

Mebane Middle School School Advisory Council Minutes



Thursday, November 16th, 2023

- 1) **Members Present:** Adam Boukari (community member), Gib Coerper (community member), Joel DeCoursey (community member), Sara Felix (teacher), Mike Gamble (principal), Addison Miranda (student), Kathy Miranda (parent), Shyrisse Ramos (teacher), Hannah Reynolds (teacher), Tanya Tillman (ESP).
- 2) **Call to Order – 7:17 a.m.**
- 3) **Select Chair – Sara Felix**
- 4) **SAC mission –** To support the faculty of Mebane Middle School in carrying out the School Improvement Plan.
- 5) **Principal's Report –** Principal Gamble that the student population grew by over 50 students from what MMS was allocated for at the end of the 2022-2023 school year and the start of school this year. We were allocated another 1.8 “teaching units” to accommodate the additional students. Most of this was used up by teachers taking on an additional period. Mebane is looking to grow in the future through the expansion of the Biomedical Mustangs magnet program and through the District’s rezoning plan, if it takes place as currently scheduled. We may not be able to offer 7 class periods/day and we will probably have three lunches instead of two if we grow as planned.
Mr. Gamble thanked the PTSA for their support of MMS at the District Rezoning community input meetings. Mrs. Miranda, MMS PTSA President, asked if teachers could share what they’re doing in their classes so they can share it on their social media sites.
Student behavior has improved from last year, although we are still dealing with some post-pandemic malaise. Students who do not pass their four core classes (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies) have fewer options for making up the credits. There are several current 8th-graders who were retained last year.
Ms. Tillman asked if we could get a list of students who have failing grades. Yes, we have those lists, but we can’t share them with the SAC. Lists have been shared with teachers at previous faculty meetings.
- 6) **Use of SAC ADV funds –** Current ADV balance is \$16, 649.16. SAC approval is required for any expenditure over \$500.00. This money is used to support teachers, eg.: mini-grants, tech

purchases, classroom libraries, etc. The money rolls over, so it's not "use it or lose it" each year.

7) **Adjourn – 7:37 a.m.**

8) **Future SAC meetings:** Consensus is that early morning works best for most of the people in attendance today. Online meetings via Google Meet give us better flexibility. 3rd Thursday of the month also works. Future meetings will be: Jan 18th, Feb 15th, March 21st, April 18th, May 16th at 7:15 unless otherwise changed.