

**Palmer SAC Minutes**  
**February 14, 2019 7:00 – 8:29 am**  
**in the Palmer Community Room**

<u>Parent Members</u>		<u>School Members</u>		<u>Community &amp; Student Members</u>	
Deirdre Aden-Smith (chair)	x	Michael Chamberlain	x	Michelle Elstun	
Jaqueline Dowds Bennett		Kandy Claybaugh		Robin Hammitt	x
Tom Remick	x	Lara Disney	x	Bailey Larson	x
Carl Schueler (DAC)		Dan Geiser	x		
Kathy Solomon (secretary)	x	Michaela Logan	x		

The meeting was called to order by Deirdre at 7:10 a.m.

1. Capacity

Approximately 200 people attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house last night at Palmer, and only about 30 of those had attended Palmer Preview, so the event was reaching a different demographic.

A [demographic survey](#) was done by D11 and presented to DAC. Last year there were ~900 fewer school-aged children living in D11 boundaries than the previous year; this is pretty close to the enrollment decline district-wide. Palmer’s enrollment is projected to be fairly stable.

The D11 choice window officially ends February 15, but Palmer continues to accept permits until the start of school and typically gets more students until Labor Day. More than half of Palmer’s students attend on a permit.

2. Minutes from last month were approved with a couple spelling corrections.

3. Test Preparation

Michael Chamberlain had recently emailed parents regarding free SAT preparation classes being held at Pikes Peak Community College – thank you! Most students do Khan Academy. Naviance also has some prep online.

4. [District Accountability Committee \(DAC\)](#) report (skipped since Carl was not at the SAC meeting)

5. F Rate and Reengagement of Students (Dan)

Palmer’s 10<sup>th</sup> grade failure rate was higher than typical.

Alex Madsen (science teacher) is doing a study/mentor group for Seniors on Friday afternoons; students are responding well. Not all of these students will be able to recover enough credits to graduate on time, but they’ll be a lot closer.

Janelle Sweet is doing a 6-week “camp”, pulling out freshman students out of their study skills class to the auxiliary gym. They’ve done Zumba and karate.

Michael Velez is working with severe needs students during second period in gym, and Janelle’s kids are kind of combined with his; combining the classes has provided good synergy.

The D or F notices that go out from the school are good, but even more helpful would be if the teacher provided some suggestions in Q, e.g. “using the tutoring center might help”. Any comments in Q on low scores are helpful, e.g. did not turn in, turned in incomplete, poor quality.

6. General Discussion of Palmer SAC (Deirdre)

There was discussion of the purpose of the SAC and future agenda topics.

7. Alumni (Robin)

Robin has stepped down as Alumni Association President. Ron Elstun will fill the remainder of Robin’s term (through February 2020). For now, Robin will continue as the Alumni Association’s SAC representative.

Barry Farris (organizer of all Hall of Fame activities) passed away yesterday.

Founders Day (celebration of the month that the Alumni Association was formed) is next month.

The Alumni Association just had elections, and they have a new vice president and a new treasurer.

The Alumni Association will still choose scholarship winners, but then the Association will transition funds to Palmer’s Business Office to pay the students.

8. Student Council (Stu Co) (Bailey)

Upcoming activities:

- Mr. & Mrs. Terror competition next week
- Make a Wish collections will be starting
- Spirit Week - Twin day, meme day, Terror gear day
- Color Dance – Junior Council will host this in March

Stu Co is in the process of selecting a new Eagle Beak mascot, since the student currently filling this role is graduating.

9. Marquis (Lara)

Palmer had a variance approved for a new marquis.

A tree branch fell on the marquis. The damaged marquis was removed.

Palmer is working with D11 regarding how much it would have cost to replace the marquis with an identical item. This is currently out for purchasing contract bid. Replacement cost may be ~\$16,000.

10. Principal’s Report

- 1:1 device - rollout starts next year at Palmer. This will be phased, with teachers receiving devices during the 2019-20 school year. They are discussing how schoolology will interact with Q so there’s no double-entry.

So that staff members can tell their devices apart, Palmer is customizing devices with stickers containing the school logo and teacher's name.

- Staffing Allocation Lara is hoping to get allocation by this weekend. We know there will be cuts.
- Budget - Palmer presented Tuesday night at DAC Budget Subcommittee about AVID rollout and IB. Next year, if a student is enrolled in a combined AP and IB and college course, D11 will pay for one type of credit (AP, IB, or concurrent enrollment); the student's family may choose to pay for the other types of credit/exam.