R.B. Hunt Elementary
SAC minutes –October 26 2026

Attendance:

Community Members:

- Linda Thompson
- Kara Tozer
- Chelsea d'Hemcourt
- Andrea Brominski
- Jacob Harding
- Tia Escobar
- Sarah McLeod
- Michelle Vijgen
- Linda Dumas
- Michael Rodriguez

School Representatives:

- Amanda Garman
- Rebecca Whaley
- Agatha Christine
- Tiffany Stetson
- Stephanie Nehemias

R. B. Hunt Attendees:

Quorum: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Call to Order:

A meeting of the R.B. Hunt Elementary School Advisory Council was held in person R.B Hunt. Tiffany Stetson called the meeting to order at 3:17.

New Business:

School Updates

Mrs. Garman shared updates regarding the school's progress and initiatives:

- Reviewed the **School Improvement Plan** that was recently presented at the School Board meeting.
- Discussed the new ELA curriculum, emphasizing that it serves as a guide while instruction remains focused on meeting state standards.
- Thanked SAC members for their input regarding what makes the school unique, as well as suggestions for celebrating school successes.
- Reported that the school is currently exceeding many state performance goals. While these accomplishments are celebrated, staff continue to monitor growth

areas closely. FAST assessment data is collected three times per year and is being used to both support students who need intervention and extend learning opportunities for advanced learners.

- Highlighted the success of the **Morning News program**.
- Shared that the Spirit Squad and Chorus participated in the **Lighthouse Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**.
- Announced that **Michelle** is serving as the new PTAO Social Media Coordinator.
- Reported that **Dr. Forson** recently visited the school for a video project and observed classrooms firsthand, including current class sizes.
- Shared that 4th and 5th grades will receive a **part-time interventionist** to provide reteaching and enrichment opportunities.

Discussion: Spirit Squad

A question was raised regarding whether the newly established cheerleading/spirit squad:

- Administration clarified that the organization is being presented as a **Spirit Squad** intended to build character and school community.
- The group is being led by a parent volunteer.
- Males and females were invited last spring, contact Garman if student would like to join now.
- Uniform costs are under $50, with all uniforms purchased through Kay Funds.
- Planned activities include participation at high school football games and the ALS Walk in November.

New Student Club

- A parent-volunteer-led **Chess Club** held its first meeting today.
- Families interested in volunteering for future opportunities should contact Mrs. Garman. Spring volunteer sign-ups will be available.

PTAO Discussion

- Concerns were discussed regarding the move to online payments.
- SHINE store

SAC Funds Review

Current SAC Balance: $5,094.52

SAC Funding Request

A funding request was presented to support attendance at the **SCAD Educator Forum**.

The opportunity includes:

- Five days of professional learning and art workshops led by university professors.
- Exposure to national and international contemporary art education practices.
- Workshops, special events, museum experiences, and campus-based learning opportunities.

Requested Amount:

- Registration/Participation: $550
- Food and Mileage: $250

Total Request: $800

Motion: Michelle
Second: Tia

Motion carried.

Open Discussion

Fall Festival Volunteers

A question was raised regarding volunteer communication through ParentSquare and whether parents could communicate directly within the platform.

- At this time, ParentSquare does not provide a parent-to-parent volunteer communication feature.
- Suggestions included:
    - Creating volunteer text message groups.
    - Establishing a phone tree system for volunteer coordination.

Community Partnership

- A reminder and promotional mention was made for **Hunts Helping Hands**.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Michelle
Second: Tia

Meeting adjourned.