

Sunlake High School



SAC Meeting Minutes ~ August 26, 2025

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

Attendance: Lisa Eshkov, Andrea Smoley, Kelly Grills, Jeannette Anthony, Camillie Janes, Rocky Conteros, Ethan Infanger, Katyayani Chauhan, Mathew Murphy, Michele Hok, Ava Zalta, Taylor Van Brocklin, Paige Nardi, Teresa Boudreau.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions: We all went around the table and introduced ourselves, due to this being the first meeting of the year, we said our names and or positions or parts in the community.

May Minutes: Was not given May minutes, but can update.

Picked officer positions:

Katyayani Chauhan was selected as the secretary, Paige Nardi was chosen to be the Chair, Vice Chair is Shary Hoyer. And lastly the Treasurer selected was our previous treasurer, Jeannette Anthony. This was all done with the voting and participation of all the members. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Jeannette Anthony stated the SAC balance is now \$15,910 after receiving \$4,090.44 from the state. There is a confusion about \$240.43 over vacant positions, there are also still funds due to Ms. Williams, these funds were for algebra tutoring. As a way to fundraise an idea from past years of selling clear bags at football games was reintroduced. We already have the supplies for the bags, and just need to fully organize and sell them. Ms. Merlin also brought up how we have been recovering very well since our lowest funding back in 2019.

Parking spots/Confusion over parking spots:

There was a lot of confusion involving parking lots at the start of this year, many people did not know whether they got a spot or not and that caused a lot of chatter on social media, due to worried parents. Conversation about possibly getting more parking spots using the space behind the football fields was brought up, but it is not possible since that is where band and lacrosse practice. Discussed that there were a total of 480 spots here at Sunlake, and only about 40 people are on a waitlist for them right now. Rushe was also a huge help for giving us about 20 empty parking spots for highschoolers to use. Question was brought up if senior parking would ever be considered, and answer was no since there would still be many empty spots. And seniors always get priority anyways, that brings up sophomores

and parkings, but spots will remain closed for sophomores. Another question asked was if in the future the front parking lot will ever be teachers only? Miss Merlin responded to this and said it makes no sense . It adds an additional 20 spots for students, and will only be available to students with a full on campus schedule.

Early pick up:

The question was posed: will the car line ever be available for early pickup? Miss Merlin again answers and says not currently due to safety concerns and they're not being any barrier at the lunch area. She also mentions talks of a gate near the carline in the future but only a possibility. So currently the only way to pick up students who leave campus early everyday is through the busloop.

How the lunch period change has been going:

Everyone was wondering how lunch changed to period 6 . All four students present at the meeting said it was going great. And that there seem to be no issues with it so far, since most teachers will let you eat in the classrooms, and it makes the day go by faster as well. It's also beneficial because six period classes are now smaller for all teachers, and it helps with scheduling testing days without any conflicts.

Parent emails:

Brought up by one of the members and also a parent of a student at Sunlake, was a question involving how emails listed for a student should be more specific on which student it is talking about. This is in order to help parents who have multiple children in Pasco County not get confused and be more orderly with behavior and grade concerns. Possible solution to this may be being more specific in the emails title or subject description.

Beginning of the year updates/Principal Report:

We were rated the highest performing Traditional School in Pasco County second year in a row, we were rated in an A list School. Currently the only school that does better than us is Windle Krinn, due to them being a technical academy and being able to be more selective with students. Together we went over as a whole how the standards work, how the subjects are broken up and specific categories such as graduation and IB/AP/AIC scores, as well as examples from previous years of these same scores after the year 2019. Compared to these previous years we used to be number four and now are the number one in our school district. The only goal in this area is we need to watch out for Wendell Krinn and keep progressing. Another huge improvement was our algebra scores. We had a 20% gain in Pass rates. This is good to see since SAC money went into tutoring and helping increase algebra scores, possibility of expanding to other subjects as well, such as biology? Also currently have 2/3 Algebra one honors classes this year.

New cell phone policy:

Cell phone policy is going very well for our school. This is an extremely important rule to uphold at our school since the new district superintendent is extremely strict with this policy, due to it being a state law. It has been very successful so far, and we have had to process 2175 phone related referrals so far. Letting students keep phones in the morning and putting them away after the 7:05 bell has been very helpful.

Student President Report:

Freshman class: Taylor Van Brocklin said they definitely should have started skit and all homecoming preparation earlier, and will do so next year. But currently they have the commons scheduled for skit and powder puff practices, and are getting help from seniors to start off, as well as to get everything done.

Sophomore class: Ethan Infanger says the same thing as the freshmen class, that they should have started earlier, so that so many of their practices wouldn't get canceled. They also have a new class sponsor: Ms. Belamy (?).

The Junior class: Katyayani Chauhan Says that homecoming preparations are going good but they definitely should have started a little bit earlier. The prom venue has been found. We are in the process of getting it completely finalized and only need a signature on the venue's part.

The Senior class: Ava Zalta says that they started their skit and Powerpuff very early this year, even without the student council class we still meet every week after school on Thursdays or Tuesdays. The homecoming theme this year is the Grammys, and the senior Sunrise went very well, was very organized and the theme was very liked as well.

Old Business, General Discussion and Q&A:

Street Lighting: Street Lighting is still an ignored topic which they state; considering pushing at district level to make this process go faster. Although fo has been tried before and still no action has been taken.

Bylaws: They will be sent out.

Fundraising: We will be selling plastic bags at the football games to make a profit. Another way we decided we can make money through fundraising is Papa John's gift cards. The girls softball team does this and it has brought in a lot of profit.

Healthy schools/ student wellness: They added a student agenda and these people were added to the council to overlook this agenda: Rocky Conteros, Kelly Grills, Taylor Van Brocklin, and Coach Finnian, the SRP will be Teresa Boudreau.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

The next SAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 7:10 a.m. at Sunlake High School.