC. A ballot vote was taken, and Lucina won the most votes and Mateo accepted an At-Large role.

After discussion it was decided that the body would like to expand the number of at-large roles from three to up to six. It was agreed that the position would be reopened to fill those positions.

Activity -

SSAC members participated in a self and school community reflection activity which will help guide our work going forward. Prompts: If you could travel any place – where would you go? When you are not at school you are...? Thinking of your school community - What are the strengths? What is working? What are the opportunities? What needs to be worked on? Bonus brainstorm – start thinking about ways to engage students at your school? How can we collect their ideas, insights, and feedback??

Next Steps –

Jenni will post in the SA Google Classroom the Google Nomination Form for students to self-nominate to the expanded At-Large openings. She will also follow up with Secretary.

SSAC reps will continue to generate ways and ideas about how to engage students at their school to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

End Notes.

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J. Hofschulte