

LMS SAC Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2026

Attendees: Jayne Devine (co-chair), Sam Gayso (co-chair), Troy Kasting (principal), Jenn Myer (faculty), Michelle Henzey (faculty), Erika Monroy (staff), Tiffany Neal (parent), Jessica Sellers (parent), Goli Hosseini (parent), Denise Verheul (parent), Kristin Lunsford (parent), Danielle Somerville (parent), Gia Moyer (student member), Edie Williams (business partner), Kelly Barrera (school board member)*

Virtually:

Absent: Regan Cartwright (PTO/parent), Jane Lowery (student member), Traci Hemmingway (district buddy) *

Guests: Jarred Shaw

**not a voting member*

2:07 Ms. Devine called the meeting to order. Ms. Devine asked for the review of the November minutes. Ms. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Verheul. All approved the minutes; none were opposed.

Principal's News:

- Mr. Shaw spoke on the engineering the STEM grants he's working on with Mr. Neal. Mr. Neal does a hydroponic unit in STEM to help grow tomatoes and other plans in the school garden. This grant will help purchase lights, and other materials to promote this project.
- Ms. William's (drama teacher) last day is tomorrow. Her replacement has been hired.
- School board appreciation week is coming up. Mr. Kasting will be taking Ms. Barrera out to lunch to celebrate and show our appreciation for her service on the SJCSd school board.
- Lion Fest is Jan. 28! Info will be sent via Parent Square. The event will feature a pep rally, a presentation by Sherrif Hardwick on school safety, a half-court shot contest with prizes, a dunk tank to dunk the principal and/or dean, our annual book fair, and a host of local authors to celebrate Literacy Week.
- Prospective students invited to the Walk the School Event– Feb 25. This will give them a chance to see the whole school and get comfortable with the space before entering middle school.
 - Shoutout to PTO for helping with Lion Fest and Walk the School!

- 8th grade promotion will be May 26 to celebrate the schools, students, and teachers.
- Ocean Palms will also be coming to LMS for their promotion on May 28.
- PTO will sponsor a “Soup-er” lunch for faculty and staff tomorrow.
- LMS is officially a Purple Star School! LMS has a specific group of folks that are here to facilitate military kids in and out of the school because their needs are different than other kids. We have a dedicated team to make sure those kids are taken care of.

Budget Update:

- SAC account \$4,584.68
- School Rec. Funds: \$32,975.16

PTO Update:

- Lion Fest is upcoming.
- Holiday Luncheon was sponsored back in December.
- Cubs in Need was sponsored to help fulfill gift needs for local students.
- Law Enforcement Day gift for Dept. Brown was sponsored.
- April 17 -- 8th dance at Marsh Landing.
- History Fair next week; still looking for volunteers!

New Business:

- The school board attorney was looking at all meetings, as SAC is an extension of the school board, some new policies and procedures were added to our list.
- We need a physical quorum to vote. Most of the time we do, but there was technically one item we will need to revote on to meet these criteria.
- Each month's agenda will now be posted on the school website and not just on Parent Square. The SAC website will be updated by Ms. Gayso monthly moving forward.
- Ms. Devine makes a motion to approve items 1-5. Erika Monroy seconded, and none opposed.
- No new requests were made for this meeting.

Old Business:

- None other than meeting physical quorum on past votes.

Ms. Barrera Report:

- Dr. Asplin did two town halls on Monday and Wednesday (future dates are posted on the district website).
- Jan. 22 at 6:00 at Nease, Dr. Dresbach and Nicole Cubbage at Nease SAC will hold a meeting to address concerns with Schools of Hope program. The public is encouraged to go!
- There will be an AI task force meeting virtually, Jan. 22.
- There will be an ESE advisory group meeting virtually, Feb. 5. This meeting will feature a speaker on social media and mental health.
- Dr. Asplin encourages and welcomes feedback, so more town halls to come!

Adjournment:

- Ms. Devine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:37. Mr. Kasting moved, and Ms. Lunsford seconded.