

# MINUTES

## Montford SAC

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*Date | time* 8/25/2016 6:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Sherry Thacker

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### In Attendance

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Lewis Blessing, Dr. Deborah Thomas, Shaunte Deas-Banks, Sherry Thacker, Alex Jordan, Martha Cummings, Christie Hanna, and Robin Wood.

Excused: Taita Scott, Lori Hager, and Eric Gipson.

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### Approval of Minutes

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The minutes were read and approved from the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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### Agenda

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The agenda was sent out via email and is in each folder for review. A motion was made and approved for both the agenda and minutes by Martha Cummings and Christie Hanna.

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### Principal Blessing Update

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School Data: We are an "A" school again (Sheet was attached in folder). The first year we factored in student growth. The bottom 25% in math we still need to work with; the level 1s and 2s are divided in three tiers so we must move them into another tier to show growth. Compared to most schools, we are very good shape. Mr. Monbarren moved to the math lab and we hired Mr. Mincy from Taylor County to also help our math students improve their scores. The reading achieve scores will equate to the Lexile levels to correlate with FSA scores. We aim to support those students who aren't progressing. If students achieve a FSA Level 3, they are required to take Algebra I; however, we don't believe in that; we factor other things in too. Adobe class counts as points for certification which should help. We added nine new teachers and feel really good about the new hires and we also have a great team of Civics teachers who are up to the challenge.

New Building: The new wing opened on time and the painting has been done throughout the campus. JRA and ProSteel were wonderful! Custodians were very helpful too. We saved \$100 per monitor if we took down the old monitors ourselves but they did the wiring. We have a quote to do Building 5 and hope to get Building 3 done soon. We are the only middle school with these; the shelf life on these are "ridiculous" and they all have computers attached. We also got 69 new laptops for all teachers and doubled the RAM. Our numbers for this year are now at 1076 and we should hear back from the district by tomorrow about our numbers and what that means for class size. If we don't meet class size, schedules of students will change. We are very appreciative of the ½ cent penny tax for computers and the new wing.

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### Dr. Thomas

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Attached in the folder is a "fee-based matrix" for review. There was a question about why we include fieldtrips and the answer was that we do offer scholarships. There was a motion made and a second received to approve the "fee-based" matrix.

SIP is not quite ready yet but it will be ready around Labor Day. The incoming 2016-17 SAC members will vote 9/22 on the new School Improvement Plan (SIP) which is due 9/30. It will be previewed at the public hearing during Open House on 9/15.

The reading class does Achieve 3000 Program, Monday/Wednesday/Friday where we have individual based Level I students can work on Achieve articles and have mentoring during that class. Unfortunately, we can't force students to seek help in the mornings before school; perhaps we can offer incentives and we can explore this option at a later date. The main goal is improving scores in the lowest 25% learning gains. A graph is included in each folder that shows the MMS Data from 2009-2016; this doesn't include EOC scores. Some of our content area teachers are getting the reading endorsement.

From 9/15-9/22, we should be able to recruit more new members; we need four parents, one staff member non-instructional, and a business community member.

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### DAC

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There hasn't been a meeting yet.

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### PTSO

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Mrs. Cummings stated that a new board has been elected. We will have the Patrons program again this year and will have it available for Open House sign up. We are currently setting up the "Online" spirit sales store; it will target football parents initially. Later, it will be opened to other sports and athletics. Most inventory is gone from the office. There is a coaches meeting tomorrow to discuss online voting. The pizza sales will continue monthly and three concessions planned. \$10,000 was given by PTSO for the classroom monitors last year. A question was asked if the PTSO recognizes volunteers and the answer was that a yearly volunteer and patron breakfast is done.

Mrs. Thacker and Dr. Thomas encouraged new member recruitment; there is a flyer in each folder for review of recruitment procedures. We do need a DAC member to attend the next meeting. Mr. Jordan stated that he will attend this next meeting until we get a representative. On 9/22, we will vote on the SIP as a reminder.

The A+ money will be released in October/November; ballots are available for teachers to vote.

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### Old Business

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No old business.

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### Next Meeting

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9/22/2016 6:00 PM, Montford

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:40 pm.