Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 2026
Time: 3:15 PM
Location: Media Center

I. Welcome/Call to Order/ Review of Agenda- Van Tassel; 3:15

II. Attendance

III. Revision/Approval of May 2026 SAC minutes- Mayersohn motion, Wanamaker second, unanimous approval; 3:16

a. Parent slate, August 25, 2026 during Open House: Passed
   i. Nominations from the floor of additional members: - Mayersohn motion, Berger second, unanimous approval; 3:16
b. Teacher slate, August 3, 2026 during Planning: passed
   i. SAC Co-Chairs and secretary elections- completed in May
c. SAC positions for 2026-2027
   a. BTU – Jacob Abraham?
   b. Community/Business- Bob Mayersohn?
   c. ESE-
   d. ESOL- Viktoria Gasparian
   e. Gifted- Claudia Tineo
   f. I_Zone- Mario Marcano
   g. Non- Instructional- Debra Wanamaker
   h. Student- Nandini Nagaraj
   i. SAF chair- Mario Marcano

IV. SAC By-Laws- Amend and approve, only change is to move from co-chair to chair- Mayersohn motion, Beger second, unanimous approval; 3:21

V. Meetings dates for 2025-2026 at 3:15 pm in the media
October 7, 2026 (Review of SIP Goals)
November 4, 2026 (A+ voting)
December 2, 2026 (If needed)
January 6, 2027 (PSD and EOC Waiver discussions)
February 3, 2027 (If needed)
March 3, 2027 (Exam Exemption continuation waiver vote and PSD continuation waiver vote)

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April 7, 2027 (SPBP vote, create a nominating committee)
May 5, 2027 (Election of new officers and budget overview)

VI. Principal's Report- Kefford presents starting at 3:22

a. SESIR, updates are based on prior SAC meeting, data solely reflects 25-26 school year, forthcoming data pending the State update
   i. Alcohol = (+1)
   ii. Disruption on Campus – Major = (+0)
   iii. Drug Possession and/or Use = (+7)
   iv. Fighting = (+12)
   v. Physical attack = (+2)
   vi. Harassment = (+2)
   vii. Tobacco Possession = (+36)
   viii. Other Major Unclassified = (+2)
   ix. Weapons Possession = (+0)
   x. Unsubstantiated Bullying = (+4)
   xi. Unsubstantiated Harassment = (+2)
   xii. Vandalism = (+1)
b. #1 traditional HS in BCPS (2nd place last year); AP pass rate went from 88% to 90%; 81% AICE pass rate, now in year 3 of the program; enrollment is over the prediction up to 3,056; new AP Natalie Portalatin
   i. Marcano asks about possible additional funding for enrollment over predicted enrollment.
   ii. Marcano asks about how AICE calculates into school grade
c. FAST/ELO score comparisons presented and reviewed, accessible on school website
d. Testing calendar presented and reviewed, accessible on school website
e. Athletics: Reviewed ongoing sports in season; congratulations to Coach Fitz-Gerald and the six consecutive state championship teams being inducted into the Broward Education Foundation Hall of Fame
f. School Grade Breakdown video shown; 3:38
   i. Change in how grades are earned from prior year discussed; earning a school grade of A became more difficult, as ranges are adjusted year over year

VII. Officers' Report

a. School Improvement Plan (SIP): SIP plan is being worked on due September 8th
b. School-wide Positive Behavior Plan (SPBP): Monthly updates- 14 students have been recognized for doing good in August- Portalatin presented, 3:43
c. SAC School Accountability Funds: $71,785 + $35,430 (leftover A+ funds)
   $35,430- 20,656-3,097-2,500= $9,147available
   1. ELO camp- Requesting up to **$5,000 Approved -$1104 used so far**
   2. Delta Math- Requested a year 3 year contract for $**20,656 Approved- Still waiting on district approval;** Davis offers further explanation, MSD teachers are paying out of pocket to access resources and have the highest learning gains in the county.
   3. BookPal- **$3,097 Approved (waiting for SAC funds to be released)**

4. Math tutoring for 26-27-**Up to $2,500 approved**

VIII. Special orders/unfinished business from previous meeting

a. New business- 3:49

i. Question regarding reduction in ESE staff and paraprofessionals

Announcements/Reminder:

Next meeting: October 7, 2026 at 3:15 pm in the media center

IX. Adjournment- Wanamaker motion, Beger second, unanimous approval; 3:55