

Sunlake High School



SAC Meeting Minutes ~February 24th, 2026

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

Attendance: Paige Nardi, Lisa Eshkov, Kara Merlin, Sharri Hoyer, Troy Ceaten, Ava Zalta, Katyayani Chauhan, Taylor VanBrocklin, Jeannette Anthony, Andrea Smoley, Teresa Boudreau, Michelle Hock, Celeste Trans, Matthew Murphy, Celeste Trang, Rocky Contreras.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14.

Welcome and Introductions: none.

January Minutes:

- Corrections made to January minutes by Jeannette Anthony.
- The amount of all grants being paid so far is \$458.53, this had incorrectly been stated to be the amount pending for Mr. K. He is actually pending \$1,289.13, that has not come through yet.

Treasurers Report:

Jeannette Anthony stated the SAC balance has no changes and remains \$ \$14,236.94. We have \$235 in unused fundraiser funds. Clarification sought regarding the amount pending for Mr. K, And also regarding how the \$4000 for the counselors will be moved? Also discussion about what to do with \$235 fundraiser funds was brought up. Ava Zalta proposed using them towards the class of '26 field day, and Lisa Eshkov proposed to give them to the incoming 9th grade student council to start their balance.

USF SAT Prep Discussion:

A follow up discussion was held regarding the USF SAT Prep Program, which had also been discussed previously. The program is offered through the University of South Florida and consists of approximately four weekend sessions. If 30 or more students enroll, participants would receive a 10% discount, reducing the ~\$600 program cost. It was suggested that the opportunity be advertised to parents to peak interest. While the program is currently offered online, in-person participation possibilities could also be explored. The program runs multiple times throughout the year, which may allow flexibility in scheduling. There was also discussion about promoting additional SAT tutoring resources to ensure families are aware of multiple preparation options. Untimely it was decided this topic will be revisited for further discussion at a later meeting, and will be mainly focused towards the class of '28 and under.

School Recognition Funds Discussion:

Sharri Hoyer requested a clearer breakdown of the School Recognition Funds process. It was explained that the school follows the district's recommended timeline and guidelines for the distribution of these funds. Discussion occurred regarding the role and authority of the committee, including whether the committee holds voting rights in the decision making process. It was clarified that any SAC member, instructional or non-instructional staff member, may submit a proposal. If a majority decision cannot be reached, the decision defaults to the instructional staff majority, in accordance with district guidelines. Jeannette Anthony also noted that the process felt rushed and that there was limited understanding of the procedures prior to the meeting. Sharri Hoyer suggested that the process be started earlier and that members be given more time to review proposals and better understand the process prior to voting. A slideshow was presented outlining the allowable uses of the funds. While some members suggested holding multiple meetings to review proposals, only two SAC committee members supported this idea, and it was determined that additional meetings would not be necessary. To address concerns, it was agreed that all proposals will be distributed two weeks prior to committee meetings, allowing members additional time to review materials before voting.

Student President reports:

Freshmen: Taylor had no major updates at this time. She noted that Flower Grams were recently held, with approximately 160 sold, and that the event was successful.

Sophomores: Ethan not present.

Juniors: Prom preparations are continuing, and we are getting ready for NightSpiker.

Seniors : Ava also mentioned that Flower Grams have concluded and planning is continuing for Senior activities, including Senior Night Spiker and other upcoming events. Preparations for graduation-related activities are also happening. And Grad Bash tickets have sold out.

Principle's report:

Ms. Merlin began her report by congratulating the boys' soccer team, which won their game the previous night and will be advancing to the state semifinals. She also shared updated ADM projections for the upcoming school year, ADM predictions tend to be very accurate. Current enrollment is approximately 2,155 students, and enrollment is projected to decrease to approximately 2,083 students next year, representing a loss of about 100 students. This change is largely because of a smaller incoming freshman class and the high homeschooling rate in the surrounding area. Ms. Merlin also addressed ongoing plumbing concerns on campus. The issue is not related to vaping devices but rather to structural issues within the pipeline system. The pipes extend approximately 600 feet without an access point, making inspection difficult. Additional cameras will be used to further inspect the pipes, as sand and other debris have been consistently

found inside. The project is expected to be addressed during the summer, but an exact plan is still being thought out . One proposal includes installing a new pipe inside the existing pipe, which would cost approximately \$100,000 for every 60 feet, while the affected section is about 600 feet long. Further inspection is being done to determine the most effective solution.

Open discussion:

A discussion regarding the number of online/e-school classes did take place, it was to limit the number of classes a student can take. No other questions, concerns or discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

**The next SAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 7:10 a.m.
at Sunlake High School.**