

CAC Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2025

Members Present: Ellen Thelen, Melissa Prepster, Sarah Tanner, Lisa Mielke, Elizabeth James (I forgot to write everyone's name down...Sorry!!!!)

I. Welcome, Call to Order

Meeting called to order at **4:00pm**.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the **October meeting** (no November meeting) were approved.

III. Public Comments

No public comments.

IV. Celebrations

- Teacher of the Year nominations announced: **Leslie Zimmerman, Austin Chien, Joell D'on de Ville**.
- Mr. Cano's cafeteria **guitar duel** with a student offered joyful lunchtime entertainment.
- **Beginner Band Showcase** went beautifully; students performed with confidence and front desk staff ensured smooth check-in.
- **Choir Concert** was a success, led by a first-year teacher who is doing exceptionally well.
- **Girls' Basketball** team is heading to district.
- **6th grade STEM** students placed **third** in competition.
- **NJHS** held its mid-year induction ceremony.

V. Principal's Report & CIP Update

Principal Tanner reviewed campus goals, progress, and key initiatives:

- Enhancing communication through newsletters and adjusted timing for Principal's Coffee.
- Continued monitoring of **Black/African American student** progress.
- Implementation of a **campus-wide behavior system**; referral numbers remain similar to last year.
- HB3 coordinated health requirement: weekly attendance meetings.
- APS reviewing discipline data.
- 6th graders were addressed regarding behavior trends.
- **Chronic absenteeism has decreased.**
- District goals: reduce discipline incidents for African American students and increase **GT nominations**.
- Efforts continue to reduce racist language; **Speak-Up** mechanism implemented, and students are increasingly reporting concerns.

VI. PTA Report

No PTA representative present. Principal Tanner shared:

- PTA has reviewed all teacher **grant requests**; notifications will be sent soon.
- Annual **cookie exchange** is approaching.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **4:30pm**.

Next meeting: **Thursday, January 8, 2026** (second Thursday of January).