

**Orlando Gifted Academy
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
09/21/23 @4:00p, OGA Media Center**

Attendance: Melonie Sexton, Sylvia Baer, Amy Halstead, Jenifer Hills Jurgensen, Sean Maguire, Jenn Mandelion Chrisman, Tina May, Shalla Sluyter, Jessica Bardsley, Michael Garvey, Heather Marron,

Call to Order: Principal, Sean Maguire, called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM. Amy Halstead recorded the minutes for this meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Sylvia Baer motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Jenifer Hills Jurgensen seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as is.

Principal's Report:

- There are upcoming professional development activities planned:
 - Nov 2-3: A trip to Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium Lido Key (1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy, Sarasota, FL 34236) & Pine View School (1 Python Path, Osprey, FL 34229)
 - Attendees will be: Sean Maguire, Dr. Carr, Ms Crandall, Ms. Ortiz, Ms. Yount, Mr. Dennis & Ms. Panther
 - Nov 9-12: National Association for Gifted Children 2023 (NAGC23), at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.
 - Attendees: Seven attendees, including Ms. Kuerzi
- The playground equipment is due to be delivered to the warehouse of the contractor on 31 October.
- The PTA has been converted to a PTSA for 2024, and there is a drive to coordinate the PTSA and OGA Foundation Fund groups where a member from each group has committed to sit in on meetings.
- Review of bylaws: Principal Maguire noted that the bylaws state that the first meeting shall begin in September and that the officers shall be elected in October.
 - Update of bylaws: Jenifer Hills Jurgensen motioned to amend the bylaws to state that the officers shall be elected no later than the October meeting. Amy Halstead seconded the motion.

2023-2024 SAC Voting Members & Officer Election:

SAC Voting Members Announced:

Staff & Community members (3):

Dr. Zhen Cybulski (instructional representative)
Tina May (classified representative)
Officer Joey Lascelles (community representative)

Parents (8):

Dr. Melonie Sexton
Sylvia Baer
Amy Halstead
Jenn Mandelion Chrisman
Shivaani Mehta
Jennifer Hills Jurgenson
Lone Hina
Nandi Aneesh

SAC Officers were elected in the 21 September meeting as follows:

- Chair: Amy Halstead (Motion Sylvia Bear, 2nd Mr. Maguire)
- Vice Chair: Dr. Melonie Sexton (Motion Jenn Mandelion Chrisman, 2nd Sylvia Bear)
- Secretary: Sylvia Bear (Motion Sean Maguire, 2nd Melonie Sexton)

School Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals:

SIP Goals:

- Principal Maguire noted that the SIP was approved by the school and sent for final review for approval by OCPS the plan is sent to the state.
- SIP Funding
 - Of note, the areas of focus for 2024 are:
 - All students who attend Orlando Gifted Academy are gifted; however, students perform at various achievement levels. To meet the needs of students, teachers will utilize differentiation strategies to accommodate learning styles.
 - - The science achievement scores (for 8th grade, which, in 2023 was 85%, down from 89% in 2022, and also 14% lower than the 2023 5th grade science proficiency, which was 99%). This may be due to the fact that the scope and courses offered at OGA do not align with the Comprehensive Science standards assessed on the SSA at the end of 8th grade.
 - Positive culture environment- Ensure the teachers at OGA have the necessary resources and training to implement high-level instructional strategies that promote a positive school culture and climate, committed to creating an enriching environment for all.

Old Business:

- Melonie Sexton brought up that Dr. Cybulski may still need a parent MPLC representative, Amy Halstead volunteered, in case Dr. Cybulski did not yet have a volunteer committed.

New Business:

- Michael Garvey brought up that the PTSA fund raiser celebration would be on Thursday, 26 October and they will need parent volunteers. He also reminded everyone to ask your teachers how the SAC and PTSA can help them.

Open Agenda (Public comment): Michael Garvey brought up that the PTSA fund raiser celebration would be on Thursday, 26 October and they will need parent volunteers. He also reminded everyone to ask your teachers how the SAC and PTSA can help them.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Principal Maguire, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. The motion was carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations:

October 12, 2023 at 4pm; Room 6

November 30 at 4:00pm; Media Center

Submitted by: Amy Halstead, Chair

The process for submitting all SAC agendas, sign-in sheets, minutes, and bylaws can be found at <https://ocpsfl.sharepoint.com/sites/IMS-AI/SitePages/SAC.aspx>

According to [Florida State Statute 1001.452](#), each school advisory council shall:

1. Perform functions prescribed by regulations of the district school board; however, no advisory council shall have any of the powers and duties now reserved by law to the district school board.
2. Assist in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan required pursuant to s. [1001.42\(18\)](#).
3. Assist in the preparation of the school's annual budget and plan as required by s. [1008.385\(1\)](#).
 - a. A portion of funds provided in the annual General Appropriations Act for use by school advisory councils must be used for implementing the school improvement plan.
4. School Advisory Council (SAC) Guide OCPS 2023-2024 School Year:
https://cdns5-ss15.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_54619/File/Departments/Research,%20Accountability%20and%20Grants/A&I/SAC%20Guide.pdf#:~:text=The%20district%20has%20established%20a%20SAC%20collaboration%20site,also%20able%20to%20view%20all%20previously%20submitted%20documents