

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)
October 1, 2018
McCallum Library
5600 Sunshine, Austin TX

MINUTES

Present: Administration Representatives Mike Garrison and Tammy Stone; Teacher/Staff Representatives Elaine Bohls-Graham, Jane Farmer, Julie Rigby (Special Ed), Nicole Sorto, Margaret Smith; Parent Representatives Lisa Alverson (PTA), Laura Dooley, Holly Eaton, Desiree Laing, Claire Mathias, Laura Yeager; Community Representative Susan Moffat; Business/Parent Representative Liz Kline; Visitor Jean Patton.

1. **Call to Order.** In the absence of the co-chairs, Assistant Principal Tammy Stone called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
2. **Citizens Communications.** No one present wished to speak.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the September CAC meeting were approved by electronic vote prior to the October meeting and posted to CAC website.
4. **Election of 2018-19 Co-Chairs.** Assistant Principal Tammy Stone opened the floor to nominations, noting that CAC rules require one co-chair to be a faculty or staff member and one to be non-staff. Lisa Alverson moved to nominate Claire Mathias as the non-staff co-chair, seconded by Laura Yeager; the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote with no abstentions. Holly Eaton moved to nominate faculty member Elaine Bohls-Graham as the staff co-chair, with Margaret Smith seconding; the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote with no abstentions.
5. **Other CAC Business.** Parent representative Laura Yeager provided a brief legislative update. The Texas Legislature will reconvene in January 2019, with the top education issues expected to be school funding, standardized testing and the state's accountability system, including the new A-F system. As usual, there will likely be a strong push to base all public education decisions, including funding and teacher pay, on standardized test results. In addition, while there may be some political will to fix the school funding system, there is little will to add more money and some early proposals may actually make the funding scenario worse. Ms. Yeager stressed that improvement is unlikely unless Texas voters can elect a sufficient number of public education supporters to the state legislature, and encouraged CAC members to educate themselves about pro-education candidates. Ms. Yeager also reported that the Texas Secretary of State has proclaimed October 26 as Student Voting Day, and reviewed actions schools may legally take to support voter registration and voting. Principal Mike Garrison is exploring the feasibility of scheduling 15-minute presentations on the importance of registering to vote for all Government and Economics classes, which would reach all seniors. Ms. Yeager cited a League of Women Voters' study, which showed students who learned about voting had a substantially higher voter turnout rate, and mentioned Spread the Vote, a new nonprofit that helps people obtain the necessary ID to vote (find information here:

- <https://www.spreadthevote.org/texas/>). She also encouraged staff and faculty members to wear their “I Voted” stickers to model a good example for students. The deadline for registering to vote is October 9. Early voting begins October 22 and runs through November 2. Election Day is November 6.
6. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 6pm.

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