

Sunlake High School



SAC Meeting Minutes ~March 24th, 2026

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 AM.

Welcome and Introductions: None.

January Minutes:

- Corrections made to January minutes by Sharri Hoyer.
- Troy Casten's name was spelt wrong, correction made.
- Motion to approve by Sharri Hoyer. Seconded by Jeannette Anthony.

Treasurers Report:

Jeannette Anthony stated the SAC balance is \$14,236.95. We have \$235 in unused fundraiser funds. \$1,213 still not given to Coach K. Will there be a sub-account for the counselor's \$4,000, this has to be requested for. The balance after everything is out will be \$8947.82.

New course presentation for 26/27:

Dr. Douin presented a new course for the 2026–2027 school year. AICE Thinking Skills will primarily target 10th-grade students but will be open to grades 10 through 12, focusing on problem-solving and critical thinking, with a math background helpful but not required for this class. SLS 1106: Journey to Success will require only the Reading PERT and a minimum 2.5 GPA, and is mainly intended for seniors who have not yet earned their acceleration points while introducing them to college expectations. The Florida Advanced Courses and Tests (FACT) College Algebra course will be available for students who have completed Algebra 2, offering a rigorous alternative without requiring enrollment in AP Precalculus.

Student President Reports:

Ava: Reported on Grad Bash, noting a waitlist due to limited buses, as well as updates on ticket sales (200 sold), NightSpiker, and senior activities. Updates were also given on prom and NightSpiker.

Katyayani: Done finalizing everything for prom, every excitement and tickets have started to be sold, for \$125 flat price, for the whole time.

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

Taylor: Shared that 10 teams are being organized for NightSpiker.

Principle's report:

Ms. Merlin began her report by announcing this year's Valedictorian, Isheeta Mishra, and Salutatorian as Kayla Rivera. The school track is currently being resurfaced, with a request to paint it Carolina teal. Plumbing work is expected to take place during spring break, to avoid disruption during school time. It was also announced that the boys' soccer team won the state championship for the first time in school history and will be recognized at the County Commissioner's meeting, with additional acknowledgment of Coach Fotopoulos' birthday and the awarding of championship rings. A temporary loss of allocation funding was noted, with further discussion expected after spring break. Staffing updates included a filled physics position for next year, an open senior counselor position, and ongoing interviews for AP Psychology.

General discussion and Q&A:

During general discussion, Sharri Hoyer shared information about a potential SAT/CLT preparation opportunity through a partnership with Victoria from an external company. The sessions would take place on campus over a weekend, with proposed dates of April 17 and 24, and would target primarily juniors and seniors, with possible inclusion of 10th-grade students. The program would include three instructors for approximately 200 students, with volunteers assisting in setup and cleanup. Funding options were discussed, including the possibility of SAC covering all or part of the cost, and whether student contributions could help reduce expenses. A survey will be distributed to see interest, and the discussion was tabled until results are collected. Additional items included a request for community volunteers to serve as judges AP Research presentations, with an estimated time commitment of about 3.5 hours and flexibility for multiple shifts. It was also noted that Sharri Hoyer had reached out to ten math teachers without response, about the keychains, Merlin will follow up with another email. Finally, the bylaws, which were approved in January, will be distributed either in paper or electronic form. A motion related to this was made by Jeannette Anthony and seconded by Rocky Contreras.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 AM.

The next SAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th, 2026 at 7:10 a.m. at Sunlake High School.