

School Improvement Council

Rolling Agenda and Minutes for 2025 - 2026

Dr. Albert F. Argenziano School at Lincoln Park

[2024 - 2027 School Improvement Plan](#)

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Scheduled Meeting Dates for School Year 2025- 2026

(Changes might occur during the year)

1. [September 30, 2025](#)
2. October 28, 2025
3. November 25, 2025 (Virtually- Meeting Link)
4. December 16, 2025
5. January 27, 2026
6. February 24, 2026
7. March (School Committee Presentation)
8. April 28, 2026
9. May 26, 2026

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October 28, 2025

SIC Meeting Agenda

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Greetings	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Curriculum Updates	5:35 - 5:40 pm
• Grades 3 & 4 • Grades 5 & 6 • Illustrative Math	
Discrepancies i-Ready Math/MCAS	5:40 - 5:50 pm
Work of the Council Year 2	5:50 - 6:05 pm
• Monitor and track progress of goals	
Diversifying the Membership	6:05 - 6:20 pm
• Recruiting new members • Virtual Option	
Enrollment	6:20 - 6:30 pm
Feedback	6:30 - 6:45 pm

Attendees: Glenda Soto, Charles McGonigal, Emily Hickey, Megan Smith, Jenny Gardony

Meeting Notes:

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September 30, 2025

SIC Meeting Agenda

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

Greetings	5:30 - 5:35 pm
Introductions	5:35 - 5:40 pm
Hopes for the year	
<u>Review School Improvement Plan Goals 2024 -2027</u>	5:40 - 6:15 pm
- Goals - Targets - Tracker	
DESE <u>Accountability Data Review</u>	6:15 - 6:45 pm
<u>Where do we stand?</u> - Measures established by DESE - How did we do with our SIP goals?	
Feedback	6:45 - 6:55 pm

Attendees:

Amy Candelora, Jacob Ramsey, Amy Dickson, Emily Hickey, Megan Smith, Melissa Kibbe, Charles McGonigal, Nicole Simone, Jessie Ratey

Meeting Notes:

SIP Goals & Data Tracker

- Goal 1: Academic
 - We met or exceeded the DESE goals on MCAS Math for 7 out of 10 student groups, and improved with the 3 remaining groups
- Goal 2: Hispanic/Latine achievement gap
 - We improved but did not meet the DESE goals on MCAS for Hispanic/Latine students
 - i-Ready testing is optimistic for higher grades in reading, and for 6th grade in math
- Goals 3 and 4: Wellness and Joy, and Family Engagement

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- Data will be put in soon but we are doing well :)

MCAS Accountability Data

- AFAS has 88% overall progress towards improvement targets!!! This is meeting/exceeding targets overall
 - On most areas we got 3 out of 4 points
 - One place for improvement is progress for ELs, we got 1 out of 4 points
 - Subgroups: lots to celebrate, some room for improvement
- Approx. 35-45% of students meeting/exceeding standards across subject areas on MCAS tests
- On most tests we are ahead of other schools in the district and below or meeting state average

Do these numbers accurately reflect reality?

- We use i-Ready as a predictor but also an additional measure of student achievement – and it's more accurate because it's less anxiety and teachers can see what kids are doing
- i-Ready ELA only assesses reading, not writing

Questions/Feedback:

- What is the work of the SIC this year (year 2 of the SIP)?
- How can we recruit Spanish-speaking/multi-lingual members of the committee?
 - Challenge of immigrant families' fear of ICE
 - Would we get a more diverse group if we have a video-call option? Would this be possible?
- Are there holes in the school budget that the PTA could help fill?
- One focus for this year could be the conduct referral system: can we look at how we might modify it so that students can get support without needing to accumulate referrals?
 - Look at data from last year