

November 4, 2024 Collaborative School Committee Minutes

Location: McMeen Elementary

Presentation slides and minutes for each meeting found on McMeen's Website:

<https://mcmeen.dpsk12.org/get-involved/collaborative-school-committee-csc/>

CSC Members present: Principal: Ms. Andria Hinman (staff), Laura Harmacek (parent via phone), Lauren Bartsch (staff), Laura Dickinson (parent via phone), DJ Torres (parent), Stacy West (parent), Chiris Hughes (staff), Kelly Dickinson (staff)

1. We always keep this in mind in these meetings
 - McMeen Elementary stands as a school of excellence in which everyone is safe, respected and celebrated. Together we create 21st century thinkers who continue to achieve and innovate. With our teachers, families and surrounding community we empower culturally aware individuals to become altruistic, compassionate, and intrinsically motivated models for what is truly exceptional.
2. Approve previous meeting minutes
 - Move by Stacy, seconded by DJ. Unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment Period
 - See notes at the end of these minutes.
4. School Update, see presentation
 - a. Enrollment numbers - not a lot of movement from last month's CSC meeting
 - b. Class enrollment - not a lot of movement from last month's CSC meeting
 - c. Your Voice / Tu Voz Survey – participation is part of the rating of our school. [Please participate](#) (your link is unique).
 - d. Read-A-Thon - November 1st
 1. literacy is also writing!
 - e. Family Dinner - November 14th 10:30-1:30pm
 1. RSVP to attend
 2. Adults \$7, children non-student \$6

Next Meeting is December 3rd.

4:57 adjourn

Public Comment Notes:

* denotes action items (three below)

Favorite examples of public comment?

Morning drop-off: Thanks for doing that for the kids

- Limitations on “duty” in the contract

When should we pull someone in if things escalate?

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- Not the police
- See something, say something
- Call the police if you see a crime- not the office
- No special training

Are there cameras to support the claims?

- Focused on school grounds
- DPS safety can be a presence
- DPD has been called but not seen
- Follow basic human decency
- Even called city council
- Tried to turn Tennessee into a one way with no success

Can you not make the decision because of the city streets?

- New Family Resource Officer
- Building was not built for 700 families

Crossing guards?

- No crossing guards have been awarded to the school

Bus exemption form- Who can take the bus?

- Attendance AND supporting kids getting to the bus
- It is possible if enough kids sign up they will add a 3rd bus

*ReachWell information on bus use/exemption

Crossing guards and can PTO support?

- No one applies
- Verbally berated by parents
- The job is hard
- *Volunteer support from DPS?
- 6-10 people

What supports and ideas does the district have?

What about the flow?

*Flow direction- only back was for walkers and bikers?

*Gene willing to gather and brainstorm

No school the day after Halloween!

Plan days- can you do a half day instead?

- Just a once month.
- One planning day a month for McMeen days vs. District planning days
- Dual language gives extra planning days

Lauren has done a great job staffing Paras

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- Pulling small groups
- Above and beyond

Dual language maintenance

- Waiting until Nov. 7th