

Sebastian Middle School

SAC Meeting, March 4, 2025

*****2:00 pm*** Mrs. DeAcutis's Room in 580**

Please note new start time for March meeting to accommodate for the survey.

Member Name (SJCSD Employees)	Present? YES/NO	Member Name (Non-district Employees)	Present? YES/NO
Kirstie Gabaldon (Principal) Melida Bogart (Assistant Principal)		Francis Arflin (Parent)	
Susan DeAcutis (SAC Chair)		Jackie McSwain (Parent)	
(SAC Co-Chair)		Noelle Wendler (Parent)	
Heather Dempsey (Support Staff)		Janie Koike (Parent)	
Troy Davis (District Buddy)*		Brittany Cole (Parent)	
		Claudia Dencer (PTO President/Parent)	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> *Non-voting member Quorum Reached: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES or NO </div>			

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. New Members: Vote in Claudia Dencer
3. Accept Minutes from last meeting
4. Principal's update
5. Budget Review
6. Survey Questionnaire
 - a. Parent
 - b. Student
 - c. Faculty and Staff
7. New Other Business?
8. Closing
9. Next Meeting – April 2, 2025

Minutes from February 4th Meeting

1. Welcome to SMS SAC Meeting 2/4/25, 2:15 PM
2. No new members (Updated by Susan DeAcutis on 2/20/25: We must vote in Claudia Dencer at the next SAC meeting).
3. Accept Minutes from last meeting
Ms. Wendler made motion to approve Minutes from last meeting; Ms. Dempsey seconded, and all approved

4. Principal's Update

Ms. Gabaldon recognized Sebastian's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Sims, and Rookie of the Year, Ms. Friberg. She then thanked PTO for putting on the dodgeball tournament and providing hot dogs and drinks at last week's Rising 6th Grade Night. PowerPoint of the event is on the SMS Website. Also last week, the library had a Scholastic Book Fair and raised over \$5000 for the Media Center.

Five Sebastian Students, working with Mr. Portelos, created 3-D birds to deter real birds from flying into our classroom windows. Our students were invited to present their project with high school students at First Coast Technical College. They were described as being self-possessed and having handled challenging technical difficulties with grace. The Middle School STEM Fair is 2/4/25.

PM Data gives data to plan in February and to drive instruction for the rest of the year. Ms. Gabaldon is meeting with Math and ELA departments (2/12/25-reviewing data; 2/14/25-planning day/professional learning day where teachers attend workshops-and workshop how to use small groups, among other topics). SMS planning day workshops to be run by teachers-Ms. DeAcutis will be working with a math teacher.

Coach Razy returned from his conference sharing more ideas for classrooms. Thank you SAC!

5. Budget Review

SAC Current Balance: \$8,401.71

No funding requests

6. PowerPoint from District

SAC Needs Assessment School Survey

-1st 11 questions in each survey required by the District

-Review the faculty and staff survey and parent survey

-Do we want to send out a student survey (only high schools require)?

-Ms. Gabaldon suggested we may be able to have students complete the survey during the registration process and may share information from survey on announcements

-Student survey period to run from 2/3/25-3/28/25

SAC to look at survey questions and give feedback next meeting. Consider though if we change a question, we won't get reliable, comparative info. The survey is 42 questions now, we don't want to make it longer; could it be too long now? Ask: What are we trying to understand? Focus on the betterment of the school. At our next meeting we will discuss recommendations to the survey.

All SAC members were asked to review the questions and bring back their recommendations to the next SAC meeting March 4th, 2025, for final review and approval. Surveys to be rolled out shortly after.

7. No Other New Business

8. Next Meeting: March 4, 2025 at 2:00

9. Ms. Dempsey (Dencer motioned but not a voting member yet) made motion to end meeting and Ms. Wendler seconded. All agreed and meeting ended