



SAC Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 3:15 PM

Location: VES Media Center

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened with a welcome message and introductions of SAC committee members present. An agenda overview was given.

VES SAC Secretary Position Vacancy

The committee reviewed the open position of secretary to be filled for the 2025–2026 school year after the departure of Mrs. Noel.

Nomination procedures and the voting process were explained to the group. The election followed established SAC guidelines. Melissa Huggins, second grade teacher, was nominated, and the board voted her in as the secretary for the remainder of the school year.



Old Business

Read Across America:

- Ms. Sorrell gave an update on the activities occurring during the week of March 2-6, to celebrate Read Across America.
- The spirit days included Italian Day, Parade of Nations Day, Sports Day, Champion Day, and Pajama Day.
- Breakfast with Books was on March 4 with a special presentation from Mr. Simpson.
- The guest author was still being coordinated.

New Business

Introduction of Edwin Caballero, VES Principal

- Mr. Caballero comes to VES from Camp Darby with 25 years of experience in education. In addition, he retired with 20 years of service from the US Air Force.
- Mr. Caballero has open door policy.
- Mr. Caballero makes two points that are near and dear to his heart: working with military-connected children and the importance of always being kind to kids.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Caballero addressed recess changes.

- An initial change was made to the recess schedule due to safety concerns.
- Lunch/recess is 45 minutes. At the time of the SAC meeting, lunch is 25 minutes and recess is 20 minutes.
- No decision has been made to finalize times. An evaluation will be made after meeting with school staff and school aides to review schedules for safety monitors.



Open Forum

Members and attendees were invited to share comments, questions, and suggestions. The following items were raised:

- A parent asked if the morning recess times will change. The answer was no. Each teacher is allowed to take students for additional recess. Many grade levels take 15 minutes for a snack and exercise break. Mr. Caballero added that teachers have the latitude to take 5-10 breaks as they deem necessary.
- A Parent shared that students learn through social interaction and that research shows children need movement for a minimum of 20 minutes. The parent asked for this to be considered when adjusting recess.
- A Parent expressed concern that behavior will become a problem and more messes will be made with an additional 5 minutes at the lunch table.
- Mr. Caballero added that with safety first all concerns will be considered.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:53pm.