

Stratton SAC Meeting Minutes

Wed Jan 21, 2026 5:00pm - 6:13pm WebEx was not working

Attended: Bill Phelan (Principal), John Moe (SAC Chair), Dave Chisman, Kuneko Norris (DAC Rep) We met in the Office.

- Dave and Kuneko, mentioned the RACK awards are very meaningful for their children. Mr. Phelan enjoys giving out the awards to deserving students. Bill is also thrilled about his daughter getting into a college that she desires.
- We discussed the area on Van Buren where the dirt parking area is. There are some walkers and car issues. A plastic chain may be installed during the time before and after school to avoid congestion. Flashing lights on Van Buren was considered again.
- The school budget is in good shape with some extra money at this time.
- The blacktop on the playground west of the school is still in the planning stage as well as the 12 new parking slots added to the staff parking lot. Parking is at a premium at Stratton. A Spring date has not been set yet. It is a district capital project. A new electronic marquee is also in the planning stage.
- Mid year CMAS data was very successful for the school. Great improvement. Our DAC rep mentioned that a SAC meeting describing Site Based Budgeting will be presented Jan 29th.
- We discussed the mid year testing and compared Star vs (IReady) both have good points. No writing is done at semester time. It is part of the CMAS in the spring.
- Our SAC requested writing samples from some of the Stratton students to see how they are doing. No names or grading, just information.
- We discussed the advantages of the Coaching Program at Stratton and how it is meant to help and not grade teachers. It seems to be a positive program.
- Since we use the Star program for CMAS we mentioned that the company that makes Star also makes AR which used to be in D11 but was phased out for a number of reasons. We discussed looking into AR as a possible add on especially since it uses library books and can be arranged for each students reading level. (think Lexiles)
- We discussed the ALP for the GMP. the Advanced Learning Program at Stratton gets extra funds for some of their special activities in the Gifted Program. All grades and classes with recognized gifted students.

- Kuneko brought up the topic of Summer Slide, where students lose study skills during the summer and that there are guidelines that could be given to families with links via QR codes for families to help their children keep learning and not lose skills. The PPLD does a great job with their Reading Contests. Mr Phelan hopes to communicate this just before school lets out in May.
- Kuneko also mentioned the idea of having a theme or topic as a headline for each meeting. Academic Improvement, Site Based Budgeting, and Highlights at the School. We will do the later for our Mar 4 meeting. April 15 will be our last SAC meeting for SY 25-26.

Submitted by John Moe

SAC Chair and Secretary