

## SAC Meeting Minutes- ELMS

Date – 11/4/25

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at

Members Present: Amira Ray, Deborah Clark, Karen Huzar, Crystal Bruce, Dan McCann, Daniel Gettings, Gail Wharfe

Members Absent: Shara Aboul-hosn, Tara Friedley, Kristy Genna, Rachel Orth

Guests:

### 2. Approval of Minutes

: Motion to approve the minutes as written by , second by .

### 3. Presentations:

Mrs. Chichester went over information regarding moving into High School for PCS DAP time period and different options that are available. She reviewed the Bright Futures information requirements for students to be eligible for the college scholarship. She also reviewed the graduation requirements for a 4-year, 24 credit diploma for students entering grade 9 in 2024-25.

DAP HS Programs for 2026 in our community to apply for: PCS offers almost 80 programs that focus on student interest, talents, and learning styles. The application period for the 2025-26 year is January 6-16, 2026. The acceptance period is February 10-20, 2026.

IB Program: Palm Harbor University High School – the program offers 2-years of rigorous IB Diploma in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are offered a challenging pre-diploma program. Students must have Algebra 1 Honors to apply. This is the only DAP program that has a specific requirement to apply. This program is recognized by top universities around the world.

Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE): Tarpon Springs HS – International diploma that allows students to earn college credit through challenging/advanced curriculum in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Pre-AICE curriculum is offered during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Center for Wellness and Medical Professions: Palm Harbor University High School – prepares students to work in the medical field. Students develop a commitment to personal wellness and disease prevention. Prepares students to pursue postsecondary education or to enter an entry level medical or wellness position.

Institute for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (ISTEM): Countryside HS – this program is designed for students with strong skills and interest in STEM fields. There are 3 strands of focus: Biotechnology, Computer Applications/IT Network Security, Multimedia/Television Production.

Center for Culinary Arts: Tarpon Springs HS – offers 4 years of training in the fields of culinary trade. It provides hands-on experience learning how to prepare dishes. Students will be prepared for a career in food service and hospitality.

Career Academies: Clearwater High School – Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce; Countryside High School – Center for Computer Technologies; Hollins – Academy of Entertainment Arts; Dunedin – Academy of Agricultural Design and Building Technologies; East Lake – Academy of Engineering; Gibbs – Automation Production; Lakewood – Academy for Aquatic Management Systems & Environmental Technology,

Journalism; Northeast – Center for Culinary Arts, Academy of Finance, Academy of Information Technology, Automotive Academy; Seminole – Center for Education and Leadership; St. Petersburg – Center for Construction Technologies, Hospitality and Tourism, Junior Achievement 3DE; Tarpon Springs – Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy, Veterinary Science Academy

A list of DAP Discovery Night dates was handed out to members present.

**4. Principal Update:**

**5. New Business**

**6. Old Business**

**6. Open Discussion:**

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM, and the next SAC meeting will be on January 6, 2026.