

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)  
McCallum Library  
5600 Sunshine Drive  
December 3, 2017

## MINUTES

**Present:** Administrative representatives Mike Garrison, Tammy Stone; Teacher/Staff Representatives Elaine Bohls-Graham, Jane Farmer, Andrea Rogers (Classified), Nicole Sorto; Student Representative Nicholas Heinen; Parent Representatives Claire Mathias, Lisa Alverson, Holly Eaton, Anne Heinen, Laura Yeager, Laura Dooley; Community Representative Susan Moffat.

1. **Call to order.** Co-chairs Elaine Bohls-Graham and Claire Mathias called the meeting of the CAC to order at 5:35pm. A quorum was present.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the November meeting were approved by electronic vote prior to the December meeting and posted to the McKnightly News and the McCallum website.
3. **Update: CAC Memo for Budget Stabilization Task Force.** Susan Moffat reported that the CAC memo for the Budget Stabilization Task Force regarding the McCallum Fine Arts Academy was well received and the Task Force is not recommending cuts to this program. However, an internal AISD Staffing Guidelines committee recently recommended across-the-board staffing cuts for secondary schools that would increase the current ratio of 29 students per teacher to 31 students per teacher; for a school of McCallum's size, this would mean the loss of five full time teachers. In board discussion, AISD Trustees did not appear overly receptive to this proposal, but board approval is not required for the district to implement such a change. Anne Heinen reported that she has received information from Heather Ramsay and Mike Garrison regarding minority student participation in the Fine Arts Academy so this information is now available for future updates to the AISD board; Anne will email it to CAC members.
4. **Principal Update on Budget.** Principal Mike Garrison reported that he had received a draft staffing proposal from the district that would decrease McCallum's overall faculty by five teachers; counseling, clerical and security staffing would remain the same. Mr. Garrison is still hopeful that the district might consider a 1 to 30 staffing ratio, which would reduce McCallum's teacher loss from five to four. The McCallum Fine Arts Academy also receives an additional 2.5 teaching units from the district's Fine Arts Department budget, but the FA Director Alan Lambert hasn't yet been told what cuts to his department might entail so that impact is still unknown. Mr. Garrison emphasized that nothing is definite yet and that, while the scenario is concerning, campus administration will work through it as it has during past budget cuts.
5. **Budget Advocacy Group.** Laura Yeager reported that roughly 150 to 200 parents and students attended a breakout session during the November 7th meeting of the Budget Stabilization Task Force at McCallum to learn more about the roots of the school funding crisis and how they can take effective action. Roughly 80 parents

and students signed up to engage on school finance at the state and district level. The group held a smaller meeting on December 2nd for parent and students who indicated willingness to take a leadership role. The plan is to organize McCallum students and parents first, then fan out to other campuses within AISD and ultimately spread the campaign to other districts statewide. The effort will be called Just Fund It TX and the group has already secured rights to a website by that name. They are currently working on a downloadable house party kit and putting together a student meeting that will be announced soon. Ms. Yeager will send the website information to CAC members once the site is up and running, and stressed that anyone's input and energy are welcome in this effort.

6. **Citizen Communications.** No one in attendance wished to speak
7. **CAC Calendar Vote.** CAC members reviewed three proposed calendars for the 2019-2020 school year and discussed pros and cons of each. While the CAC is required to vote, individuals may also view and vote on these calendars before midnight December 20th at <https://tinyurl.com/2019-2020-AISD-Calendar>.  
ACTION: Lisa Alverson moved to vote on each calendar separately, with Tammy Stone seconding. The votes were: Calendar A - 0; Calendar B - 9, Calendar C - 1. The CAC will submit its support in favor of Calendar B.
8. **Announcements.** Due to winter break, the January CAC meeting is cancelled; the next meeting will be Monday February 4th. Laura Yeager reminded everyone of the upcoming December 11<sup>th</sup> runoff election for the at-large school board seat and three City Council races. McCallum will be a voting site for runoff election.
9. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the CAC adjourned its meeting at 6:25pm.