

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)
September 13, 2021

MINUTES

Present via Zoom: Administrative representatives Nicole Griffith, Larry Featherstone; Teacher/staff representatives Rachel Murray, Andrea Rogers, Elaine Bohls-Graham; Parent representatives Carlene Wegmann Todd, Ashli Pate, Lisa Alverson, Kristina Donley; Community Representative Susan Moffat.

1. **Call to Order and Welcome.** Faculty co-chair Rachel Murray called the meeting of the McCallum CAC to order at 5:47pm and welcomed new and returning members. She noted that McCallum's CAC membership is currently incomplete, but that governing rules allow new members to be added at the following meeting.
2. **Parent Co-chair Election.** Lisa Alverson volunteered to serve as CAC parent co-chair for the 2021-22 school year. Susan Moffat moved approval to elect Ms. Alverson as co-chair, with Elaine Bohls-Graham seconding. ACTION: Ms. Alverson was elected CAC parent co-chair by a unanimous show of hands. Ms. Alverson, Ms. Griffith, and Ms. Murray will work together to recruit additional CAC members including student, parent, faculty, and business representatives.
3. **Principal's Report.**

Good News. Principal Nicole Griffith reported that the school year is off to a positive start. Two McCallum journalism students were featured on a nationally broadcast PBS News Hour program, and a later segment featured a member of the McCallum faculty. McCallum has two National Merit Scholarship finalists this year. McCallum won both the cheerleading competition and the football game in this year's Taco Shack Bowl; the administration will continue its efforts to ensure masking and appropriate behavior at all school events. McCallum offered more orientation sessions than ever before, with separate orientations for incoming freshman, as well as incoming sophomores who had attended remotely last year. McCallum's production of Sponge Bob the Musical will be AISD's first show of the school year; performers and audience members will be masked, and the theater capacity will be reduced to 80% for evening performances and 50% for matinee performances when more unvaccinated children are expected. McCallum has received many donated picnic tables and there is plenty of room for students to eat lunch outside; faculty and administrators are working with students to clean up after themselves when dining outdoors.

Mission and Vision. McCallum's campus leadership team is working on a collaborative process to update McCallum's mission and vision statements. Both statements are still in draft form. The earlier "Portrait of a McCallum Graduate" will still be used to represent the campus's core values.

Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). Principal Griffith presented the first draft of this year's required CIP, noting that the campus chose some areas of focus, while the district required others. This year's areas of focus for McCallum include: coordinated school health, social/emotional school climate, family engagement, culturally relevant and sustaining instruction, increased enrollment, and exemplary customer service. All CIP goals must be measurable, and the final draft is due September 17. Ms. Griffith encouraged CAC members to provide feedback and placed a link to the draft in the Zoom chat; Ms. Murray will also send the draft to CAC members via email for review and comments.

Covid Process. Overall, AISD is doing better than many surrounding districts in terms of Covid rates. McCallum's current Covid dashboard appears slightly higher than some other campuses, but that is likely due to McCallum's diligent testing and contact tracing. The campus is following all AISD Covid protocols and offers many virtual options, including the recent back to school night. Most students have no problem wearing masks indoors and no one has refused. Any member of the campus community who is symptomatic must have a PCR test, which are more reliable; a rapid test is not sufficient.

McCallum Facility Update. In prefacing her facility update, Principal Griffith noted that McCallum's main building was constructed in 1953, some areas of the campus have not been well maintained, and many of the classrooms and other spaces are not conducive to modern teaching and learning. She emphasized that McCallum is special because of its outstanding instruction, not the buildings themselves, but that her goal is to have a facility that matches this same high quality instruction. McCallum's current Facility Condition Assessment is 23 out of 100, the lowest in the district, which may be sufficient to put McCallum on the next school bond for a new facility. While no date has been announced for a new bond process, strong parent and community support for McCallum will be crucial whenever the next bond may occur.

4. **Citizen Communication.** No one present wished to speak.
5. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 6:47pm.