

# SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING



Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 3:30PM  
Media Center, (Zoom Link available upon request)

## Attendees:

- Brooke Hyer
- Valerie Hatch
- Nancy Dresser
- Josh Flores
- Katrina Herd
- Debbie Snow
- Mark Meurisse (Left 4:47)
- David Adkins (Left 4:52)
- Jarrett Rasmussen (Left 4:35)
- Alyson Hamilton (Left 5:20)
- Glen Varga
- Angela Crawford

## Absent:

- Nam Nguyen (2nd absence)

## TO DO:

- Counselors: link to access course descriptions
- Notification about registration cards go out in parent square for ALL grades
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the screening strategies in the accelerated math path and improve advisement in course recommendation
- Send out a summary and notes about Derivita
- Seek feedback from teachers on collaboration time needs
- Re-examine safe-walking routes path from east side.

TIME	AGENDA	NOTES
------	--------	-------

1	1. Welcome	
2	2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 11/12/25	Motion to approve Minutes approved Noted that meeting date changed due to scheduling conflict
5	3. Class Registration 26-27 & 6th Grade Orientation Night (Varga)	220 kids requested schedule changes for Q3 Registration cards have gone out. Parents said they were easy to understand but would like better parent square messaging communicating due dates, course descriptions, and helpful information.
39	4. Accelerated Math	Our math dept chair Ms. Jensen said kids are falling behind the pace of accelerated curriculum. -standard for entry into accelerated math is to perform at a 4 on the rise test in your 6th grade year and take an accelerated math entry test to see if it is a good fit. -PUBLIC COMMENT: Is this the first year of the accelerated readiness assessment. Assessment tool is being developed using models from other schools. Students are being pulled to a slower pace on occasion when content needs to be retaught. We want the accelerated path to be for 10% and traditional for 90% -Can we involve parents in the math tutoring -What will the math assessment show that Invite Ms. Jensen to the next meeting to go over the assessment -Connect with elementary school on math recommendations so parents can make informed decisions.
52	5. Honors Language Arts (Kimberly Stewart)	MCMS is looking at moving honors from 9th grade ELA to a Tracks Time specialization where an honors distinction can be earned by completing a LA project each <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Literature &amp; Creative Writing classes are available</li> <li>• Visiting Parents expressed concern about removing honors and would like to keep 9th grade honors moving forward. Parents of the SCC also advocated to continue</li> </ul>

		<p>Honors programs based on benefits to these different levels. Research on both sides was shared. The research is divided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another option is embedding honors into classes.</li> <li>• Best strategies, best resources, ongoing conversation</li> </ul>
40	6. LAND TRUST GOALS for 2026-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2025-26 LandTrust Plan</a></li> <li>• Consider a goal that increases the authenticity of experiences of students in Chinese Immersion.</li> <li>• We are on track to stay in the budget for land trust.</li> <li>• Suggested Enrichment aid/ gifted and talented coach for extension or support opportunities available to all students</li> <li>• Coordinated direction to shift purpose of coaches to support both</li> <li>• Reading + and Derivita are the softwares being purchased in the plan</li> <li>• Consider funds for experiential learning experiences (fieldtrips).</li> <li>• Money must be targeted to the goals</li> </ul>
2	7. YouTube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively in our YouTube blocking attempt</li> <li>• Kids are working around</li> <li>• More rambunctious behavior</li> <li>• Next year, the district will block youtube and we are a test school for feedback on this implementation.</li> </ul>
2	8. Safety Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The required evacuation fire drill was successful; some minor adjustments with doors are being implemented by Brent Gabbitas, our head custodian.</li> <li>• Classrooms doors</li> </ul>
15	9. Safe Walking Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are due. They need to be reviewed every year. Mr. Varga has reviewed the plans and adjustments from the previous year.</li> <li>• Ready for signatures</li> <li>• UDOT safe routes is all digital now</li> <li>• We want a crossing guard at the intersection by Golden Fields &amp; 20 mph signs with flashing lights.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's also a problem with elementary cars parking on the street at pick-up.</li> </ul>
5	10. Celebrations! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MWTOTY</li> <li>b. Performing Arts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met our fundraising goal estimated between \$7-10k</li> <li>Auditions for footloose were last week.</li> </ul>
	11. Public Comment (TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents in attendance shared their view regarding honors and accelerated math.</li> </ul>
5	12. Council questions for future agenda items	Communication from HS to MS needs to improve
2	13. Next Meeting	March 18, 2026
<b>Upcoming Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb 16, 2026 President's Day</li> <li>Mar 6, 2026 Professional Development Day (NO STUDENTS)</li> <li>Mar 30, 2026 Grade Transmittal Day</li> <li>Mar 31, 2026 - Apr 3, 2026 SPRING BREAK</li> </ul>		