

McArthur High School

SAC Minutes – November 1, 2021

Attendance:

Amira Britton	Jessica Bass
Alfred L. Broomfield	Nadine Smith
Neal J. Cain	Juana Jimenez
Gerald L. Armbrister	Brittany Goldsby
Peta-Gaye Bisset	Brittany Meinsen
Charlie Bush	Juana Jimenez Reyes
Neal Cain	Riley Funes
Vincent Newman	Lucresha Childs
Claudia Gallardo	Yvonne Clark
Maureen Durand	Jennifer Mendoza
Waldo Mirambeau	Guillermina Jimenez
Elijah Crawford	Heather Smith
Johanna Jiron-Russo	Andrea Jean

Call to Order: A meeting of the McArthur High School School Advisory Council was held in the Professional Development Room and on Microsoft Teams. Amira Britton called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM. Gerald Armbrister will record the minutes for this meeting.

1. The meeting opened with Mr. Waldo Mirambeau reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Attendance was collected on paper and Teams.
3. Ms. Britton stated the SAC goals.

4. The October minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Smith noted the Literacy Report was missing. Mirambeau moved that the minutes be approved with the addition of the Literacy Report. Durand seconded the motion. The assembly voted in the affirmative.

5. Ms. Britton introduced the SAC Bylaws. Mirambeau moved to approve the bylaws. Nashama seconded the motion. The assembly voted in the affirmative.

6. Mr. Broomfield explained the current status of the SAC funding as having \$26,255.

7. Alfred Broomfield gave the Principal Report:

A. 3DE explained and will begin next year.

B. Homecoming events were announced.

C. Testing will resume after the holiday.

D. Ask Bria is available to help students.

E. The McArthur Extended Learning Program helps students after school.

F. Student IDs are required.

8. Mr. Broomfield explained the District was in the School Accreditation process and participants were solicited.

9. Department Reports

ELA - The department is working on Writing for the 9th and 10 graders. We have finished the retakes for FSA and are waiting on the results. We are looking for a large number of the scholars to pass the FSA retakes.

We are requesting postage stamps be donated to the department so that we can send parent letters to inform the parents of several opportunities that MCA is offering after school and on Saturdays for the SAT to increase participation of the additional resources available to the student to help them receive their graduation requirement.

Thank you for your help and as always, we ask you to encourage your scholars to READ, READ, READ!

Literacy

The Literacy Department is currently working on our cycle three (LAFS) standards which are R.I.1.2 (central idea; details), R.I.2.4 (contextual vocabulary) and R.L.2.4 (contextual vocabulary) in our ELA classes. In our Intensive Reading classes, we're are working on the BEST standards:

November Author's POV and Purpose
(Narrative and Informational Text)

Explain the influence of narrators, analyze or evaluate the development of character perspectives. Informational text: explain analyze or evaluate how an author achieves purpose

ELA R.1.3 Expository Writing:
ELA R.2.3

(LAFS.910. Write an expository text to RL/RL.2.6) explain or analyze information

ELA C.1.4

(LAFS.910. W.1.2)

Every Wednesday is “Tickled Pink About Reading.” On this day we encourage students to wear pink as a motivation for literacy enjoyment and to take some time to read something great.

This month we will begin our Writer’s Café. This is a three-part writing workshop facilitated by the Literacy Coach to reinforce formal writing skills for students and an opportunity to model proven effective instructional strategies with teachers.

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month MCA Literacy and MCA Testing will be coordinating to bring you MCA Family Literacy Night where we will share great reading and writing tips for parents to support their scholars at home. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 11/17/21 at 6:00pm via Microsoft Teams. Parent link calls and emails will go out with the link to the meeting. It can also be found on the school website.

Finally, in the months of November and December, our world languages and performing arts electives will be supporting literacy through vocabulary mnemonics techniques and humorous cartoons that introduce proven mnemonic memory techniques into the vocabulary learning experience.

Social Studies

11th Grade American History just finished Immigration and are moving on to the Progressive Era. 9th Grade World History is starting the Enlightenment and the French Revolution.

Please remind parents to check Pinnacle regularly and canvas for assignments.

Math Department

A score of 430 on the PSAT is needed to pass Algebra I. The ACT will take place in December. A score of level three on FSA is needed to pass Geometry.

Cambridge-AICE Program

The AICE department doesn't really have anything new. We have just about completed the Fall Exam cycle and will not test again until Spring. We did have the AICE assembly in which we gave out our 21 AICE diploma certificates and announced that we have 44 students who are eligible THIS year to earn an AICE diploma but that's about it as far as AICE is concerned.

Science

Biology is currently working on Unit 3 Plant Structure/Functions and Cellular Processes.

Fine Arts

Fine Arts- The Chorus is happy to once again have a public performance at Friday's homecoming pep rally and we have its first concert in two years.

Our fantastic Marching Band earned a rating of "Excellent" at the District Music Performance Assessment.

Our new Drama Director organized and performed a great "Thriller" flash mob last Friday.

Phys Ed

The Physical Education department will begin selling Phys Ed uniforms this week for \$20. The teachers are also still promoting daily physical activity and supporting ELA through weekly SAT Vocabulary words. Lastly, the Phys Ed department will be hosting the Battle of the Fittest Teacher/Student Duo Competition on Dec 9, 2021.

10. Testing Report

Algebra I and Geometry retake will take place in December.

11. Ms. Britton read the process of the School Improvement Plan.

12. Mrs. Andrea Jean presented information on the Upward Bound program.

13. Old Business/New Business: Mr. Armbrister announced the Chorus Winter Concert will be

December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Armbrister thanked Mrs. Smith for the information presented at the online Literacy Night.

Mrs. Bisset mentioned the Computer Science community connections.

Mrs. Bisset mentioned SPIDER held an essay writing workshop and started a podcast.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM