

**Mallard Creek STEM Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Jan 30, 7:00 pm
at MCSA STEM Lab MIDDLE SCHOOL**

7:00 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order 7:03 by Christy Condon

In attendance: Christy Condon, Vishu Cook, Deanna Smith, Shelly Domenech, Kellen Nixon

Absent: Jose Garcia (RTO training)

Also in attendance: Jennifer Lucas

7:02 Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Vishu made a motion to approve the minutes

Kellen Second the motion

No more discussion, motion passed

7:05 Public Comment

3 parents spoke:

Erika Lawrence (PTO) pros: the school is awesome, ms building great, cons: communication still lacking, board page doesn't have all pics or bios, child sent in ambulance without adult, discipline is not consistent, concern w teacher

Substitute teachers are not quality, and they are mean. Work isn't getting done when the sub is in the classroom. Not enough STEM, want more consequences for bad kids, consistent implementation (5th grade)

Tamesha Davis: pros, awesome teachers, kids have adapted to school and very happy. Cons: communication is still problem, more STEM wanted. Engineering and design wanted. Want more chromebooks. Are subs certified? Are afterschool teachers certified, or trained. Nurse is not available. Supervision of student on the EMS. (Is this actually true?) lack of parent participation PTO/School division is a problem they feel pushed back and left out. PTO wants to be more involved. Infrastructure of building needs canopy/awning for weather. Bridge for the middle school walkway. Punishment for kids w feces on wall? PBIS good for good kids and not enough for bad kids.

Lara Catto: communication is still a problem. Gets good emails from teachers. Not enough communication for other items like the fight before Christmas. He said a parent was yelling at a teacher in afterschool and wants to know why she wasn't informed. Needs more outside time, even if its cold and raining.

Karen Hopkins: reminder of EC audit

Ms. Pearce: teacher. Concerned from an EC standpoint wants to make sure all EC accommodations are implemented with consistency. Kids who have certain needs or issues need to be handled appropriately. From a teacher perspective and a sub perspective, we need more equipment for playground space. Needs more equipment. Or playground schedules better.

Laronia Heath: Wants more playground equipment. Needs more supervision on small playground. More oversight for supervision on recess.

7:15 Principal Report

Current enrollment is 765. Working on budget for next year, and target enrollment either 900 or 925. Enrollment currently more boys 60% boys and look for more girls by adding girl electives, girls who code, girls on run and bring more girls into the school.

Student Advisory Council was developed from the SIP so we can have students involved in school culture and the students selected from 4-8 grade a few kids from each grade. They were nominated by teachers and discussed things they want to see: more homework consistent in all grade levels and classes, want to celebrate positive things in the school. Talked about sharing good news as well as bad news to fix things. Pencil drive for kids who don't have one...list includes more punishment for kids. The kids ideas will be transferred to the leadership team to help the staff incorporate their ideas.

Ms. Vaughn is the facilitator. They developed a suggestion box from parent recommended on the SAC for the SIP and they kicked it off with students first.

Tomorrow these kids will be visiting 4 and 5 grade to share the suggestion box and then middle school next week.

Professional development pending: Raising expectations for all students. Topic is an EC inclusion to make sure we are challenging them but also following their accommodations and plans. We need to balance the modifications and expectations. Creating classroom culture and including families in the culture Another topic is understanding diversity.

Discussed needs for upcoming school year for next year including large PLC across two campuses and

EC Update: we did an internal audit we began a lower number but during the past 2 months we have more students getting identified up to 52 students. Many of them are with 2 contracted speech pathologists. We have opened an advertisement for another EC teacher full time.

Mclass is not completed yet for the mid year.

Using a universal math screening K2 which will be reported next meeting. NCSC for the screener.

Great News: gym floors are getting installed on Feb 11th. The install will work around the church rental and will take about 10 days. Bleachers will come in spring break.

7:45 Finance Report

Current monthly financials are strong end of December. Showed a positive fund. Cms is only 30-45 days behind in their payments. We are managing the expenses. We have opened the position for another EC teacher so that will have some impact on the budget. Updated PSA still on, date for closing is pushed to April 30th so we will pay rent in April then there will be a cash payment at closing back to the school.

8:15 SCSA Report

Permits out, began to clear the fields and need to set up a photo op date for picture for groundbreaking. Can we consider this same day for interviews of principal? Kellen and Shelly and Christy confirmed dates. Need call Jose and Tyrone to see if they are available.

11-14 no good after the 22

New website is up and live. Mallard will transition their website over to the new website director to update and it integrate photos images etc.

8:30 Adjourn

Shelly made a motion to adjourn

Vishu seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned.