

**ATLANTIC COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes for Tuesday, January 28, 2025**  
**ATL Media Center**

**1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:05 pm.

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

**3. Welcome**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from November 28, 2024 meeting, with a corrected spelling of John Costanzo's name, made by John Costanzo; second Pam Baglio. November minutes approved. Motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024 special meeting made by John Costanzo; second Pam Baglio. December minutes approved.

**5. Approval of January 28, 2025 Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda made by Anne-Marie Maslach; second Caliyah Young. January 28th Agenda approved.

**6. New Business:**

**a. Funding Request.** Ms. Cadet presented a request for \$3,000 to provide transportation to take students for a tour of a college campus to get exposure to college life. Campuses that will be toured include Palm Beach State, Lynn University, and Florida International University.

Question: We try to reward the students who have great grades and perfect attendance etc. Could this be an opportunity, for the students who are kind of struggling or have low grades, to include them to give them something to work harder for? Answer: We could, provided there aren't disciplinary issues such as not attending class or getting written up. But we also have junior achievement coming up, on campus, where students can look at different career opportunities. Also, college tours are just one part—we have the upcoming college and career fair coming up on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by John Costanzo, second by Kathy Burstein, SAC voted unanimously to approve the \$3,000 funding request.

**7. Old Business:**

**a. Approval of Revisions to Bylaws.** The revisions recommended at the special Bylaws meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the revised Bylaws made by Caliyah Young; second by Kathy Burstein. SAC voted to approve the revised Bylaws.

**8. Leadership Report:**

**a. Principal.** Good evening. Thank you to all parents that come out, please know that it is much appreciated. For enrollment, we're at 1776 with no teacher vacancies. Ms. Williams wants to share some things regarding testing, but I want to share with you all the data from the PM2 as well as our midterm. But first, the graduation rate of 92.3% is improved from last year, and we're looking to continue improving.

Current proficiency data:

Course	SY '24 Midterm	SY '24 End of Year	SY '25 Midterm
Algebra I:	25%	32%	42%
Geometry:	20%	24%	46%
Biology:	22%	62%	46%
US History:	70%	64%	63%

Data is trending in the right direction, and we're putting things in place to improve in biology.

Recent Department of Education school compliance visit: for those that are in the school system, you know that when you get a DOE visit, you're scrambling. You hope everything goes well because everything is documented and it's, by the state. Atlantic received a very good report following the compliance visit. Teachers' doors were locked; students did an excellent job and were able to talk about Fortify Florida and answer random questions. IDs were visible and gates were locked. No weak points were identified. Bottom line—the inspector said she was more than satisfied with the visit, and parents can be confident that safety is paramount at Atlantic.

CLT testing will take place on February 20th and that's for 11th and 12th graders who need a score for graduation. We have tutoring after school every day through Thursday, and we're trying to give students all the support that they need. SAT school day is March 4th through the 7th. Juniors will be testing along with seniors who need a score as well. Ms. Mose-Cooper and committee are working out the spring schedule for testing.

We're now at the time of year where we're looking ahead and planning for next year and funding etc. Please look at the school compact on the website and just start gathering ideas and suggestions for moving forward for each of the tested areas as well as improving our graduation rate and our acceleration.

**b. PTSA.** Square Peg Pizza fundraiser is February 11th. PTSA general meeting (Zoom) is February 5<sup>th</sup>. Last day for Domino's Slice the Price fundraiser is January 28<sup>th</sup>. Last day for See's Candies fundraiser is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Sapneil Tutoring presentation: January 28<sup>th</sup>. College & Career Fair: April 8, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Fair has 27 confirmed participants, including a large variety of 4-year schools plus trade school and government agency reps. PTSA has also been building partnerships with the community and raising money through banner sales.

**c. SGA.** (SGA Vice President) Door decorating contest is being held again this year every year and to celebrate black culture for Black History Month. Most of our student population is black, so we really do want to celebrate the culture and history and everything about it. This year the theme is Pop into Black History. Participants are asked to highlight music, fashion, film, dance, sports, social movements or literature and pop culture within a specific era. An example would be the Harlem Renaissance or Civil Rights Movement. Winners are chosen by judging how organized the doors are, how educational they are, how they look in general. The top three winners, chosen by February 7<sup>th</sup>, are going to get an ice cream party from SGA. Next up, we have our spring spirit weeks and themes set. Spring Spirit Week is going to be from March 17th to March 21st. Senior Spirit Week is going to be from April 28th to May 2nd.

**d. Budget.** SAC balance is \$19,48262. Also, there was an expense of \$1,48.78. There was a request approved for tutoring funds, but Title 1 money was available in time to cover that requirement so SAC funds will not be needed.

**e. Departmental Leads.** We're currently doing data chats with our students so that we can have one-on-one conversations to explain to them what they did on their PM2s, and what we need to do to achieve the PM3 proficiency rate that we are aiming for. We're also doing pull-ins and pull outs with our department as well. Spanish IB students are doing their orals right now and they're all very stressed out. French is doing theirs the week after spring break. Everyone in math department is working hard, making growth in Geometry and Algebra 1.

**10. Closing Remarks.** Ms. Jones: I'm the coach for Schoolwide Positive Behavior. I just want to thank PTSA--each year I reach out to PTSA and they never fail to help me in any capacity that can. Also we are again a model school for positive behavior.

Shout out to Drama Club for their recent production. Phenomenal job.

One night only February 13th Tribute to Michael Jackson. Link will be shared.

This weekend is Legacy in Motion, a multi-generational celebration of Black Excellence and the grand re-opening of Rohi's Readery bookstore. 10-8 pm in West Palm Beach, 630 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **11. Public Comments**

**12. Future meeting dates:** Next SAC meeting is February 25, 2025.

**13. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm following a motion by Kathy Burstein, second by Caliyah Young.

#### **Attendees (Voting)**

**Parents:** Pamelina Baglio; Kathy Burstein; Anne-Marie Maslach

**Staff:** Anitra Grant-Straughn; John Costanzo; Sandra Edwards

**Students:** Alana Pearce, Caliyah Young

**Business/Community:** n/a

**Attendees (Non-Voting):** Stephen Berlanga; Chelsea Williams

**Attendees (Remote):** Michelle Berlanga; Randy Kurtz (Secretary)