

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)  
McCallum Library  
5600 Sunshine Drive, Austin TX  
February 3, 2020

## MINUTES

Present: Administrative Representatives Brandi Hosack, Tamara Stone; Teacher/Staff Representatives Elaine Bohls-Graham, Jane Farmer, Julie Rigby, Andrea Rogers, Amy Brodbeck, Margaret Smith, Nicole Sorto; Student Representative Emily Arndt; Parent Representatives Claire Mathias, Lisa Alverson, Holly Eaton, Kevin Foster, Laura Yeager, Laura Dooley; Community Representative Susan Moffat.

1. **Call to Order.** Co-chairs Claire Mathias and Elaine Bohls-Graham called the meeting of the McCallum CAC to order at 5:30pm. A quorum was present.
2. **CAC Training Video.** The co-chairs advised members that the training video “Getting to know your District Advisory Bodies” is available in English and Spanish on the AISD website.
3. **Citizens’ Communication.** No one was present wishing to speak.
4. **Minutes.** Minutes of the January CAC meeting were approved by email prior to the February meeting and posted to the McCallum website.

**Principal’s Report. Budget.** Principal Brandi Hosack reported that she has received the budget for the 2020-21 school year and intends to have a detailed budget available for CAC review and approval by the March meeting, although approval is not required until April. AISD is projecting McCallum’s fall enrollment to be down by 60 students, which will mean losing two teaching units plus approximately \$65,000 in non-staffing dollars. Ms. Hosack believes McCallum can absorb the teaching losses through attrition, but the non-staffing funding decrease will be more challenging to make up. Her goal is to make the campus feel the cuts as little as possible. Because of the projected drop in student enrollment, Ms. Hosack has advised the Fine Arts Academy that they may accept a greater number of students for the 2020-21 school year and encouraged them to be intentional in recruiting students currently underrepresented in the Academy. CAC members discussed ways to reach out to historically underrepresented student populations, including contacting middle school teachers at Title 1 campuses and involving local nonprofits such as Ballet Folklorico, Ballet Afrique and Con Mi MADRE (Mothers And Daughters Raising Expectations). CAC members noted that the lack of bus transportation has historically discouraged talented low-income students from applying to the Academy. Ms. Hosack stated that McCallum overall has been losing students of color, largely due to gentrification in the attendance zone, but also expressed a strong need to ensure that McCallum is a welcoming campus where students of all backgrounds feel heard and valued. Ms. Hosack stressed the need to recognize and disrupt implicit bias throughout the school community and has already engaged the new Student Leadership team in this effort. Ms. Stone noted that the student campus climate survey is available online and may be sorted by demographics if CAC members are interested in learning more about student views of campus climate. Ms. Hosack stressed that without honest conversations nothing will change and emphasized the need to attack these issues from

all angles. On a related note, Dr. Foster asked for an update on McCallum's restorative justice work; Ms. Hosack will put restorative justice on a future CAC agenda and will ask members of the Student Leadership team to attend the next meeting. CAC members expressed appreciation to Ms. Hosack for her leadership on these critical issues and will continue to work with her to achieve a campus that welcomes and values all students. Maintenance Issue. Ms. Hosack reported that a chiller pipe broke early on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, causing significant water flow in the building and requiring the temporary closure of the north side of campus. Water came in contact with some electrical equipment, which is being evaluated for damage. Custodians patched the break and stopped the flow as quickly as possible. Ms. Hosack expressed appreciation for their prompt actions.

6. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the CAC adjourned its meeting 6:10pm.