Faiss Middle School
School Organizational Team
Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Faiss Middle School Organizational Team (SOT) meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on October 27, 2026, at Faiss MS in the Library.

Voting Members:

Lacy Sullivan, Parent
Iliana Marinova, Parent
Lani Johnson, Parent
Tori Sadiki, Parent (Absent)
Jeff Wells, Parent
Shirley Cunningham, Interim Principal
Nichole Brewer-Gentry, Teacher/Behavior Strategist
Terri Romaniello, Teacher/Learning Strategist
Gina Boyce, Teacher
John Stoker, Support Professional/Office Manager

Non-voting Members:

TBD, Student Representative
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Kara Nielenad, Optional Community Member (Absent)

Faiss Middle School Administration:

Shirley Cunningham, Interim Principal
Joe Vespo, Assistant Principal

1. **Agenda Items**

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

The Faiss Middle School Organizational Team (SOT) meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. Members were welcomed by Region 2 School Associate Superintendent Melissa Roehm, and roll call was conducted by Ms. Nichole Gentry.

3.0 Public Comment Period

The following non-voting staff members voiced the qualifications they are looking for in our next principal at Faiss Middle School:

1) Carol McGrew
2) Staci Crosby
3) Jennifer Zachary
4) Shannon McCormack
5) Robin McGee

2.0 New Items

2.1 SOT Desirable Qualifications

The SOT committee collaborated and considered public-comment input to develop desirable qualifications. The team unanimously agreed upon the following Top 5 Qualities:

Top 5 Desirable Qualifications

- Middle school experience and a genuine commitment to building trusting relationships with students, with a visible, approachable presence across campus.
- A strong advocate for fine arts, athletics, and extracurricular programs who celebrates the diversity of the school community.
- A collaborative, open-minded communicator who values and supports all staff, welcomes feedback, and brings fresh energy while honoring what already works.
- Consistent, fair expectations for students and staff, with the ability to unify the school around shared accountability for behavior, academics, and professional practice.
- Knowledge of special education and a commitment to fully including every student, along with pride in a clean, welcoming campus.

4.0 Adjourn

Terri Romaniello moved to approve November 9, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. as the date the SOT voting members will review the candidates. Jeff Wells seconded the motion, and all were unanimously in favor.

Region 2 School Associate Superintendent Mellisa Roehm made her closing remarks. The meeting was moved to be adjourned by Terri Romaniello at 3:15 P.M. and was seconded by Shirley Cunningham. The motion was unanimously all in favor.