

Sunlake High School



SAC Meeting Minutes ~November 18th, 2025

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, Ethan Infanger, Jeannette Anthony, Andrea Smoley, Teresa Boudreau, Michelle Hock, Celeste Trans, Matthew Murphy, Celeste Trang.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14.

Welcome and Introductions: none.

October Minutes:

- Corrections made to October minutes by Nardi and Anthony.

Treasurers Report:

Jeannette Anthony stated the SAC balance is now \$ 14,695.48, since \$103.92 was taken out October 30th for safety bike/scooter lights. We also have \$235 for fundraising money. Motion to approve Trang, second Eshcov. All in favor.

9th Grade Report Presentation:

This was a presentation given by Ms. Ramirez. She started by explaining the significance of freshmen and how those grades truly impact GPA in the future. And since it is Freshman year the students are not worried about their GPA yet or simply just don't know enough. Since the transition from middle to high school can be difficult for some. If students perform badly in classes this year it is much harder to graduate/meet graduation requirements later on in high school. We have a total of **532** freshmen, and **11.1%** are failing one or more classes. This number is lower compared to the district's **21.4%**. In total 60 freshmen have F's. 36 have one F, 13 have two, 7 have three F's, and 4 have four F's. This data is better compared to last year, but is overall lower than all years. There are meetings being held, in order to be more personal and help students more that way. At these meetings they create plans and show families graduation gowns to help with the process. So far in quarter one 24 students failed English 1, 25 students failed Algebra 1, and 13 failed Physical Science. There was also good this first starter tho, there were 64 students in quarter one who received all A's on their report card. And they had a special lunch held for them to help with encouragement and to celebrate their achievements. Overall 2029 is a smart cohort but has bad behavior. Total of 332 referrals in total. The highest reason for referrals was getting their phone taken. The second highest reason for referrals was the second time having a phone. And only six referrals for any acts

of aggression. There were 51 referrals related to failure to comply with classroom rules. And 13 referrals related to failure to comply with intervention. There were also less referrals related to skipping than all the other grades, and very low numbers in referrals related to drugs and vaping. And to end of the presentation Ms. Ramirez goes over ways parents can help their students succeed. By monitoring the student's grades regularly, encouraging attendance and engagement, seeking tutoring early if needed, and communicating with teachers proactively. And this concludes the 9th grade report presentation.

Bylaws Discussion:

Hoye, Merlin and the rest of the Bylaws committee met online to discuss the previous issues surrounding missing parts in the bylaws, and more. They will be updating and sharing further on this topic at the next meeting—moved to next month's agenda.

Student President reports:

Freshmen: Taylor brings up that there is a Student Council meeting after school today, and also that the first week of December is dress up week!

Sophomores: Ethan mentions the same things as Freshmen, and also how their class is considering fundraising.

Juniors: Starts with how all of the student council is meeting after school today to help with coloring Turkeys, for our find the turkey event. And also how all of our prom related things have been finalized, and now we just need to sit with the DJ to discuss the decorations.

Seniors : Ava mentioned how the Christmas door decorating is starting soon, and we will also be having holiday dress up days. And how the seniors will be having a movie night soon and are very excited about that. They are also in the process of planning other senior activities, and getting senior merch. And the student council over all is soon going to start planning Night Spicker and FlowerGrams.

Principle's report:

Ms. Merlin starts her report off with the new hires at Sunlake. We have recently hired a new teacher for the Medical academy and she will be starting this week. We also have a new AP Calc AB/BC teacher, also well as a new physical science teacher. Although we are looking for another physical science teacher, and a new physics teacher. Regarding the Physics teacher we can have a transfer if an offer is made by December 5th, and will have them at our school after winter break. Dr. Doohen will now officially be taking over all course cards. And Mr. Elias and Mr. Rice have been to Expo nights and other conventions to push out aerospace programs to more families and students. We are also currently working with Mr. Lewis to get more interesting courses in the business/accounting academy, to see more engagement. There was also a very recent development regarding our school's safety. Prior to December 1st we will be fully gated in. There will be a locked six-foot gate at the carline, and all along the sideway of the student parking lot.

- Save the date: **January 13th, 2026.** There will be an event for k-12 held at Sunlake and a lot of other schools will be involved. There will be an art gallery with efforts from all these schools and we will try to tie in a Sunlake AP/De night at the same time.

Open discussion:

- Design estimates from Duke energy were supposed to be sent by Jeffrey Moncalian from Pasco County infrastructure, regarding Sunlake Blvd's streetlights. No response from him yet.
- Dates and deadlines need to be set for the school Recognition Fund Committee – Hoye volunteers to be part of that committee.
- Hoye wants a list of all the math teachers in order to get them all small gifts (like keychains).
- Anthony wantss to look into the Sat bootcamp at USF. There will be 10% off if more than 30 students are signed up. This will be followed up by Merlin, and will be put into parent weekly to see interest.

Motion to approve Merlin, second Hoye. All in favor.

Add to Next Month's agenda:

- ByLaws Discussion

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

The next SAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th, 2026 at 7:10 a.m. at Sunlake High School.