

Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School

SAC Minutes - December 3, 2024

Attendance:

Members: Quorum Met - Paola Belidor, Sascha Dastgerdi, Sophia De Los Santos, Philippe Jean-Bart, Gerald Lopez, Andrea Nguyen, Neeta Rancourt, Codie Roberts, Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez, Bevlyn Sagon, Tammy Triolo, Sandra Welch, Rochelle Williams, Nicole Willis

Attendees: Nabila Bouqlata, Cathy Castelli, Dr. Tammy Clabo, Mason Jackson, Simeka Love, Rebecca Miller, Brian Norris, Jim Payne, Sahkyas Paulino, Miladys Puddie, Julianna Smith, Felicia Starke, Donald Thompson

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School Advisory Council was held in Room 122 of Atlantic Technical College on December 3, 2024. Chair Mayor Sandra Welch called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM. Nicole Willis will record minutes for this meeting. **Quorum present.**

Minutes:

Paola Belidor motioned to approve the minutes of August 21, 2024, with no corrections. **Codie Roberts** seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – *Mayor Sandra Welch*
2. Approval of Minutes – See above.
3. SAC Funds Balance – *Cathy Castelli* – The current balance is \$13, 711.92 due to unused LEED funds. Requests were made to purchase the following items:
 - a. All A Stickers - \$635.62 – Bevlyn Sagon motioned to approve use of the funds. Rochelle Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Top 25 stickers - \$635.62 – Mason Jackson motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Codie Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Camp t-shirts - \$1279.26 – Tammy Triolo motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Sophia De Los Santos. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. ACE – Women’s History - \$229.52 – Tammy Triolo motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Sophia De Los Santos. The motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Learning Commons Books - \$2000.00 – Bevlyn Sagon motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Sophia De Los Santos. The motion passed unanimously.
 - f. Transformative Education - \$523.69 – Sophia De Los Santos motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Codie Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.
 - g. Planners -\$209.50 – Sophia De Los Santos motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Tammy Triolo. The motion passed unanimously.
 - h. Poster Paper - \$949.90 and Poster Ink - \$949.84 - Mason Jackson motioned to approve both items. The motion was seconded by Sophia De Los Santos. The motion passed unanimously.
 - i. No Fear Hamlet - \$519.74 – Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Sophia De Los Santos. The motion passed unanimously.
 - j. College Board PSAT -\$1341.23 – Sophia De Los Santos motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Bevlyn Sagon. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Directors Update – *Neeta Rancourt* – The Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus will be able to use the entire campus after the relocation of district staff after April 2025. Broward Technical Colleges are first for the attainment of industry certifications for the ninth year in a row for the state of Florida. Atlantic Technical College is first among the three technical colleges.
5. SAF Update – Tammy Triolo – There is no update at this time. Simeka Love expressed appreciation for parent involvement.

6. SIP Update – *Cathy Castelli* – The FAST score goals have been set for this school year. Discussion centered around setting goals based on raising score levels as opposed to increasing scores at the same level. The suggestion was brought to the committee for consideration. Mason Jackson suggested that more time is needed for SAC to truly be involved.
7. Student Comments
 - a. *Sophia De Los Santos* – The Senior had its first meeting with a focus on planning for graduation, fundraising activities, and encouraging student participation. Freedom Day was held in September. Staff and students dressed as American leaders. Autumn Fest took place in November. It was a great event. It was a dance that encouraged a sense of community. Funds were raised for the Anthony Rizzo: Kid with Cancer Foundation.
 - b. *Paola Belidor* – Gene Haas awarded \$20,000 towards scholarships for the Machining program.
 - c. *Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez/Andrea Nguyen* – Several seniors passed the Dreamweaver certification and are now working on Photoshop certifications. Business Professionals of America competition will be held at Pompano Beach High School in December. The JA Fellow students are participating a “Shark Tank” style event. The students will develop business, product, and promotional ideas.
 - d. *Gerald Lopez* – The Dental Assisting students will complete clinical assignments very soon. The Medical Assisting program will complete clinicals in December. The students will sit for the CCMA certification in December.
8. Assistant Director Reports
 - a. *Vicky LaPorte – (Rochelle Williams)* – FSA testing scores were shared. Preparation is under way for EOC exams. ATC student scores traditionally trend higher than the average. There is an emphasis on peer tutoring to assist students. Students have participated in educational tours. The seniors have taken the SAT exams. The SAT preparation program was funded by Seminole Gaming. Numerous SAF events have been held with great success. The Magnet Open House will be held on December 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm. A “community building” initiative, “Start with Hello Bulletin Board” was started to help students communicate and feel a sense of belonging.
 - b. *Brian Bush* – No report at this time
 - c. *Dr. Tammy Clabo (Tech Trades, Academic Studies & ESOL)* – Enrollment in Academic Studies as doubled. ATC is working with DOJ and Whiddon Rodgers.
 - d. *Brian Norris (Culinary, Business and IT)* – The Culinary department served over 300 staff and faculty at the KC Wright building. It was great experience for the students. BPA will be attending the regional conference in December. The Office of Students Affairs held its second First- Generation Celebration. The TIE (Transition into Employment) program students participated in the annual Mock Interview event.
 - e. *Jean Vilus (Jim Payne)* – Reviewed the technical programs at the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus. The NCLEX passing rate for the Practical Nursing position is 96.88%. Spoke about the PCA IET and PCA night. There is a partnership with the Urban League of Broward County for the Patient Care Assistant program. Working on early admission process.
9. Business & Economic Development – *Nicole Willis*- Icebreaker activities have been added to the employability workshops. Various hiring events and presentations have been held involving the following companies: Vitas, Wellpath, Lindstrom Air Conditioning and Plumbing, and Transportation Security Administration. The following industry events have been attended: Tech Talent Fest, Coral Springs Coconut Creek Regional Chamber Economic Forecast, and employer forums at CareerSource Broward. The next Spring Career Fair is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, on the main campus in Coconut Creek.
10. Business Highlight –*Pompano Precision Products (Sascha Dastgerdi)* – *Mr. Dastgerdi reported to have hired multiple students from the Machining program after starting them with the company as interns. Atlantic Technical High School machining graduate Sahkyas Paulino Santos spoke about the employment process and overall positive experience of being a full-time employee of the company.*
11. Overview of State and District Assessments- *Miladys Puddie* – Shared the “State of Assessments At-A-Glance” guide. Provided information on the upcoming testing schedule.

12. Collection Development Plan – *Cathy Castelli* – The collection requirements for the library (Learning Commons) were shared with the committee. The “Collection Analysis” document (detailing the full inventory) will be published on the website.
13. SESIR Update – *Brian Bush* – (*Brian Norris*) – Since the past SAC meeting there have been no findings.
14. Announcement – Mayor Sandra Welch - Ms. Sevalia has requested a Coconut Creek City Hall tour. February 25, 2024, is the tentative date. *Rebecca Miller* – Announced that the COE (Commission of the Council on Occupational Education) accreditation visit was completed with zero findings. *Simeka Love* – Announced the February 3, 2025, is the scheduled Senior Exhibition.
15. Adjournment- **Sophia De Los Santos** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2025, in Room 122 of Atlantic Technical College, Main Campus.

Submitted by,
Nicole Willis, Secretary
Approval Date: _____