

LMS SAC Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2026

Attendees: Jayne Devine (co-chair), Sam Gayso (co-chair), Troy Kasting (principal), Michelle Henzey (faculty), Jessica Sellers (parent), Goli Hosseini (parent), Gia Moyer (student member), Jane Lowry (student member), Traci Hemmingway (district buddy)*, Kelly Barrera (school board member)*, Jenn Myer (faculty)

Virtually: Danielle Somerville (parent)

Absent: Regan Cartwright (PTO/parent), Denise Verheul (parent), Erika Monroy (staff), Tiffany Neal (parent), Kristin Lunsford (parent), Edie Williams (business partner),

Guests: Kelly Gibian*, Jarred Shaw*

**not a voting member*

2:08 Ms. Devine calls the meeting to order. Ms. Gayso seconded. Members perused meeting minutes from March. Ms. Henzey motioned to approve the March minutes. All approved of the minutes; none were opposed.

Principal's News:

- Safety buckets will be updated over the summer. They include stop the bleed kits, snacks, mylar blanket, etc. It's better to be overprepared than underprepared.
- The 8th grade dance is tomorrow night at Marsh Landing.
- The 8th grade promotion ceremony is Wednesday, May 27. It's a way to recognize kids' success in middle school and will include academic department awards, principal award, etc.
 - o Leonard's Photography will be there taking photos for those interested.
 - o Ocean Palms will have their promotion ceremony here in auditorium.
- Gradventure for 8th graders is on Friday, May 8.
- Budget meeting for next year is done. Details are forthcoming.
- Mr. Shaw updated on testing season:
 - o PM1 & PM2 show an incline of student data across grade levels and subjects.
 - o We finished BEST Writes at the beginning of April; results won't be available under the summer.
 - o PM3 coming in May along with various EOCs.
 - o ELA classes have been in labs working on writing and test prep.

- Math tutoring has started after school with two teachers to help lowest quartile students prep for the exams.
- Mr. Kasting gave a “shoutout” to Ms. Devine and Ms. Gayso for taking on SAC this year.
- Mr. Kasting also mentioned the Holocaust survivor program/lesson that 8th ELA put together last week in the media center. Mr. Lambert helped facilitate the stations and put together a visual timeline for students, Mr. Shaw and Ms. Devine showcased their family history in the Holocaust, and Ms. Gayso supported with a mobile exhibit borrowed from LJD Jewish Family & Community Services.

Budget Update:

- SAC account \$4, 013.32
- School Rec. Funds: \$29,814.24
- Total: \$33,827.56

PTO Update:

- PTO was surprised with band performance and lunch at their last meeting.
- PTO is focused on dance preparations, the end of the year luncheon for staff, and the 8th grade graduation on 5/27.
- Secret prowl gifts will be out next week.

New Business:

- SAC Survey Results
 - Student results presented by Gia Moyer and Jane Lowry
 - Overall positive with some negative comments about dress code, guidance availability, bullying issues, and lunch (seats and food).
 - Parent results presented by Ms. Devine and Ms. Gayso
 - Overall strengths that parents recognize are communication, teachers and staff, high academic standards and rigor, school culture and environment, extracurricular programs, and high parent involvement.
 - Some common concerns from parents include communication (sometimes too much and sometimes too little; bullying, behavior and discipline; inconsistencies in teacher quality; policies impacting student experiences (lunch seating, dress code, etc.); and athletics and activities recognition.
 - Faculty and Staff results presented by Ms. Devine and Ms. Gayso

- Overall strengths that faculty and staff recognize included strong staff culture and collaboration (“Landrum is Love”), student-centered mindset, dedicated and skilled teachers, strong support systems (specifically mentioned the PTO and APs), programs and offerings, and a safe/clean work environment.
 - Most common concerns from faculty and staff included lack of communication from administration, lack of staff voice and inclusion, low morale and staff culture concerns, need for collaboration and community for school events and programs, need for more leadership visibility and support, and inconsistent systems and processes for discipline, PD, and teacher evaluations.
- Discussion for SAC Meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - We are only required to meet once per quarter, but after some discussion, we have decided to adopt the following meeting dates for next year:
 - September 17, October 15, November 19, January 21, February 18, April 15.
- SCOPE Magazine renewal
 - Presented by Ms. Gayso on behalf of the ELA team.
 - Request SCOPE literary magazine renewal for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Request approved.

Old Business:

- None

Ms. Barrera Report:

- Ms. Barrera mentioned that Dr. Asplin spoke with the Palm Valley Community Association and expressed his frustration with the state. SJCS D is better shape than others; for example, Sarasota County is the only other A-rated school district and they are closing 3 schools.
- Leadership is focusing on “mission possible,” and doing what they can to make students the least affected by any budget cuts. They have revised some things at the district level to keep the focus where it should be, on the kids.
- There will be some changes in leadership in positions across the district.
- Controlled open enrollment closes tomorrow. There have been over 300 applicants; some are students from out of county, and Ms. Barrera reports that she believes they will be happy here in SJCS D. She shared testimonies of other that were blow away with the education quality, and the care and concern the faulty and staff have for students. We

naturally go above and beyond. She shared that she appreciates those opportunities to share what makes us the district that we are.

- Leadership is getting creative with ways to keep money within the district; they are looking at naming rights for stadiums, thinking about allowing families not enrolled in SJCS D schools to use PEP scholarship money to attend some classes for a fee, etc.
- She mentioned the need for education funding to be “on the same playing field” and all avenues for education should be held accountable for learning in the same way.
- She emphasizes to start bragging on SJCS D. We are a great school district and people should know!

Adjournment:

- 3:15 motion Sellers, seconded by Myers