

***Mercer County Senior High
SBDM Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 20th, 2023***

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tatum at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room. The following members of the council were in attendance:

Present : Spencer Tatum, Principal Kendra Rowland, Teacher Ekambaram Elumalai, Teacher John Huffman, Parent Patrick Branam, Parent Mike Floro, SBDM Secretary	Absent: Andrew Ashford, Teacher
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Agenda Approval

Motion to accept: K. Rowland, second by J. Huffman
Motion was approved by consensus.

Minutes Approval

February minutes were reviewed by the council.
Motion to accept: K. Rowland, second by J. Huffman
Motion was approved by consensus.

Good News Report

- Alena Trent was selected as the “Superior Titan” by the faculty and will be recognized at the March board meeting.
- Emily Curtsinger won the Kentucky Flute Society’s High School solo competition.
- National Honor Society and Beta club members celebrated “Read Across America Week” by hosting students from MCES for some amazing learning opportunities.
- Sadie Peavler won the Harrodsburg Rotary Club Speech contest for the second year in a row and will advance to the Regional competition.
- The Lady Titans basketball team won the 12th Region championship to advance to the KHSAA State tournament where they lost in the first round to GRC. .
- Anna Drakeford, Lindsey Jessie, Sara Dunn and Teigh Yeast were named to the 12th Region All-Tournament team.
- Trevor Ellis was named to the Boys Basketball 12th Region All-Tournament team.
- Taylor Wright signed to play soccer at Georgetown College.
- Mercer Archery boys team won the KHSAA regional tournament and the girls team finished third.
- Troy Diaz-Ward was the Archery boys regional champion with a score of 296/300.
- Tyler Middleton placed 3rd on the boys side with a score of 291/300.
- Kelsey Dennis placed 3rd on the girls side with a score of 289/200 and will also advance to state.

- Baseball, Softball, boys and girls tennis and boys and girls track began their spring sports season the week of March 13th.

Monthly Reports

Behavior:

- PBIS data and charts were presented (see SBDM packet). This month's data did not include "minor" referrals - only "majors". Data shows 429 major referrals from the start of school through 3/14/23. 9th grade had 150 referrals, 10th grade had 155 referrals, 11th grade had 43 referrals, and 12th grade had 81 referrals.

Academic:

- EOP Testing will begin on Tuesday 3/21 and go through Friday 3/24. Makeups will follow the next week.

Budget:

- Section 6 - \$39,547.14
- District Activity Accounts - \$407,007.19
- Student Activity Accounts - \$37,630.97

*Mr. Branam presented a chart of "needs" from Mrs. Ashford for the band.

- Musser Vibraphone - \$5,554
- 2 Behringer VP2520 Speakers - \$780 (total for 2)
- Yamaha YG120 Bells - \$1,147
- Total - \$7,481

Old Business

None

New Business

- Mr. Tatum reported on the current scheduling process. He said our counselors will start scheduling kids within the next month. Almost all student "google forms" have been submitted to the guidance office and our counselors are working on collecting any remaining ones. Mr. Tatum reported that once students are to start scheduling, the counselors will start with current 11th graders and begin with students with the highest GPA. They will work descendingly from 11th grade down to 9th grade based on highest to lowest GPA.
- Mr. Tatum reported on Graduation. He said graduation will be set for May 27th @ 2:00PM in the MCSHS Gym. Project graduation will be held that night with our seniors traveling to Malibu Jacks.

- Mr. Tatum presented the chart for 2023-23 SY MCSHS Fees (fee chart is attached in the SBDM packet)
 - After presenting the Fee chart which had athletic passes listed on it, Mr. Branam asked how to go about getting proceeds from these passes along with athletic gate receipts divided up so band and cheerleading could get a portion. Mr. Tatum advised that Cheerleading already did get an allotment from athletics budget since they were a KHSAA sport but Band was not. Mr. Tatum advised council that if more information was needed on this issue then Mr. Booher (superintendent) or Randy Phillips (board chairman) should be contacted since those dollars in question come from district athletic funds. Mr. Branam expressed concern about the financial equity of Band being asked to attend sporting events but not receiving any funding like the sports they are asked to represent.
 - Motion to accept the MCSHS Fees Chart for 23-24 SY: Dr. Eka, seconded by P. Branam

- Mr. Tatum presented to council 2 new courses that MCSHS would like to add to the course description handbook. These course(s) would be required for seniors who are not postsecondary ready and have completed all courses containing required Kentucky Academic Standards for Math. These courses would count as a substitute for a student's senior Math Credit. Seniors interested (but not required), would still be given the option to take another senior math credit (Money Skills or Personal Finance). A full course description of these 2 additional courses can be found in the SBDM packet.
 - College Readiness Math
 - Intervention Math
 - A full description of these courses is found in the SBDM packet.
 - Motion to accept the 2 new courses: J. Huffman, seconded by Dr. Eka.

- Mr. Tatum revisited our staffing allocation that was presented to the council at the February 2023 meeting. He reminded the council that MCSHS has been given 41 certified allocations for the 23-24 SY (down from 45 certified allocations from the 22-23 SY). Mr. Tatum explained that this reduction of 4 positions is actually only 2 positions because 2 positions from the 22-23 allocation will be transferred from the high school allocation to Mercer Central/Day Treatment allocation for the 23-24 SY. In summary, the council is tasked with determining how MCSHS will reduce 2 certified positions for the 23-24 SY. Mr. Tatum presented and discussed several pages of notes on the needs of MCSHS for the 23-24 SY based on student survey inventory and courses needed (see the 5 pages of notes in the SBDM packet titled: "SBDM Meeting Points - 3/21/23"). Based on the needs of the students and the notes presented, Mr. Tatum's recommendation to council for the 23-24 SY was to eliminate 1 certified English position and 1 certified Social Studies position. Mr. Branam asked if there were any other solutions to this situation other than his recommendation and Mr. Tatum said there was no other solution that the administrative team could see based on if the documents presented are followed on what courses are needed for the 23-24 SY. Mr. Tatum reminded the council that the last staffing cuts the HS had to make in 2018, when 3 certified positions were eliminated, came from "elective" teachers - 1 Health/PE, 1 Agriculture, and 1 Family Consumer Science. He advised that our elective departments were operating on a "bare bones" staff and no cuts could come from electives and realistically schedule students for the 23-24 SY. Mr. Branam asked about what 2 certified staff cuts would do to class sizes for the 23-24 SY. Mr. Tatum said some classes could have 30-31 students in them but classes. Mr. Tatum explained that we would have some classes with 30-31 students but not all areas. Mr. Tatum advised council that no decision on this matter would be made at tonight's meeting and a special called meeting would be held next Monday 3/27 @ 4:00PM to further discuss the issue.

Policy Reviews:

Consultation Policy: (2nd Reading)

- No Changes

Motion to accept: Dr. Eka, seconded by P. Branam

Discipline and Classroom Management Policy: (2nd Reading)

- No Changes

Motion to accept: J. Huffman, seconded by Dr. Eka

Instructional Practices (1st Reading)

- No Changes

Motion to accept: P. Branam, seconded by J. Huffman

Technology Use Policy (1st Reading)

- No Changes

Motion to accept: Dr. Eka, seconded by J. Huffman

Upcoming dates/events:

March 20	SBDM 4:00 pm
March 20-31	End of Program Testing window
March 21	Board meeting 5:30 pm
March 23	Band KMEA performance @ EKU
March 29	Club Day
April 3-7	Spring Break
April 11-12	CERT Testing
April 15	ACT
April 17	SBDM 4:00 pm
April 18	Board meeting 5:30 pm
April 19	Blood Drive
April 21	Drama - "Grease" 7:00 pm
April 22	Drama - "Grease" 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm
April 23	Drama - "Grease" 2:00 pm
April 26	Club Day
April 29	Prom - "Masquerade on Main" 8:00 pm
May 5-11	AP Testing window
May 8-12	KSA Testing window
May 8-12	Staff Appreciation week
May 15	SBDM 4:00 pm

May 16	Board meeting 5:30 pm
May 17	Senior Trip - Kings Island
May 21	Baccalaureate - Carpenter's Christian Church 3:00 pm
May 24	Last day of school
May 27	Graduation - MCSHS Gymnasium 2:00 pm
May 27	Project Graduation - Malibu Jack's (Lexington)
June 10	ACT
June 12	SBDM 4:00 pm
June 20	Board meeting 5:30 pm
June 25-July 9	KHSAA Dead Period

The list was reviewed and Mr. Tatum will continue to share dates with the staff weekly.

Public Comments

None

The next special called meeting will be Monday March 27th at 4:00 p.m. in the MCSHS conference room.

The next regular monthly meeting will be April 17th at 4:00 p.m in the MCSHS conference room. The SBDM council was adjourned at 5:17 p.m. The motion was made by Dr. Eka and seconded by J. Huffman. Motion was approved by consensus.

Submitted by Mike Floro, recording secretary