

**Sunland Park Academy**  
**SAC & SAF Minutes - September 24, 2025**

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Sunland Park Academy's School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. SAC Chair, Mrs. McDowell, called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

**SAF Updates:** Ms. Max (Introduced by Mrs. McDowell)

- There is a rumor that the District is closing schools –
  - 34 schools are on the list to be assessed due to low school grades and attendance
- Title 1 Grant Schools went from 199 to now only 133 schools which was based on student attendance
  - There 9,000 kids that are not accounted for in Broward County
- Video cameras will be placed in the restrooms at Middle & High Schools to detect which student is vaping
  - If there is a group of students only the student vaping will be detected
- Broward Estates had 64 seat with 96 seats total for the county to be filled but 16 were allotted for Early learning / 21 HeadStart / 17 VPK / 10 PreK ESE
- School Funding
  - Some schools are losing their SAC funding – the District is taking it
  - Most schools have lost their reading coach and music teachers
  - There are 130 teacher vacancies in Broward
- Parents with FOCUS issues, a number will be provided next meeting to call for support
- Parents are not assisting their children with homework, the District is in the works creating a Boot Camp which will be taught by the teachers so parents can learn how to help their child with their homework
- Not all schools will receive a nurse this year, students have to have a dire need in order for one to be assigned
  - We (Sunland Park) are 1 of the schools without a nurse on site
    - We will use TeleHealth and a form will be sent out for consent
    - We do not have enough documented students (such as diabetic with need of insulin) to be considered a school that needs a consistent nurse on site

**SAC:** Mrs. McDowell welcomed parents and reported the following ...

- **Welcome**
- **SAC Composition:**
  - Accountability funds will start being taken by the end of this year, it is the SAC composition who votes and decides outcome
  - This year is our 3<sup>rd</sup> A, the \$24,000 from the previous 2 years of receiving a school grade of an A
    - A current amount goes to the teacher and a portion is used towards our students
    - The money will no longer rollover or continue to rollover into the next school year, we need to clear out the majority of these funds
      - SAC members are needed to come to these meetings once a month unless it's an emergency meeting, your role as a SAC committee member is to come here and vote
        - For example the members will vote yes or no for a request to remove money from our account (Accountability Account)
  - **Reviewed opened composition titles and responsibilities**
    - BTU Steward – **Dr. Russell**
    - Community Business Rep – (Dr. Jefferson will look into finding a representative)
    - IEP Parent (ESE) – **Kadence Delay** (choose to remain in their position) parent
    - PreK Parent –
    - ESOL Parent – **Kat Joseph** (?? Not sure if the child is qualified as ESOL) – interested parent
    - I-Zone Rep –
    - Non-Instruction – **Ms. Applin**
    - PreK Parent –
    - SAC Chair & Co-Chair – **Ms. Robertson & Ms. Johnson** (choose to remain in their position)
    - SAF Chair – **Ms. Max** (choose to remain in her position)

- Secretary – **Ms. Voltaire** (choose to remain in her position)
- Teacher – **Mrs. Moseley**
- Open Parent – **Brenda Pineda** - parent
- Welcome our new SAC Composition 😊
- **Reviewed Bylaws:** Mrs. McDowell read and reviewed the current Bylaws for SAC & SAF
  - **SAC:** Article 1 – Name / Article 2 – Purpose / Article 3 – Membership / Article 4 – Officers (the position is held for 1yr minimum- you are not automatically appointed to a 2<sup>nd</sup> yr) Article 5 - Officer Duties (elected annually at the September meeting) / Article 6 – Meetings / Article 7 – Committees: (keeping election discussions during out 1<sup>st</sup> school year meeting and review for any changes or missing position at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) / Article 8 – Using School Improvement / Article – 9 SAC Trainings & Activities / Article 10 – Amendments / Article 11 – Authority
    - Members voted (All Yeas) after each article description / explanation
    - By Laws accepted, no changes (Ms. Robertson motioned to accept and Mrs. Moseley 2nd)
  - **SAF:** Article 1 – Name / Article 2 – Objectives / Article 3 – Membership / Article 4 – Officers / Article 5 - Committees / Article 6 – Meetings / Article 7 – Amendments / Article 8 – Authority
    - By Laws accepted (Ms. Robertson motioned and Mrs. Moseley 2nd)
- **Review May Minutes:**
  - Correction – Robinson to Robertson
  - Ms. Max SAF Update – just No Free Lunch instead of Breakfast/Lunch (Free Breakfast)

**School Accountability Funds:** Mrs. McDowell stated the current amount and requested funds for the following ...

- We currently have \$24,712.00 in our account, asking for \$10, 000 (we want to show the District we are using the account)
  - Asking for materials now to purchase due to some budget cuts, next meeting may ask for custodial needs
    - **\$6200 for Prometheans** (there are classrooms without) which is used for teaching
    - **\$3000 for new classroom rugs** (4rugs are need – they are about \$550 per rug)
    - **\$800 for student incentives**
  - Mrs. Moseley – asked if headphones can also be purchased
    - An adjustment was made to the classroom rug amount (\$3000), **\$1000 will be used to purchase student headphones and \$2000 will be used instead to purchase classroom rugs**

\*\*\*\*\* The request was accepted, and all votes were yea (Ms. Voltaire motioned and Ms. Robertson 2nd)

**SESIR Update:** Mrs. McDowell stated the current school year's status -

- Incidents that occur that needs to be reported to the state and police are involved – **0 incidents**

**Principal Updates and Upcoming Events:**

- Picture Day – October 6, 2025

**Question/Comments:** No other questions or concerns

**Meeting Adjournment:** 6:36 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:** **October 29, 2025 @ 8:30am**

**Submitted by:** Shirlee Voltaire, SAC Secretary