

2.17.26 SAC Meeting Minute Overview

The meeting focused on providing updates on enrollment, budget, and strategic planning for the school. Key topics included enrollment statistics, budget adjustments, and the importance of state assessments. Additionally, there were discussions on marketing strategies to increase enrollment and upcoming events to engage the community. A school spotlight video created by a CECCR student was shared.

Key updates

- **Enrollment Statistics:** Maren shared that the school has grown from 120 students to 410.5, with a building capacity of about 425-430.
- **Graduation and Degrees:** The number of graduates has increased from 12 in the first year to 119 for the current year, with a significant rise in associate degrees awarded.
- **Budget Overview:** Maren discussed the budget, highlighting the importance of enrollment for funding and the impact of lower-than-expected per pupil funding from the state.
- **Cost-Saving Measures:** Internal cost-saving measures include maximizing teacher hours and keeping collegiate courses on campus to reduce costs.
- **Uncontrollable Costs:** Challenges such as increased insurance premiums and food service costs were discussed, with a focus on maintaining strong financial management.
- **State Assessments:** The importance of state assessments was emphasized, with plans to increase participation and maintain the school's high rating.
- **Upcoming Events:** Mike provided details on Wish Week activities, including a talent show at another campus and various fundraising events.
- **School Security:** Maren mentioned that a new security officer is expected to start soon, with preparations already in place.

Meeting notes

Enrollment Growth and Capacity Planning: Maren provided a detailed update on the school's enrollment trends since opening in 2020, discussed current capacity status, and addressed questions from John Andrews regarding waitlists, capacity controls, and future expansion plans, with input from Mike and Danielle on community outreach and admissions strategies.

09:53

Budget Updates and Financial Management: Maren delivered a high-level overview of the school's budget status, including recent mid-year review outcomes, funding sources, cost-saving measures, and uncontrollable cost pressures, and questions about financial projections and internal efficiencies.

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State Assessment Participation and Communication: Maren discussed ongoing efforts to increase state assessment participation, described changes to the opt-out process, and outlined strategies for communicating the importance of testing to families, referencing recent newsletter and messaging campaigns.

25:00

School Security Staffing Update: In response to John Andrews' inquiry, Maren provided an update on the hiring process for a new security staff member, explaining recent setbacks and the expected start date for the new hire.

35:57

Wish Week Activities: Cindy and Mike provided information about the upcoming Wish Week, detailing changes to event locations and outlining planned activities for students and families.

27:31

Follow-up tasks:

A member asked about IC and accuracy with grade calculations (3 options for teachers) to ensure correct percentages are posted for students.

Maren is working with Danielle to improve the process with the following:

Danielle, in 1:1 meeting with teachers will check in on IC and make sure grade calculations are in the correct settings.

Danielle is adding this step to SOP for grade check review.

Danielle made a PD for staff and handout to provide greater understanding and problem solving for teachers to be able to implement.

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Distribution of Meeting Minutes: Maren will send the meeting minutes to SAC Committee for approval prior to next meeting on 4.21.26