

Leamon Crooms

SSAC President

October Board Report

Good Evening Board Members and Attendees, my name is Leamon Crooms and I am the Superintendent Student Advisory Council President. For those of you who don't know, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, or SSAC, is a group composed of student leaders from around the district the meets to discuss the happenings of the district and give Dr. Trujillo the student perspective on them.

We had our first SSAC meeting on Monday, September 18 at University High School. The meeting started at 11 o'clock a.m. with an introduction from myself, the President. I welcomed the council to another year of service, went over the purpose of the council, and outlined some preliminary rules. Then Mrs. Amy Cislak, the principal of UHS, gave a welcome. The council was then given time to complete an information form and an activity about their leadership experience and style. After this, Dr. Trujillo gave a welcome to the council and discussed the importance of student leadership to developing a healthy school and community environment.

After the introductions, the council was given time to conduct an icebreaker. Each council member stood, gave their name, one important fact about themselves, and what they loved most about their schools. We heard some great responses from the membership. From artists, to musicians, athletes, and academics, our council is truly diverse in its experiences, values, and perspectives. Each student expressed their appreciation for the amazing opportunities offered on each and every campus. After the ice

breaker, we had an amazing lunch where every member was encouraged to sit together and get to know each other.

We concluded with elections for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. There were many amazing candidates and I hope all of them take the initiative to become leaders in their community. As our Vice-President, is Ben Metcalf, having served two years as the Secretary. This year as our Secretary, is a new member of the council, Andreana Merino.

I am so excited to be starting a new year of SSAC and for the impact we will make this year. Next meeting, our council will be discussing AZMERIT, its importance, and methods to entice students to take it seriously.