

Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School

SAC Minutes – January 28, 2025

Quorum present.

Attendance:

Members: Quorum met. Paola Belidor, Sofia De Los Santos, Philippe Jean-Bart, Carol Lindgren, Gerald Lopez, Andrea Nguyen, Neeta Rancourt, Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez, Bevlyn Sagon, Rochelle Williams, Amir Watynski, Nicole Willis
Attendees: Allen Bien-Aime, Brian Bush, Cathy Castelli, Dr. Tammy Clabo, Hallema Collier, Debbie Evangelista, Mason Jackson, Vicky LaPorte, Simeka Love, Rhonda Matos, Rebecca Miller, Jim Payne, Miladys Puddie, Felicia Starke, Logan Whitaker

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 January 28, 2025. Chair Cathy Castelli called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM. Nicole Willis will record minutes for this meeting. **Quorum present**

Minutes:

Sofia De Los Santos motioned to approve the minutes of December 3, 2024, with no corrections. **Mason Jackson** seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – *Cathy Castelli*
2. Approval of Minutes – See above.
3. SAC Funds Balance – *Cathy Castelli* – The current balance is \$4438.06.
 - a. *Zoo Miami* (\$800.00)- *Sofia De Los Santos* motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by *Philippe Jean-Bart*. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. *Parchment Paper for Awards* (\$310.90)- *Sofia De Los Santos* motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by *Rochelle Williams*. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. *Books for English* (\$865.50)- *Gerald Lopez* motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by *Rochelle Williams*. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. *Bus Passes for TIE Program* (\$200.00)- *Sofia De Los Santos* motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by *Philippe Jean-Bart*. The motion passed unanimously.
 - e. *Motion to use school accountability funds to pay one Ashe security guard for school recognition* (\$388.72) – *Philippe Jean-Bart* motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by *Rochelle Williams*. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Directors Update – *Neeta Rancourt* – New programs will open in Fall 2025 at the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus. The COE team report returned with zero findings. ATC has been reaffirmed for six years. ATC received notification from the state that workforce funds will be received. About \$500, 000 will be used to support programs at ATC. Funds will be used to create a new Applied IT pathways and also in partnership with Dave Thomas Education Center for a Patient Care Assistant program. Sheridan Technical College will use its portion of state funding to expand the automotive program to include Hallandale High School. Ms. Rancourt is a member of the Workforce Funding Committee. Broward County funding looks very promising. More details to come.
5. SAF Update – *Tammy Triolo* – (Absent - No report at this time)
6. SIP Update – *Cathy Castelli* – Provided a review of the SIP goals and the latest progress monitoring exam results. ATC Magnet students are on the way to meeting each goal. Discussion included strategies on increasing FAST PM 3 scores.

7. Student Comments
 - a. *Sofia De Los Santos* – A Powderpuff tournament was held on January 9, 2025. The Multicultural Expo was held on December 18, 2025. The Magnet Open House and Club Rush was also held. Both events were very successful.
 - b. *Paola Belidor* – (Allen Bien-Aime) The Machining students participated in a field trip to Turbine Controls. Past students were invited to speak to the current class and fundraisers are scheduled for February.
 - c. *Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez/Andrea Nguyen* – Web Development – The students are learning WordPress and other plugins. Digital Marketing certifications were earned on HubSpot. Business Professionals of America (BPA) – Competed in regional competitions. The winners are pending. Junior Achievement – Students continue to develop their business.
 - d. *Gerald Lopez* – Mental Health Technician – Students are learning how to take vital signs. Practical Nursing students earned 100% pass rate for the CPR training.
8. Assistant Director Reports
 - a. *Vicky LaPorte* – Provided review of testing data. High pass rates received for Biology (95%), Geometry(86%), History (97%), and Civics. Magnet HS received the Lighthouse Award (highest award for Blue Ribbons schools). Ms. Collier (Magnet Coordinator) will receive the Magnet Schools of America award for ATC, ATC is the first high school to receive the Ducks Environmental Certification and students received 100% passing rate. Over 350 magnet applications received with over 170 students qualified, overview of additional events coordinated for student success. The Senior Exhibition is scheduled for February 4, 2025.
 - b. *Brian Bush* – *Health Science* – 10 CDE (Career Dual Enrolled) have entered second round of HOSA competition, 100% pass rate for med asst and pharmacy tech cert tests, Broward Health Central Sterile Tech (employee program) is high successful with a 100% pass rate.
 - c. *Dr. Tammy Clabo (Tech Trades, Academic Studies & ESOL)* – The tech programs are focused on removing barriers for students. The night HVAC and Electricity programs are now shorter, per industry request. The Pre-College department is focused on transitioning the AGE and ESOL students into the technical programs.
 - d. *Brian Norris (Brian Bush) (Culinary, Business and IT)* – *The Culinary Department* continues to host advisory meetings and monthly student/business summits. **Business Department** – BPA conference will compete in the state leadership conference in February. The Office of Student Affairs (OOSA) Department is finding creative ways to market ATC and all programs. They have added a focus on elementary and middle school students. Mentioned that Xello is the new career website for BCPS. *Transition into Employment* – Provided an overview of events.
 - e. *Jean Vilus (Jim Payne)* – *The Adult General Education department (AGE)* has secured a \$5000 grant to assist in financial literacy. The City of Fort Lauderdale has chosen ATC – Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus to be a new bus route stop, the Patient Care Assistant program continues to work with the Urban League for evening training. The new cohort will begin mid- February. The Practical Nursing Career Day is being held this week along with the pinning ceremony.
9. Business & Economic Development – *Nicole Willis*- Reported that AI continues to be a topic of conversation in the business community. The Career Center sponsored several events for students and staff. Spring Career Fair 2025: The Future in Your Hands will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 9:00 AM to Noon on the main campus. Registration is open now.
10. Best Practices in Inclusive Education – *Debbie Evangelista*- Provided an overview of BPIE, a self- assessment tool focused on improving the school experience for students with disabilities. A variety of stakeholders are requested to provide feedback, and the results and improvement plan are added to the school's improvement report.
11. Business Highlight – *Lindgren Pitman (Carol Lindgren)* – The family-owned company, celebrating 50 years in business, manufactures premium equipment and machines for offshore and worldwide fishermen. The company has hired students from the Machining program.

12. SESIR Update – Brian Bush- No incidents reported since the last SAC meeting.
13. Announcement – No announcements
14. Adjournment- Philippe Jean-Bart motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 AM. The motion was seconded by Sofia De Los Santos. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2025, in Room 122 of Atlantic Technical College, Main Campus.

Submitted by,

Nicole Willis, Secretary

Approval Date: _____