

**McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)**  
**March 7, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**Present via Zoom:** Administrative Representatives Nicole Griffith, Larry Featherstone; Teacher/Staff Representatives Rachel Murray, Elaine Bohls-Graham, Joe Carcione, Andrea Rogers, Margaret Smith; Parent Representatives Kerren Campa, Kate Hayes, Ashli Pate, Carly Kehn, Alexis Pruitt, Viva Garza, Amanda Holleman; Student Representative Ariana Mendez; Community Representative Susan Moffat.

1. **Call to Order.** Co-chair Rachel Murray called meeting of the McCallum CAC to order at 5:50pm, and announced that the April CAC meeting is currently planned to be in person.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the February CAC meeting were approved via email prior to the March meeting and posted to the McCallum website.
3. **Principal's Report.** Principal Nicole Griffith shared the following report.  
Good news. The McCallum community has created a wall of notable women to honor those who have made outstanding contributions. McCallum's Black History Month activities were very successful, including an inspiring presentation by a professor from UT's African & African Diaspora Studies Department. The McCallum Fashion Show, Coffeehouse, and Choir Performance all showcased a variety of talented students. McCallum has two National Merit Scholarship Finalists this year and six National Merit Commended Scholars. McCallum girls' soccer is wrapping up a great season and senior Mia Gomez has been signed for college play. Baseball and softball are starting their seasons, while tennis and golf are continuing, making for a busy spring semester.  
Budget. Due to delays in AISD's budget process, the CAC will consider next year's campus budget at its April meeting. Current enrollment is slightly over 1800 in keeping with Ms. Griffiths' projections and current staffing allocations. Funding for CCMR (College, Career, and Military Readiness) will be slightly lower because it is based on 2020 data, when many students didn't take the TSI test, which the district uses to determine CCMR, due to the pandemic. Ms. Griffith hopes this figure will increase in the future.  
Course Selections. Almost all current students have turned in course selections for next year. The master schedule timeline requires that campuses be 98% scheduled for the fall by the end of the current school year.  
Covid/Masking. Today was the first day of optional masking in AISD. Approximately 50-70% of McCallum students chose to continue to mask, and there were no reported issues. Ms. Griffith stressed that it was also important for teachers to have this choice, and that she is continuing to support faculty who wish to hold class outside or use other social distancing techniques.

Facilities. McCallum's HVAC system will be repaired this summer with funding from the 2017 school bond. Because the air conditioning will be shut off in the main building over the summer, all office work and summer school classes will be conducted in portables. Ms. Griffith is working with district staff to ensure computers and sensitive musical instruments will be protected during this work. Construction on McCallum's long-awaited Dance Facility, another 2017 bond item, is also expected to begin this summer. There is no word yet about timing for a new school bond, but various groups involved with long-range facility planning have visited the campus.

SAFE Alliance Partnership. After students created McCallum Against Sexual Assault (MASA), Ms. Griffith reached out to the SAFE Alliance, a local nonprofit organization that aims to end abuse and serve survivors of child abuse, sexual assault, trafficking, and domestic violence (<https://www.safeaustin.org>). SAFE offers programs specifically tailored to students to help address these issues. Ms. Griffith will meet with MASA student leaders, counselors, and SAFE staff this week to begin a partnership with SAFE.

Athletics. Ms. Griffith noted that some in McCallum's athletic community have expressed concerns that student athletes may not feel as seen and celebrated as McCallum's fine arts students. In response, Ms. Griffith has invited McCallum's Athletic Director to join the regular campus leadership meetings to advocate for athletics. Ms. Griffith emphasized that she wants every student to feel valued, no matter their passion.

Professional Development. April 1<sup>st</sup> is a professional development day and AISD administration is encouraging campuses to dedicate at least part of the day to community service. Ms. Griffith asked CAC members to send her suggestions for any appropriate community service projects for faculty members.

4. **Other Business.** Parents and teachers expressed frustration about unreliable heating and cooling in classrooms. Ms. Griffith said the HVAC system is controlled by AISD's central facilities office and that she calls and texts them almost daily to report problems. She encouraged staff members to continue to report any issues to her. In response to a parent question, Ms. Griffith confirmed that parents need to register each student every year and that this is most easily done through the district's online portal. In response to another question, Ms. Griffith stated that the district has not yet allowed McCallum to post the opening for a new choir director, but that she expects the position will be posted later this month.
5. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 6:33pm.