

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

Pershing School

Meeting Date: 01/25/24 - 4:30pm, Pershing Media Center

Attendance (* indicates voting member):

Jennifer Slauter*	Tara Colon	Nicole Dant*
Jessica Ashworth*	Billy Butterfield*	Phil Kruse*
Jennifer Roff*	Betsy Spears*	Sanjay Brown*
Breanne Martinez*	Sarah Smith	Rebecca Wallace
Christina Vu*	Julie Hurley	Rosie Maltby*
Tina Gonzalez*	Jorie Jeannides	

Call to Order:

- A meeting of the **Pershing School** Advisory Council was held in the **Pershing Media Center** on **01/25/24**. Mrs. Martinez, chair, called the meeting to order at **4:34pm**.
- Roll was taken, quorum was established. *Voting Members Julie Moe and Aaron Vierbicky notified SAC secretary prior to the meeting, so their absences are recorded as **excused**.*

Approval of December 21, 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve December minutes was made by Chair Bre Martinez, second by member Betsy Spears, motion to approve carried unanimously.

General School Announcements: Mr. Brown gave a general overview of upcoming school activities/events. He also covered a mid-year data review, with an overview of academic goals for staff and students. Mr. Brown also covered the state take back of \$204,000 from this year's budget, with the main calculation being the loss of high yield students (ESE) who either left Pershing or transitioned into general education classes. Even with the latest financial loss, Mr. Brown feels confident that the remaining budget for the year is a comfortable amount to finish out the academic year. Staff updates include the filling of the open Kindergarten and Third Grade faculty positions. Mr. Brown facilitated a discussion with members and answered questions regarding student enrollment (1068 total bodies as of meeting date - but certain students carry additional counts if they also have para-professionals), and gave examples of how much each student category may carry for state funding.

Proposed list of new books to add to Media Center: Mrs. Horning gave a brief overview and provided a printed list of the proposed books that she would like to add to the media center library to all members. Per state law, she is required to present any proposed book purchases to an open forum of community members and parent/guardians. Mrs. Horning answered questions that the members presented with no objections or concerns at this time.

Open Agenda (Public comments): Member Maltby asked questions regarding art classes, Mr. Brown addressed and recommended having a separate discussion outside of the SAC meeting for further clarification. Member Kruse brought up ideas to help students create a culture of kindness at Pershing, ways to encourage students to continue to show kindness in and outside of the classroom. A

discussion among members followed, with suggestions made from current members and faculty about past programs that have been implemented at Pershing, both successes and failures. Mr. Brown and Ms. Jeannides will review with the leadership team.

Meeting Adjournment: Bre Martinez, chair motioned to adjourn the meeting, Billy Butterfield seconded at 5:07pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location: Thursday, 02/22/24 at 4:30pm in the Media Center.

Submitted by: Tina Gonzalez, SAC Secretary

Approval date: February 22, 2024

According to [Florida State Statute 1001.452 \(2\)](#), SAC members shall:

1. Perform functions prescribed by regulations of the district school board, however; no advisory council shall have any of the powers and duties now reserved by law to the district school board
2. Assist in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan
3. Assist in the preparation of school's annual budget and plan
4. A portion of funds provided in the annual General Appropriations Act for use by school advisory councils must be used for implementing the school improvement plan. (If funds are available from the Florida Department of Education)