



**Montford Middle School
School Advisory Council Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following individuals were in attendance: *Fran Close, Lewis Blessing, Christy Hanna, Mandy Schnittker, Keith Berry, Kimberly Revell, Lillie Thomas and Deborah Thomas*. The following individuals were present to vote on the School Improvement Plan: *Martha Cummings, Tiffany Ward and Darryl Green*.

Approval of Agenda

Lewis Blessing made a motion to approve the agenda; Keith Berry seconded the motion

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Kimberly Revell made a motion to approve the circulated minutes from the August 2019 SAC meeting. Lewis Blessing seconded the motion.

Principal's Updates***School Updates***

- Admission ended up being the same as the beginning of the year (less than expected initially): 1,011 students currently.
- The school was initially supposed to be adding a new wing at some point, but now the school board is saying that with Roberts Elementary School's new building and MMS' third building, there most likely won't be any more new construction at MMS. If MMS should grow, the computer labs would become reading labs.
- The Autism Transition Class, an ESE support class that helps children with Autism, is going well. It is well organized, and students have begun transitioning out to special areas. It is teaching organizational skills. Administration hopes to have even more students next year.

Welcome New Members

The following new members were added to the MMS School Advisory Council roster:
Martha Cummings, Dana Youngblood, Keinya Ragin, Keith Berry and Mike Sever



School Improvement Plan (SIP)

- Public Hearing Summary/Review SIP Goals
 - Same goals as previous two years. Focusing on lowest 25 percent for learning gains; start there and push up. Teachers have suggested minor corrections.
- Questions/Discussion
 - ESE Training – Mr. Blessing explained that every teacher must renew his/her certificate every five years and that they each have to get 20 hours of training. Last year they did a faculty-wide Autism training.
 - Acceleration – Mr. Blessing outlined again the reason for the drop in acceleration on the report card section, explained the rationale and the plan going forward.
 - ESS Act – We've been an A school for 11 years; working on year 12. Designated a School of Excellence by the Florida Legislature. ESS Act is essentially a report card from Federal Government. All subgroups must be at least 40 percent and above. We exceed that. Don't have a budget yet, but we hope to be able to roll over money from last year and use it for subs and for collaborative days.
- SAC Vote of Approval
 - SAC members were asked to send feedback to Dr. Thomas by COB on Monday, 9/23. Otherwise, our SAC will send our SIP off to the county on Tuesday, 9/24.

DAC Update

We chose two new DAC members (Keith Berry and Lillie Thomas) to attend on MMS' behalf.

PTSO Update

- Have currently raised \$7,500 through the Patrons Program. First Pizza Friday was a success. Selling new spirit items. PTSO has contacted all departments for wish lists.

Old Business

- Lillie Thomas and Martha Cummings should be listed as Parents AND Business Partners.
- Agriculture certification discussed recapped (incl. in minutes from August 2019)

New Business

SAC schedule announced for remainder of 2019/2020: 10/17, 2/20, 4/16, and 8/27 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.