

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting
November 5, 2018
McCallum Library
5600 Sunshine Drive

MINUTES

Present: Administrative Representatives Mike Garrison and Tammy Stone; Teacher/Staff Representatives Jane Farmer, Julie Rigby (SpEd), Andrea Rogers (Classified), Elaine Bohls-Graham, Nicole Sorto; Student Representative Sophie Ryland; Parent Representatives Anne Heinen, Lisa Alverson (PTA), Claire Mathias (also Business Representative), Laura Yeager, Desiree Laing; Community Representative Susan Moffat; Business Representative Liz Klein; Visitors Heather Ramsay, Julie Cowan, Annette Rodriguez, Jennifer Richmond, Alison Alter, Mike Wong, Jodi Leach, Larry Featherstone, Claire Milam.

1. **Call to order.** Co-chair Elaine Bohls-Graham called the meeting of the McCallum CAC to order at 5:30pm. A quorum was present.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the October CAC meeting were approved by electronic vote prior to the meeting and posted to the McKnightly News and the McCallum website.
3. **Professional Development.** Assistant Principals Larry Featherstone and Tammy Stone provided an overview of McCallum's professional development activities, which the CAC is required to approve. Teachers are receiving ongoing training in *Blend*, an online learning management system designed to increase communication and make assignments and school information more accessible to students. Blend enables students to check assignments and due dates, access information about quizzes and tests, see a grade dashboard, find assignments during school absences and more. McCallum is also participating in a district initiative to have all teachers certified for Gifted and Talented (GT) and to identify qualified minority students to participate in GT. McCallum teachers are also receiving professional development to support the district's Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) initiative through a program called Trust Based Relational Interventions (TBRI), which has proven effective in establishing productive relationships with students and ensuring that students are ready to learn. In addition, McCallum's professional development activities include training to support quality teaching for English Language Learners and *eChild Study Team*, an online tool to document and track services provided to students. ACTION: The CAC approved McCallum's professional development programs by a unanimous voice vote, with none opposing or abstaining (Susan Moffat, motion; Laura Yeager, second).
4. **CAC Training.** CAC Co-chairs Elaine Bohls-Graham and Claire Mathias distributed summaries of CAC training documents on "Record Keeping and Meeting Process" and "Open Meetings, Visitor Guidelines and Citizen Communications" for review by members.

5. **Memorandum on Fine Arts Academy Funding & Staffing.** Principal Mike Garrison and CAC Secretary Susan Moffat presented a draft memorandum for the AISD Board providing information about funding and staffing of McCallum's Fine Arts Academy. The memo was prepared in response to a discussion of staffing guidelines at the October 8th AISD Board Work Session, during which several trustees expressed an interest in understanding staffing guidelines and expenditures for "choice programs," such as the Academy, as compared with the district's official magnets. Members agreed to work on a follow-up document to provide additional information about the Academy to AISD trustees at a later date. **ACTION:** The CAC unanimously approved the memorandum to be sent to the AISD Trustees, the Budget Stabilization Task Force, and other relevant district staff, with none opposing or abstaining (Laura Yeager, motion; Nicole Sorto, second).
6. **Principal Communication.** In response to concerns about potential funding cuts for the Fine Arts Academy, Principal Mike Garrison shared a response he had received from the district citing the Academy as an exemplary program. Visiting AISD Trustee Julie Cowan also expressed support for the program, though she acknowledged that "everyone will feel some pain" in the face of the district's ongoing budget cuts, which are a direct result of the state's school finance system. Mr. Garrison will make an announcement to students tomorrow to try to reduce panic and several Fine Arts parents are working on a communication to provide factual information to concerned parents and students. Ms. Ramsay, the Academy's Coordinator, noted that it is never unhealthy to be aware of finances and that this could be a learning opportunity for students to engage in effective arts advocacy.
7. **Citizens Communication.** No one had signed up to speak.
8. **Announcements.** Laura Yeager and Alison Alter announced that they are hosting a meeting at McCallum on Wednesday evening, November 14, to help parents and students understand how the state's school finance system is affecting campuses, including McCallum, and to identify effective ways families can advocate for the Academy and for public education generally. The Co-Chairs announced the next CAC meeting will be December 3, 5:30pm-6:30pm in the McCallum Library
9. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 6:38pm.