

SAC Meeting Minutes- ELMS

Date – 11/14/23

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:43am

Members Present: Karen Huzar, Amira Ray, Lisa Leonarduzzi, Rachel Orth, Cristina Fallara

Members Absent: Stacy Alcuaz, Cheryl Middleton, Crystal Bruce

Guests: Lori Smith, Lesley Machado, Karen Thomas

2. Approval of Minutes

Amira Ray: Motion to approve the August 15th, minutes as written by Cristina Fallara, second Rachel Orth

3. Presentations: High School Educational Opportunities- Ellen Truskowski

- AVID (advancement via individualized Determination)
- Advanced Diploma Programs
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - Cambridge (AICE) Programs
 - AP classes (Advanced Placement)
 - Career Academies
 - Dual enrollment (grades 11&12)
 - Part time dual enrollment, Early College, and early admission
 - Executive Internship Program
 - Gifted Elective
 - High School Honors classes
- Special Assignment requests
 - Allows families the option to apply for a non-zoned school based on space-availability
 - Does not apply to District Application Programs
 - Bus transportation is NOT provided for Special Assignment Request and Parents must arrange to get their child to and from school.
- Magnet and Fundamental Programs
 - Programs incorporating a specialized curriculum that incorporates a theme (stem, arts, career academies)
 - Fundamentals- back to basics
 - 86 different magnet and fundamental educational opportunities
 - Ranking and Priorities
 - Ranking is from first choice (1) to last choice (5)
 - Priorities apply ONLY to the first choice (1)
 - Priorities” feeder pattern, sibling, Professional Courtesy, Proximity
 - Program-within-a-school- priorities only given to specific school program.
- Important dates for 2024-2025
 - Initial application period:
 - January 9- through 5pm January 19, 2024
 - Acceptance period:
 - February 14 through 5pm – February 23rd, 2024

- Application Website: focus.pcsb.org
 - Look for the student reservation system
 - Look for the correct tab: SAR or DAP
 - Be careful to choose correct school year
 - Make sure to apply for the upcoming school year (24-25)

4. Principal Update: N/A

5. New Business: N/A

6. Old Business: N/A

7. Open Discussion: N/A

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 AM, and the next SAC meeting is scheduled for: January 16, 2024 at 7:40am