

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for Tuesday, September 15, 2026
ATL Media Center

1. Meeting Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum: Quorum is present.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes from August 25, 2026, was made by Michele Miller and seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to add a funding request for the "Rise Up Eagles: Every Day Counts" initiative to the September 15, 2026 Agenda was made by Pamelina Baglio and seconded; motion approved. Motion to adopt Amended agenda by Randy Kurtz and seconded; agenda (as amended) adopted.

5. Leadership Report

A. Principal's Report:

Thank you all for coming. Great to see the SGA members. Budget cuts: ATL enrollment 87 lower than projected; lost an ESOL guidance counselor. Added two instructors, one in Math and one in ELL department. No instructional positions lost. Instructional practices: consistency with phone policy, ID policy, dress code, tardiness policies. Students are rising to the occasion. A number of schedule changes were necessary to balance student numbers. Some students not happy with changes, but are asked to give it a try. PM1 grades out--close to the district average. New initiative: small group instruction. Not to make more work for teachers; meant to target needed interventions. Will also be used to provide proficient students with opportunities for advanced learning. Unity Bowl: ATL vs Boynton High, October 16th at 6:30 pm. First time these teams will meet in 17 years. New tradition--trophy. ATL hosts.

B. PTSA: PTSA Involvement Night September 16th. Gourmet soda bar last Friday for PTSA members. Chipotle (Atlantic Ave) fundraiser on September 23rd. \$750 awarded to SGA for Homecoming. Planning a joint FAFSA event. Bruster's ice cream fundraiser raised \$60.

C. SGA: First time officers who aren't required to show up, are showing up for SAC meeting. 156 students involved. Will close membership after Homecoming (to harness interest from homecoming activities). Santaluces are having a haunted house, but they had homecoming in September. SGA will push its "haunted house" plan to November (right before Thanksgiving break), and have a "haunted campus." \$55 for homecoming tickets. Looking at offering some activities right after school so student may participate but still make the activity bus. SGA members must maintain a 2.5 minimum grade point average, and pay annual dues (\$25).

D. Budget: \$16,884.41.

E. Department Instructional Leads Updates: Social Studies sponsoring No Place for Hate November 14th. Math department is preparing students for assessments and graduation. Art department has 3 visual arts teachers and has re-established the Art Club. Preparing a large display of art competition info for all students to be aware of, even if not currently taking an art class. Fundraising efforts have raised

\$465. In language arts, focused on student opportunity for growth in PM2. Working on increase in learning gain scores. Mock exams have already started for some higher level classes.

6. Funding Requests:

- a. Mr. Jean-Baptiste presented an amended funding request for portable charges and a charging station for the Math Department. A motion to approve was made by Kathy Burstein and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SAC approved a funding request for up to \$1,159.64 for portable charges and charging station.

- b. Ms. Stewart presented a funding request, not to exceed \$3,000, to purchase incentives in support of the "Rise Up Eagles: Every Day Counts" initiative. Motion to approve the funding request by Kathy Burstein and seconded. Motion approved unanimously .

SAC approved a funding request for up to \$3,000.00 for incentives to support the Rise Up Eagles initiative.

7. New Business:

- a. Election and installment of new voting members.

i. Parents elected **Michael James** and **Pia Pierre**, and both were installed, as parent representatives/voting members of SAC.

- ii. **Isabella Haarlander** was installed as student representative/voting members of SAC.

- b. Annual Review of Bylaw. Bylaws were reviewed, including revisions to clarify some sections. Motion to approved the Bylaws made by Kathy Burstein and seconded.

Atlantic High SAC Bylaws, with revisions, approved unanimously.

- c. Annual review of SIP. Deanna Allen briefed the SAC on the 2026-27 SIP. Some key points: emphasis on Math and ELA gains. Using small group instruction, including having student aides assist. With the hybrid schedule, students are more intentional about getting to class on time and not missing instructional time. ATL had 10.9% absentee rate last year, so attendance numbers need to be tracked. Goal for the first year is to reduce that number to 8%.

Motion made to approve the 2026-27 SIP by Pamelina Baglio and seconded.

SAC unanimously voted to approve the Atlantic Community High 2026-27 SIP.

8. Closing Remarks:

Comment: communication has been fantastic so far this school year. Recommend sending link to SIP to the full Atlantic High community.

Suggestion to request SAC funds to recruit students to come to/come back to Atlantic High. PTSA said that requesting a PTSA grant would be more appropriate.

Mrs. Edwards--great meeting! Thanks to everyone for their effort tonight.

9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm following a motion by Pamelina Baglio which was seconded and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Next SAC meeting is October 27, 2026.

Attendees (Voting)

Parents: Kathy Burstein (Treasurer); Michael James; Pia Pierre

Staff: Sandra Edwards; Michele Miller (Co-Chair); Jeannette Rosario-Reyes

Students: Isabella Haarlander

Business/Community: Pamelina Baglio (Co-Chair); Randy Kurtz (Secretary)

Attendees (Non-Voting): Guirlande Desir; Omar Farook; Waterloo Jean-Baptiste; Sara Konash; Jaivion Louis; Stanicielle Louis; Jill Meadow; Landen Nguyen; Milania Rentenia; Mateo St. Edward; Nadia Stewart