

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

Pershing School

Meeting Date: 12/21/23 - 4:30pm, Pershing Media Center

Attendance (* indicates voting member):

Jennifer Slauter*	Tina Gonzalez*	Julie Hurley
Aaron Vierbicky*	Tara Colon	Jorie Jeannides
Jennifer Roff*	Billy Butterfield*	Nicole Dant*
Breanne Martinez*	Betsy Spears*	Phil Kruse*
Christina Vu*	Sarah Smith	Isabel Mercado

Call to Order:

- A meeting of the **Pershing School** Advisory Council was held in the **Pershing Media Center** on **12/21/23**. Mrs. Martinez, chair, called the meeting to order at **4:35pm**.
- Roll was taken, quorum was established. *Voting Members Julie Moe, Jessica Ashworth and Rosie Maltby notified SAC secretary prior to the meeting, so their absences are recorded as excused.*

Approval of November 16, 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes was made by Breanne Martinez, second by Betsy Spears, motion to approve carried unanimously.

SIP Mid-Year Review Reflection (MYR) and School Grade recap: Mr. Brown, principal, reviewed the new grading scale for K-8 schools for the state. Pershing School received a “B” grade for the 22/23 academic year. Overall the school received a 61%, which falls into the B grade scale for the state. Due to Pershing’s maintaining the current ‘B’ grade, we do not qualify for state funds. Mr. Brown reviewed the school-wide goals for staff and students to increase the school's grade for future years. Mr. Brown also reviewed staffing additions/changes to the ELL and ESE student base, to help those specific students better succeed. Those changes are part of the school SIP plan for the 23/24 school year. The school does have a need for additional classroom assistants to support faculty and low performing students. Additional SIP updates include; increase in truancy cases (almost 200 students), a need for a staff member hired to manage cases is being reviewed. Mr. Brown also reviewed proficiency rates for 2nd-5th grades. Chair Martinez proposed a school overview/state of the school event that could generate both excitement and knowledge about how and why school grades are important for the health of the students and school. Mr. Brown liked the idea and will review with the school event coordinator after the meeting. Board member Kruse proposed an idea to have “monthly school themes” i.e. civics month, dress like a president, etc. Curriculum/CRM (course resource materials) requirements are of concern for Mr. Brown, due to implementation. He will think more on the idea and come back to SAC at the next meeting.

Proposed list of new books to add to Media Center: Assistant Principal Jeannides presented a list of books that the school Media Specialist, Mrs. Horning, would like to purchase and add to the school catalog of books. The list was shared with the SAC board and additional parents present. The board is

requesting that Mrs. Horning attend the January 25th meeting to answer any questions from the board before purchasing.

Open Agenda (Public comments):

Board Member Kruse suggested utilizing the carline to have signs to spread school messaging. Having yard signs or banners could aid in reminding parents and students of academic daily goals.

Board Member Kruse also suggested having parent/student trainings on social media more readily available to Pershing families. Mr. Brown suggested utilizing the OCPS Parent Academy trainings and adding those links to the weekly newsletter to better inform parents.

Meeting Adjournment: Aaron Vierbicky motioned to adjourn the meeting, Phil Kruse seconded at 5:39pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location: Thursday, 01/25/24 at 4:30pm in the Media Center

Submitted by: Tina Gonzalez, SAC Secretary

Approval date: January 25, 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)