

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for Tuesday, February 25, 2025
ATL Media Center

1. Meeting Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:06 pm.

2. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum: Quorum is present.

3. Welcome

4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2025 meeting made by Michele Berlanga; second Caliyah Young. January minutes approved.

5. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda made by Caliyah Young; second Anne-Marie Maslach. February 25, 2025 Agenda is approved.

6. New Business:

a. Funding Request. Ms. Anitra Grant-Straghn requested \$1625 for 20-25 Black Student Union student members to take a candle-making class. Funds pay for the instructor to come to the school and for all supplies. Purpose is to help students focus and improve mental health, and to teach a potentially entrepreneurial skill. Discussion was held whether this activity aligns with the School Improvement Plan. It's a club activity, not a school activity. Discussion that SAC received proper notice that there was a funding request, but no notice about the subject of that request. Ms. Grant-Straghn stated that previous funding requests didn't give notice of the subject of the request and that the Bylaws don't require that. It was pointed out in the past, notice of the subject of the request was given and the Bylaws do require that notice. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to table the topic of publishing funding requests.

A motion to approve the funding request was made by Randy Kurtz; second Anne-Marie Maslach. The result of the vote was 1 yes, 5 no. Funding request was not approved.

b. SIP Mid-year Review and CNA Comprehensive. SIP: Everything is trending in the right direction. Students with disabilities were at 38% last year; increased to 43% for algebra I. Geometry 31 % to 38% this year. Training and follow up being done with increased fidelity; data chats with teachers. Teachers attending PLCs and visiting other schools. Targeted instruction including technology. Strategies that have been put in place are showing positive improvements, including improved attendance.

CNA: Title 1 plan comes with strings attached. CNA helps us understand the needs of our school. Gap between what is and what should be. In order to spend Title 1, need to be able to document spending. Most of Title 1 funds pays for teachers. Also pays for Single School Culture Coordinator. She works with teachers to develop same language/same goals; does not evaluate teachers. Input requested: What do we need? Please provide written input so we can spend money on it.

Ms Grant-Straghn stated that the community gives money but we don't know where that money goes. Ms. Williams replied that there is a record of where that money goes; it depends on how the donation is designated for distribution. Comment that we have to specifically ask for parent donations so they understand what is needed and are enthusiastic about donating. (For example, if a student is in band, parent is most likely to donate to band fundraisers/activities. Same with sports teams.)

7. Old Business:

a. Approval of Revisions to Bylaws. The revisions recommended by the school district were reviewed. Motion to approve the revised Bylaws made by Kathy Burstein; second by Sandra Edwards. SAC voted to approve the revised Bylaws. Motion approved.

8. Leadership Report:

a. Principal's Report/Testing Updates. First I want to thank you all for coming out, it's very important. BSU, thank you for coming out. 1890 enrollment. 2 new hires--technology teacher and new AP for 9th grade (Mr. Nick Peragine was introduced earlier in the meeting). No vacancies. Student Voice committee: yesterday the committee went to talk to middle schoolers at Santa Lucas. Talked about project pathway—how to improve communications. Students don't always know things about Atlantic, such as that we have a Construction cademy—committee wants incoming students to understand everything we have to offer. SEQ surveys—our percentage is low. District is pushing to increase numbers. Parent participation is low across the district. Staff and students are low; need more to complete. Seniors took CLT 20 February. SAT school day coming up. Trusted Adult Initiative—73% participation. @ 300 kids still need to identify their trusted adult. BSU—I support you and appreciate your participation. BSU representative: BSU appreciates that every day we have a fact for Black History Month.

b. PTSA. Eagles Eat Out fundraiser at Five Guys (Delray/Boynton/Boca) Wednesday, March 12th, 4-8 pm. Planning ongoing for college and career fair, Tuesday, April 8th 5:30-7:30. Service hours to be given to all student volunteers.

c. SGA. No report.

d. Budget. No report.

e. Department Instructional Leads Updates. Biology is wrapping up Unit 7; starting Unit 8. Plan to be done a week or 2 after spring break.

10. Closing Remarks: None

11. Public Comments: None

12. Future meeting dates: Next SAC meeting is April 29, 2025.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm following a motion by Kathy Burstein, second by Anne-Marie Maslach.

Attendees (Voting)

Parents: Kathy Burstein; Anne-Marie Maslach

Staff: Michelle Berlanga; Sandra Edwards; Anitra Grant-Straughn

Students: Caliyah Young

Business/Community: Randy Kurtz

Attendees (Non-Voting): Stephen Berlanga; Wisline Cherfils; Petit Day Conceptie; Chrisno Jeanty; Carole Occench; Nick Peragine; Keven Oneer Sajous; Toni McMillan; Chelsea Williams; Lorima Yulien

Attendees (Remote): Tricia Langston