

Palm Campus Advisory Council Meeting

November 18, 2025

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Library

In attendance: Judy Garcia, T. A. Vasquez, Mr. Banda, Megan Kelly, Rhoda Coleman

Call to order 4:08

Citizens Communications: none

Approval of minutes: approved

Review of Student Success Guide: [Student Code of Conduct | Austin ISD](#)

Consolidation Updates: Palm School was removed from the closure list at this time. Click here for more information. [Austin ISD School Consolidations | Austin ISD](#)

Brighter Bites: Brighter Bites is a nonprofit that delivers fresh fruits and vegetables to several schools in our district. Due to Federal cuts, this program will no longer be available after November 20, 2025.

Map Growth: This test is administered by teachers throughout the year. While there are other standardized tests in Austin ISD, including the state-mandated STARR, MAP Growth is different in several ways.

First, MAP Growth utilizes adaptive technology — similar to a video game — to adjust questions progressively harder or easier based on whether a student answers correctly or incorrectly.

Second, MAP Growth produces two results: an achievement score called an RIT and, if students have taken the test before, a growth score.

Third, another advantage of this test is that teachers get results right away instead of waiting weeks, as they do with STAAR. Families will get their student's MAP Growth results as an itemized list of strengths and focus areas to review with their teacher.

There are several programs available that teachers can connect parents with to help support their child.

Festival Updates: continue discussions

Library Updates: Ms. Kelly shared that new software will be installed during winter break. Computer checkout will be down Dec. 5th. Books can be checked out manually.

Parent Support Update: Ms. Celeste is out on medical leave. Will return in the Spring.

PTA Updates: not available

Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.