

Sunlake High School



SAC Meeting Minutes ~August 25th, 2026

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

Attendance: Lisa Eshkov, Karla Marone, Susan Slater, Julie Brashear, Sharri Hoyer, Rebecca Porse, Ethan Infanger, Katyayani Chauhan, Cheryl Moon, Teresa Boudreau, Amy Hinton, Taylor Van Brocklin, Matthew Murphy, Troy Casten, Emery Douglas, Jeff Wolff, Kaitlyn Campbell, Jeannette Anthony, Paige Nardi.

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 AM.

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting began with a round of introductions due to the attendance of several new members. Paige Nardi and Jeannette Anthony attended the meeting online. Mr. Wolff attended in place of Kara Merlin. Paige Nardi reviewed the use of Robert's Rules of Order for conducting meetings and explained how the procedures would be followed. No questions were raised regarding the meeting procedures.

Elections for Vice Chair:

The Secretary position will remain unchanged. An open position for Vice Chair was discussed, and Lisa Eshkov nominated Matthew Murphy for the position. Susan Slater seconded the nomination, and Matthew Murphy accepted the nomination. The members voted, and the nomination was approved with all members in favor.

Approval of April Minutes:

The April meeting minutes were reviewed, and no changes were requested. Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mathew seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members in favor.

Treasurer's Report/Lottery Funds Update:

The Treasurer reported that the current balance was \$18,116.85. The committee received \$4,422.33 in funds. An amount of \$542.43 was spent on the Algebra II Bootcamp, and \$255 was allocated for Key Club funding. The committee discussed concerns regarding ICON funding that had not been sent and it is thought the money was not able to be used for the student.

The committee also discussed the purchase of a camera for Coach K. The camera that had originally been selected is currently out of stock, and the \$1,289.32 associated with the purchase has not yet been withdrawn. Coach K may need to select a different camera and bring the new selection before the committee for approval. The committee discussed the importance of considering grant-related timeframes so that the purchase is not delayed for too long.

An additional \$255.48 has been sitting in a subaccount for more than a year and a half and is intended to cover taxes for teachers. The committee is working to transfer these funds into the main account. The reported balance, including the amount designated for the camera for Coach K, was \$18,372.33.

Jeff Wolff made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Karla Marone seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members in favor.

Counselor Summer Money:

The committee discussed the use of funds for counselor-related expenses and reviewed concerns regarding a statute and whether salaries could be used for this purpose. Paige Nardi reported that she had researched the matter and found no limitations preventing the use of the funds. Jeff Wolff stated that his understanding was consistent with Nardi's research. The discrepancy appeared to have originated from the previous year, when a counselor was paid despite not actually performing counselor duties.

Jeannette Anthony explained that district approval had previously been involved in the process and stated that she did not believe the committee had yet confirmed the current situation with the district. She expressed opposition to voting on the matter until the district's approval could be verified and requested that the matter be tabled. She also expressed an objection to moving forward at that time. Jeff Wolff stated that Kara Merlin had received district approval for the expenditure. Anthony requested clarification regarding the type of approval that had been received and stated that she would like to review the documentation before proceeding.

Paige Nardi stated that the committee could vote on matters during the current year even if the matters related to topics from the previous year and expressed a desire to proceed with the vote. Lisa Eshkov made a motion, and Teresa Boudreau seconded it. Jeannette Anthony objected to the motion. It was agreed that Kara Merlin would be asked to provide the actual district approval documentation for distribution to the committee. The motion passed, with Anthony opposing.

Healthy Schools Committee:

The current cafeteria manager Amy is now split between Rushe and Sunlake. The committee discussed the requirement to maintain a Healthy Schools Committee each year and noted that new members were needed. A parent volunteer was therefore needed. Rebecca Porse volunteered to serve as the parent representative. Susan Slater will serve as the teacher representative, Katyayani Chauhan will serve as the student representative, and Matthew Murphy will serve as the community member. Coach Finian will serve as the coach representative, and Teresa Boudreau will serve as the SRP representative if needed.

SIP Review and Principle's Report:

The SIP review and Principal's Report were tabled. Karla Marone made a motion to table the reports, and Troy Casten seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members in favor.

Personnel Changes:

The committee discussed several personnel changes and the addition of many new teachers. New personnel include Eva Adkins in the Science Department, Robert Bardach returning to the English Department, and Samantha Barr also joining the English Department. Ashley Hiltz as a new AP. Amy Hilton as a new ESE. Bobbie Marsh in the English Department. Victoria Rich in CTE Health. Jason Rutherford in the Science Department, for AP Physics and Physical Science. And lastly Danielle Thornton as an IA in Student Services.

Student President Report:

Katayani % '27: Katayani reported that the seniors are currently working on all of their Homecoming week activities, which has "Once Upon a Time" theme. Skit practices are starting this week, and the Powderpuff dance is also almost done, and just has to be submitted for review by Kara Merlin.

Ethan % '28: Ethan reported that his group is continuing to work on their planned activities. A presentation and skit are being developed, and painting activities are also being planned. The group is currently working on securing a venue for prom. Paige Nardi emphasized the importance of ensuring that the selected venue has adequate and appropriate parking. Lisa Eshkov noted that finding a large enough venue may be difficult because of the number of students attending.

Taylor % '29: Taylor reported that preparations for Homecoming Week are underway. The script has been completed, and a skit interest meeting is scheduled for later in the day. The presentation dance is also being created, and practices are expected to begin soon.

Emery % '30: Emery reported the group is working on its skit and is currently preparing the audio. The presentation dance has had a good turnout, although the group is continuing to seek additional students who are interested in participating on stage.

AP Report:

Jeff Wolff discussed Florida's Sunshine State Law and its application to members of the committee. He raised a concern regarding the number of emails being sent back and forth among committee members and emphasized the importance of being mindful of the information being discussed and shared through these communications. Mr. Wolff explained that because committee members are serving as part of the committee, communications related to committee business, including emails and information stored on members' devices, may be subject to the requirements of Florida's Sunshine State Law. Members were reminded to exercise caution when

communicating with one another electronically and to remain aware of the public record requirements associated with their committee responsibilities.

General Discussion:

Lisa Eshkov reported that Kara Merlin had expressed interest in establishing new trivia/competitive teams. Lisa Eshkov volunteered to lead an academic quiz team and is currently seeking approximately five to ten students to participate. The team will participate in competitions, and there may be opportunities for travel. The exact start date and structure of the team have not yet been determined. Additional information will be included in future newsletters once she receives further information from the district.

Jeannette Anthony then raised a concern regarding the recent parent election. She reported that there was a strong turnout among parents but expressed concern about the voting submission process. The voting period remained open through that morning, although it had originally been intended to close on Saturday. Anthony noted that the voting link appeared to allow individuals to submit more than one vote and questioned how the voting process was being monitored.

Rebecca Porsey was confirmed as the new parent representative and had been notified on Saturday night at approximately the 48-hour mark. It was explained that if a Google Form or similar form was used, the setting limiting voters to one submission may not have been enabled. However, a report can be generated to review the submissions, and no apparent pattern of abuse was identified. It was stated that steps would be taken to prevent this issue from occurring in future elections.

The committee also discussed concerns regarding ensuring that only eligible parents are able to access and participate in the voting process. Anthony suggested that future voting could potentially be conducted through the Parent Portal to provide greater control over voter eligibility. It was explained that voting has traditionally been conducted in person and that there is not currently an established platform specifically designed for conducting these elections electronically. No further discussion occurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

Lisa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tory seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members in favor.

The next SAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th, 2026.