

McCallum Campus Advisory Council
April 1, 2019
McCallum Cafeteria
5600 Sunshine Drive

MINUTES

Present: Administrative Representatives Mike Garrison and Tammy Stone; Teacher/Staff Representatives Elaine Bohls-Graham (Co-chair), Amy Brodbeck, Jane Farmer, Julie Rigby (Special Ed), Andrea Rogers (Classified), Margaret Smith; Parent Representatives Claire Mathias (Co-chair), Lisa Alverson, Holly Eaton, Anne Heinen, Laura Yeager, Laura Dooley; Community Representative Susan Moffat (Secretary); Visitors Rachel Murray, Jennifer Richmond, Jeff Seckar-Martinez.

1. **Call to order.** Co-chairs Elaine Bohls-Graham and Claire Mathias called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the March meeting were approved by electronic vote prior to the meeting and posted to the McKnightly News and the McCallum website.
3. **Citizen Communications.** No one wished to speak.
4. **New Technology.** Assistant Principal Tammy Stone reported that McCallum has received new computers in the library to replace the previous ones, which were 11 years old, as well as 54 new presentation systems, which have been installed in classrooms that previously had no systems. Additional new presentation systems are expected to arrive over the summer
5. **Upcoming Testing.** Principal Mike Garrison reported that the STAAR EOC (End of Course) English 1 exam will be held April 9th and STAAR EOC English 2 exam will be held April 11th. The tests are five hours long with a lunch break in the testing room; students may bring their own lunches or the school will provide sack lunch. All 11th graders will take a free SAT test in school on April 9th. In addition, 50 seniors have opted to take the ASVAB test, a skills/interest test used by military; students may check a box if they are taking the test for their own information and don't wish their results to be sent to the military. The STAAR History EOC will be held in May. McCallum's final exam schedule has been finalized and will be posted to the website.
6. **District of Innovation PD Days.** Principal Mike Garrison reported that McCallum will align with its vertical team for the 2019-2020 school year to provide extra Professional Development (PD) days on Oct 11th, Jan 7th, and Feb 14th, in addition to those assigned by the district. Mr. Garrison has submitted these additional dates to the district and expects them to be approved. Parent representative Laura Yeager noted that some schools are scheduling additional PD days around the fall election dates to facilitate voting and suggested McCallum might consider this in the future.
7. **Other Business.**
FABPAC. Laura Yeager announced that AISD Board Trustee Kristin Ashy is seeking a parent representative to serve on the district's Facilities and Bond

Planning Advisory Committee (FABPAC). Members had questions about the time commitment, with one parent expressing interest.

School Safety. Several CAC members attended an active shooter training for faculty and found it helpful. Mr. Garrison reported that students have also received this training and asked good questions, noting it's important for students to know the appropriate steps in such an event. A staff representative also recommended the Austin Police Department's Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event training (CRASE), which is free and offered periodically (for more information, see <http://www.austintexas.gov/event/civilian-response-active-shooter-event-training-0>). Mr. Garrison noted that the recent threats against McCallum were students ranting on social media and that it was determined they did not have means to carry out these threats. He explained that the letters sent to parents in the wake of such threats are drafted by the district and must be approved for legal and privacy reasons, which often means a slight delay in communication. Mr. Garrison reported that McCallum now locks the exterior doors by the foreign language rooms and is in line to get swipe passes for students to come in from the portables by the English wing once exterior call boxes are received. The swipe passes will only be activated during school day and will be deactivated if lost or stolen. Mr. Garrison has also submitted a request for additional video monitors for the hallways at an estimated cost of \$35,000. McCallum has two School Resource Officers who patrol the halls, campus grounds and nearby neighborhood. McCallum had a break-in during non-school hours in which windows to two math classrooms were pried open in an attempt to steal Chromebooks and calculators. The thieves were frightened off by an alarm and dropped the bag of stolen goods, but later returned to get it and were apprehended by the Austin Police Department. All items were recovered safely.

CAC Business Representative. Susan Moffat announced that the CAC needs business representative for next year as Liz Kline's son is graduating. Jennifer Richmond with American Culture Consultants/Red Door Consultants volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Alumni Group. In response to a parent question, Mr. Garrison stated that the McCallum High Alumni Association may be found on Facebook. He hopes to get the word out about McCallum's need for a new marquee, which would be an excellent alumni fundraising project; the current quote, including installation, is \$46,000.

8. **Next Meeting.** The final CAC meeting of the school year will be held May 6 in a location to be announced.
9. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 6:15pm.