

SES SAC Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, 17 April 2024
3-4 PM

Key takeaways from this meeting:

- We have a strong start to the SAC team for next year
- The SAC still needs the following positions to be filled: Co Chair; Secretary/Recorder; parent members
- Advertise for SAC participation currently this year and again in the Fall of 2024
- Key topics for next year SAC discussions include:
 - District and safety policies and safety issues at SES;
 - Math curriculum;
 - Repository and Access to data and information;
 - SES Communications;
 - New BVSD neurodiversity policy;
 - New BVSD attendance policy and SES partnerships with families;
 - Bridging the relationship between SES and Eldorado K8.

Attendance: Chris Stevenson Drake, Elaine Richards, Denise Marrapode, Rock Stottler, Mark Laughlin, Sue Whitnah, Venessa Marks, Alison Bagli, Jen Lehman, Christy Hoskins, Jonathan Stein.

Meeting Start: 3:05 PM with introductions around the room. There were no announcements.

Meeting Discussion: SAC Organization for 2024-25

The School Accountability Committee is a team of parents, teachers, administrators and the wider community that assesses and advises the principal on the BVSD Strategic plan and SES goals, the annual budget, the school safety plan to ensure consistency with district policies, increasing parent engagement, and any issues that need attention or improvement. The SAC is required to meet at least quarterly each year.

The SAC is required to have the following member minimums:

- Principal or designee
- One or more teachers
- Three or more parents or guardians of students attending the school
- One or more Community Representatives

The SAC is required to designate the following minimum roles to members:

- Chair (must be a current parent)
- DAC representative
- School organization (PTO, DEI, FET) representative

While not a requirement, SAC has benefitted from a Vice or Co Chair over the past couple of years. Membership should reflect the population of the school. Please see SAC Manual and Example Bylaws on the SES SAC website for more information:

<https://sue.bvsd.org/about/school-accountability-committee-sac>.

We want to welcome the following members who have committed to fill some of the required roles in SAC for the upcoming year:

- Elaine Richards, our current Co-Chair, has accepted the position of SAC Chair for the 2024-25 school year. Her experience on and dedication to the SES SAC provides continuity in SAC leadership and a strong voice on the committee.
- Denise Marrapode will continue in her role as DAC Representative. Her position is a two-year contract. She is dedicated to integrating the recommendations and work done between SAC and DAC and she has proven very effective in her post.
- Venessa Marks will be the DEI Representative on SAC. We have not had this perspective on the committee to date, and her experience and work on our DEI committee will bring a needed and educated voice to the team.
- Sue Whitnah is going to be a Community Representative to the SAC. This is a position that remained unfilled over the past year. Sue's experience working with schools -and in particular at SES as an advisor to the gifted and talented and math arenas- will bring a unique perspective to bridge collaboration between the community at large and our school.

- Mark Laughlin will continue in his role as PTA Representative. For the first half of the school year, we did not have a PTA Representative in attendance. After undergoing changes in PTA leadership mid-year, Mark took on the SAC-PTA liaison job, and fully committed to his post. Staying in his post, Mark maintains continuity in leadership between the two working groups.

* We are still seeking to fill the following positions: Vice Chair; Secretary/Recorder; Parent Members. Advertising for membership and engagement is ongoing now and there will be a call to fill positions and help grow the SAC in the Fall 2024.

Historically, SAC has been a small committee, and principals and chairs organized in different ways. With Mr. Kruger, membership was kept to a certain number. Although SAC was open to more members with Mrs. Korb, there was only one meeting before she left. Last year, Mr. Stein and Chair Summer King opened the membership and met quarterly. This year, Mr. Stein and Chair Chris Stevenson Drake made several changes to the organization of SAC, including one-hour monthly meetings, posting meeting dates for academic year, including representation from the District Parent Committee (DPC) and encouraging widespread participation from SES families, expanding the topics of discussion, and offering hybrid in-person and virtual meetings. We are improving on the connection and inclusion of the latter.

The goal for the coming year is to continue to grow the committee in membership size and representation. With this, Mr. Stein would like to see representation from the Intensive Learning Center (AIM).

Meeting frequency, time and place: the group confirmed that meeting once per month, instead of quarterly allows the group to increase cohesiveness as a team build community, offers time to discuss more topics, and maintains visibility. Directly after school at SES works well for the teachers, and providing a virtual option helps parents participate. Childcare does not seem feasible. This year, more teachers signed up to be on SAC and rotated their turns to attend the meetings. This has worked well and teachers would like to continue this option next year.

Pending topics from that member poll are the following: New BVSD Safety policy and understanding what issues SES faces; Information sharing / repository for information and data; New math curriculum; and SES communications.

Other topics that were raised for discussion in the 2024-25 year:

The new BVSD neurodiversity policy and how SES implements this into the school curriculum, practice and discussions.

The new BVSD attendance policy and how SES partners with families. There has been an increase in absences, late arrivals and early departures. Wording for letters that have been sent to parents has been harsh and prompted rebuttles by families. SES administration is hoping to partner with parents about attendance. It is disruptive to staff to have to make up work. The challenge is to make families aware of the new policies and partner with them to improve attendance.

Another topic to discuss next year is how to bridge the relationship between SES and Eldorado K8. BVSD Superintendent Anderson has requested Mr. Stein to review why attendance is shrinking from SES to Eldorado K8 which is our feeder school. Other partnerships between SES and Eldorado K8 are being proposed to further enhance the relationship between our schools.

SAC Parent Engagement survey update:

The survey is now Open until 26 April, ending with Moon Tower party (thank you PTA for offering this event to increase survey responses!)). There are 43 survey responses from families of students in each of the grades as of the meeting today. Results will be emailed after 26 April to the SAC Team and will feed into SES planning and SAC discussions next year. Still need help with the PTA event. Fill it out and put your name in the raffle for a \$50 Sweet Cow gift card!

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/ppPor7GwEzLwisEF9>

DPC Report (Rock): Rock has noticed that there is a lot of overlap between DPC and DAC. For next year, he recommends that it may be helpful to have a co-DAC Representative or another DPC Representative to help cover both of these meetings. The last DPC meeting focused on action that the District is taking in terms of open enrollment, start dates, mental health, math and reading curriculum, accelerated math and literacy programs, supportive learning, graduates and dropout rates, and resources in coming years. The meetings are well attended and usually someone from the District is there – Dr. de la Cruz or Dr. Anderson. See attached presentation from the latest DPC meeting.

PTA Report (Mark): Mark and Connie Liu (Treasurer) will continue on PTA next year. PTA positions that will be open are Vice President, Secretary, and Fundraiser. Some positions are one-year and some are two-year obligations. Ask everyone you know to join PTA. There is a budget meeting tonight and we are taking requests for next year's budget. We will be voting on the budget in our next meeting on May 8th. The PTA Moon Tower Party is on Friday April 26 from 3 to 7 PM at Purple Park. There is a food truck, cookies donated from the business of one of the PTA members, Kona Ice for purchase

and beer will be available in a cup with a queue code to make a donation if anyone wants to. This is a celebration of the PTA success in fundraising and the families, corporate sponsors and the SES community for their help, time and donations this year. The PTA is proud to be able to fund 100% of paras next year. We have learned a lot over this year and hope to do more next year, early and often.

DAC Report (Denise): See attached presentation from the latest DAC meeting. There has been progress made in UIP targets this year. This presentation shows how DAC uses the feedback from the SACs around the district. Metrics are available online on the DAC website, and show progress related to lowered suspensions, meeting literacy benchmarks, increased targeting of gift and talented students, particularly beyond white males to include students of color, minorities and those with needs.

** Thank you to each of the SAC Members this year for your time, recommendations and help. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you!
Have a fantastic rest of the year and summer! **

Meeting Close at 4:06 PM.