

Sunlake High School



SAC Meeting Minutes ~April 28th, 2026

Location: 3023 Sunlake Blvd., Land 'O Lakes, FL 34638

Attendance: Lisa Eshkov, Kara Merlin, Sharri Hoyer, Troy Casten, Ava Zalta, Katyayani Chauhan, Taylor VanBrocklin, Jeannette Anthony, Teresa Boudreau, Matthew Murphy, Celeste Trang, Rocky Contreras, Camillie Janess, Sheila Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 AM.

Welcome and Introductions: None

March Minutes approval:

Jeannette Anthony corrected her treasurer report to reflect March's meeting. She stated the SAC balance is \$14,236.95. We have \$235 in unused fundraiser funds. The \$1,289.12 camera grant for Coach K is still not paid out. The \$4,000 grant for counselor's pay has still not been moved to the sub accounts (tax and salary). The balance after everything is out will be \$8,947.82. Jeannette was advised by the bookkeeper that Kara Merlin raised the counselors pay approval with district. Jeannette asked Kara Merlin what that process was and is it something new she was not aware of. Merlin advised she completed the required documents and submitted to district and hopes it is a quick process but didn't know the exact timeline.

Corrected the month of minutes to March vs January, corrected the February minutes of the spelling of Troy Casten to the month of February not January. The SAT Prep Session presentation made by Sharri Hoyer only referenced SAT prep strategies, it did not include CLT as stated in the minutes.

Motion to approve March minutes first, Teresa Boudreau and seconded, by Jeannette Anthony. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeannette Anthony stated the SAC balance is \$14,236.95. We have \$235 in unused fundraiser funds. Mr. K recently became aware he was approved for his camera grant and bought a different camera for the same \$1,238.13. This purchase will be processed when paired with the proper vendor. It was bought with proper vendor. Brenda said it would be paid to the vendor last week, but she happened to get a voice-mail the morning of our SAC meeting from vendor asking to call back. I just advised she will be calling the vendor back to finalize whatever was needed.

Motion to approve by Kara Merlin and seconded by Celeste Trang. All in favor.

Update from Admin on District Approval for Counselor Summer Salary:

An update was given regarding funding and counselor salary concerns. The required form had been submitted and was now awaiting school board approval. It was noted that only three counselors would be available during the summer, and Capers had already been assigned to remain over the summer. Jeannette Anthony had contacted district finance and was informed that as long as the funds were tied to the SIP, the district would be more likely to approve the request. It was clarified that while general spending may not require approval, paying staff outside of contracted time must be approved by the district. Sharri Hoyer raised concern again that SAC funds are not allowed to be used for salary, hourly pay, summer pay, stipends based on a state statute she found per FL statute 1001.452 and District policy 2125. The allowance must align with SIP but also be an allowed expenditure. Jeannette Anthony asked Kara Merlin to please obtain written confirmation from the district on paying employee salary from SAC. We need the district to confirm in writing whether it is permissible to pay a salary prior to removing those funds from the SAC account. Kara Merlin responded that the school board would ultimately decide and suggested exploring the issue further in the future. It was also noted that even if approved, the Kara Merlin can tie anything to SIP, particularly in improving the school's acceleration points. Jeannette Anthony also asked that Kara Merlin provide the annual SIP and annual memo from the District Finance Department sent every school year regarding SAC funds spending at the August SAC meetings to prepare for the grant fund requests.

Funding request for Alg. 1 Boot Camp:

Ms. Sheila Williams did a presentation to support funding for an Algebra I Boot Camp request. She explained that the program had been very successful the previous year, with a 60% pass rate among lower-performing students, reflecting a 10% increase from the previous year. The school's pass rate has also doubled since 2023, and this year it is projected to reach 70%. Approximately 150 students and 30 parents attended last year. For this year, the boot camp is scheduled for May 15 in two sessions from 2–4 PM and 6–8 PM. Activities will include interactive games such as bingo and scavenger hunts. Ms. Williams requested five hours of staffing from herself and Mrs. Shea, four hours for the boot camp and one hour for setup and cleanup, as well as additional support from Ms. Hamm. Supplies requested included chips, drinks, and candy for prizes, with no pizza this year. The estimated cost was approximately \$503.74, though it was suggested to increase it to \$600 to ensure coverage. Again, mentioned that we have paid for these boot camps in the past but SAC funds can be spent for materials for the boot camp like student workbooks, practice material, paper, pens, as such. But again not salary. After discussion about whether SAC funds could be used for this purpose, it was announced that the request was tied to SIP goals.

Motion to approve first, Lisa Eshkov and seconded by Rocky Contreras. All in favor

Funding request for ICON (Key Club):

A funding request was made for the Key Club ICON conference by Ms. Noffsinger. Lisa Eshkov shared that a student named George earned first place in an auditory contest at this

year's DCON, qualifying him to attend ICON in Dallas. The total cost asked for SAC funds would be around \$1,000, \$600 for registration alone then other travel expenses. Discussion followed, and it was determined that SAC funds were not the place for funding this convention. For this request, funds for Key Club would come from The Key Club District, the schools Key Club Chapter, The sponsoring Kiwanis Club and/or student-led fundraising. Kara Merlin asked the students to see if maybe Student Council has some funds available and Ava Zalta said she would talk to Mrs. Contrabasso and Sharri Hoyer suggested using our fundraising money of \$235 to support George.

Motion to approve by Teresa Boudreau and seconded by Kara Merlin. All in favor, with agreement to redirect funding options.

The year in Review and a Look Forward:

The year-in-review portion was skipped due to a lack of updated mid-year data, as the meeting was still to be held today, and data is in draft form.

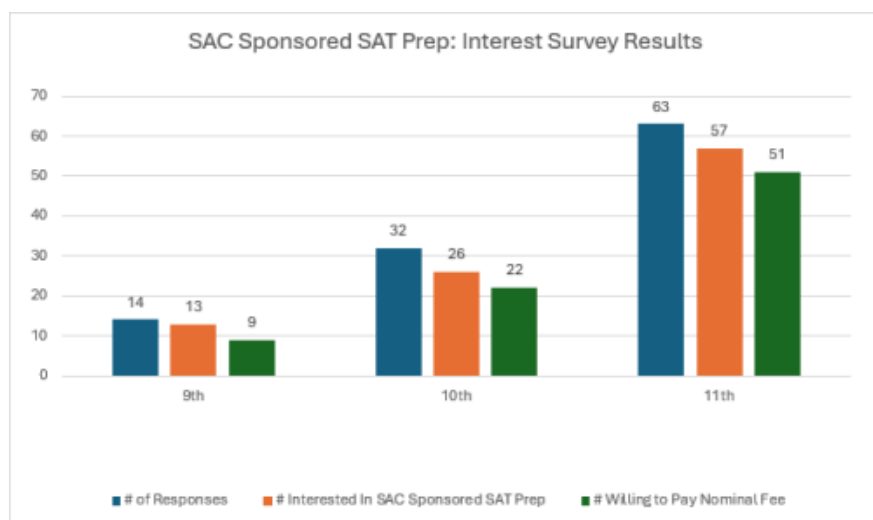
Sunlake PTSA Overview:

Sharri Hoyer presented a Sunlake PTSA overview, it was shared that PTSA and SAC work together. PTSA money is independent from school and district funds where SAC funds are governed by the state and district follows state statute. A PTSA vs. SAC vs. School Recognition Funds Comparison Chart was passed out showing the legal authority, purpose, who controls the money, where the money comes from, primary spending rules, allowed spending examples, not allowed expenditures. PTSA has funds for staff appreciation, scholar grants teacher grants, Red Ribbon Week, school events and other funding items that SAC funds cannot be used for.

The PTSA membership was 81 last year, approximately 35 parent/guardians, 26 students and 19 staff members. As of April 27, 2026, we have 50 members, 22 parent/guardians, 16 students and 12 faculty, down about 64% YTD. Based on the number of students listed in the SLHS Weekly on April 19, 2026, we have 2,145 students, with an estimated 180 employees using these numbers, this is what our membership participation would look like with just 50% of participation. Parent & student bundle at \$12; parent membership at \$7 and \$6 for staff membership the total revenue at 50% of participation comes to \$17,163. There is a lot of money that we can collect for PTSA. There is going to be more presence of the PTSA and promoting membership. Camillie Janess mentioned the PTSA membership QR code from earlier in the school year was hard to open and maneuver. Suggested Cash drop or other ways to pay could help increase participation and revenue. The feedback is welcomed and will make notes for the next school year. May have tables set up the week before school is back in session. We really need to be promote staff participation. Rushe has a 100% staff participation contest which brought in a large amount of funds for the school each year. Currently, PTSA has a projected bank balance of \$3,356. It was noted that the organization had limited activity this year but will work with administration to get this amount up for the 26-27 school year.

SAT SLHS Survey Results and May prep:

During SAT discussions, it was shared that a survey had been open for two weeks and showed strong interest, especially among 11th-grade students. Sharri Hoyer noted that SAC could potentially fund part of the presented SAT Prep strategy program. However, concerns were raised about approved vendors and whether the program would be considered a contracted service. Sharri Hoyer asked Kara Merlin if she could provide her a list of current approved vendors that we could use for this program. She also suggested that a subcommittee be formed outside of SAC to organize the program and then report back to our council for partial payment since it aligns with the SIP and is an allowed expenditure. Lisa Eshkov recommended tabling the discussion until the fall, however, Sharri Hoyer noted that we cannot table it again. We have discussed it and tabled it four out of the last five SAC meetings. This will be a Non-SAC committee and will consist of parents, staff, students, community members and anyone interested in supporting student academic achievement. She asked Kara Merlin if any administrator would be available sometime over the summer to discuss and be part of this committee? She will look into it.



Student President Reports:

Ava: She stated that prom is coming up soon and graduation will take place in June. She also mentioned that at the end of May there will be field day, graduation practice, and the senior breakfast. She noted that there is not much left in the senior activity cycle and that seniors are

mainly finished with major events. She also added that Grad Bash had recently taken place.

Katyayani: Done finalizing everything for prom, class very excited with all the rising senior activities coming up.

Ethan: Was not present, but his class is finalizing the Prom location.

Taylor: Shared that there is not much currently happening, but elections have taken place and a meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 30th. She also mentioned that incoming freshmen are being prepared for transition and that prom planning will continue over the summer.

Principal's report:

In the principal's report, it was announced that school start and end times have been changed, with the school day now running from 7:05 AM to 1:39 PM after a bell schedule request was denied. The principal stated that they will be meeting with the Guiding Coalition to discuss further planning. It was also shared that the school will only be losing two teachers next year. Additionally, one ESE assistant position was lost, though another was gained, and it was noted that the situation was not as severe as in elementary schools. The school is planning to move to a two-lunch schedule (A and B lunches) since the third lunch has very low enrollment. Work is also being done on teacher assignments for the upcoming school year. Testing preparation is ongoing for next month, following a similar structure to winter testing, which was successful for science. Testing will begin on May 16 during sixth period, and seniors are expected to complete testing by May 22, though they will still attend school through May 29. Graduation practice will take place on May 28, followed by the senior picnic. Senior Night of Excellence is scheduled for May 26, while underclassmen events will conclude on May 28.

It was also reported that River Ridge students are currently attending other schools for sports practices due to contract issues with a company that is not background-checked to work with students. In addition, it was announced that stadium lights will be installed over the summer. Ava and five other students received scholarships, and the boys' weightlifting team were regional runners-up, with four athletes advancing to the state competition.

General discussion and Q&A:

It was noted in the meeting that Mr. K didn't know his grant was approved, with the new subcommittee formed this school year, they will continue to work together and communicate better to ensure timely notification moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 AM.

The next SAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th, 2026.