

Montgomery County Schools

Meeting Agenda

Group: Cabinet

Date/Time: 11/20/23- 9:00 a.m.

Place: Central Office

Facilitator/Leader: Dale Ellis

Attending: Central Support and Assigned Principals (Thanks to Enoc Robledo and Anne McLean for representing principals)

Overall Purpose: *Montgomery County Schools will graduate life-ready, globally competitive students who are leaders in their community, who value diversity, and who are College and Career Ready.*

Agenda Item	SP/SG	Person Reporting	Time	Action(s) Taken	Assigned To	By When
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Celebrations	All	Dale	5 min	The fundraiser for Devon Little was excellent.		
Superintendent Division						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do principals and CSS admin need to know and do? 	All	Dale	5 min			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December BOE Agenda 	All	Dale	10 min	Please send agenda items to Cindy Davis.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December Principal Agenda 	All	Dale	10 min	Please send agenda items to Terri Absher or Wade Auman		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Services Update 	All	Jack	10 min	<p><i>Administrative Services Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Shutdown Procedures linked. • The Youth Mental Health PD window ends today November 20, 2023. • Holiday Shutdown Procedures (Safety Reps can assist). • November’s Character Traits are KINDNESS and EMPATHY • American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month • National Scholarship Month • National Career Development Month 		
Learning Division						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do principals and CSS admin need to know and do? 	All	Wade	5 min	<p><i>Learning Division Updates:</i></p> <p>Title 1 Documentation – As schools begin to hold various parent events and begin using Title 1 funds, make sure to</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant and Federal Program Updates 	GCS	Wade	10 min	collect artifacts to highlight the work you are performing. The Title 1 folders in Google have been shared with Principals, Assistant Principals, and Instructional Facilitators. If you do not have access to the folders or have any Title 1 questions, feel free to contact Wade Auman.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Update 	GCS	Matthew	10 min			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Update 	GCS	Terri	10 min			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Support Update 	GCS	Terri	10 min	TSL Grant Presentation – Principals, if you would like the Learning Team to come present the TSL grant information but have not signed up please contact Wade Auman or Terri Absher.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC Update 	GCS	Takeda	10 min			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-K Update 	GCS	Vance	10 min	EVAAS Individual Teacher Data – EVAAS data was made available on November 16, 2023. If any teacher has issues with access to the EVAAS system, please speak with your principal.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiation Update 	GCS	Jessica	10 min	Digital Learning Coach meeting – There will be a DLC meeting tomorrow afternoon, December 21st. If anyone has topics/concerns for discussion, please email them to Wade Auman today. Principals’ PLC – We will hold our second Principals’ PLC on November 29 starting at 8:30 am in the Staff Development room. Please use the link in the meeting invitation to post topics for discussion. NC ILA – The registration emails were sent last week for the NC ILA session #8. If you are a participant in NC ILA, please register using the link in the email. The event will be on November 30, 2023, beginning at 8:00 am at the Embassy Suites Conference Center-Greensboro Airport. If you have any questions, please contact Wade Auman. MCC Partnership Meeting – There will be a partner meeting with MCC on December 1, 2023. If anyone has any topics/concerns for discussion, please email them to Wade Auman.		

			<p>PRC 189 Tutoring – Principals, attendance for PRC 189 after-school programming will be kept within PowerSchool this year. Data Managers will be trained in how to set up the PRC 189 group in PowerSchool to keep up with attendance. The end of year report will be pulled from PowerSchool, so it is important for this to be completed and accurate.</p> <p>NC Education Corps – We have partnered with the NC Ed Corp to assist in recruiting K-5 tutors for literacy. As part of the program, all tutors will go through high impact tutor training. Tutors will be recruited with NC Ed Corp and then we will select from a shared spreadsheet of approved tutors.</p> <p>Elementary After-School Programming – The Elementary School after-school programming has started. Please make sure you are keeping accurate daily attendance and tracking the payments made by families. Mr. Thomas will be contacting you for this information. Please refer to the after-school handbook for any questions. If anyone needs further information, please reach out to Vance Thomas or Wade Auman.</p> <p>School Improvement Plans – Thank you for submitting your school’s school improvement plan. Remember, these plans are living documents, and each SIT meeting should have discussions around selected indicators aligned to improvement efforts. If you would like for any Learning Team member to attend an upcoming SIT meeting at your school, feel free to contact us.</p> <p>Training Opportunities:</p> <p>PTEC PD Offerings – If any staff members are interested in Professional Development, please look over the PTEC course offerings for 2023-24. If anyone is interested in attending, please communicate with your principal, and then email Terri Absher to sign up. Please use the link</p>	
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			<p>below to access the course offerings: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ptec (ptecnet.org)</p> <p>Upcoming Dates:</p> <p>Early Literacy Specialist meeting – November 20, 2023</p> <p>Digital Learning Coach Meeting – November 21, 2023</p> <p>Principals’ PLC – November 29, 2023, in the Staff Development Room beginning at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>NC ILA – November 30, 2023, at the Greensboro Embassy Suites beginning at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>MCC Partnership Meeting – December 1, 2023</p> <p><i>Elementary Updates:</i></p> <p>Instructional Rounds will take place on November 29 at 8:30 am at Montgomery County Early College.</p> <p>The IF meeting scheduled for November 30 has been cancelled due to the NC ILA meeting.</p> <p>LETRS Online Professional Learning for Unit 6, Part 2 will take place on November 30 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Participants will receive a stipend for this session.</p> <p>Teacher guides and student permission forms were provided to elementary principals and IFs for the Children’s Theatre of Charlotte performance of Danny, King of the Basement. The play will take place at the MCHS Auditorium on December 7 at 9:30 am. Please be sure to put information into Travel Tracker.</p>	
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Secondary and CTE Updates:

CTE Teachers that are in the New Teacher Institute have observations due December 1st as part of their portfolios. I am working with those teachers to complete those observations now.

High School Principals: Please make sure you have submitted applications for early graduation if you have any. We need to check those names and make sure they take WorkKeys in December if they are eligible. Applications are due by November 27th but sooner is better because it takes a day or 2 to get them registered for WorkKeys on the accountability side.

High Schools please review the high school registration guide that I sent out last week for any changes. I would like to publish that prior to the Christmas Break.

High School Honors Courses will be required to meet the standards of the newly revised Honors course guide in the 24-25 school year. We will start reviewing the standards at the next Principals' meeting.

Middle and High School Ag Teachers have a grant opportunity through NCFFA for up to \$20,000 for program improvement/Capital. Please let me know if you are interested in a project I will help with the application. <https://ncffa.org/agricultural-education/cte-grant-for-agriculture/>

Upcoming Dates

FAFSA will be made available in December, this is later than normal, and students will have a shorter time to apply for aid next school year.

The Middle School Visit to the high schools for registration will take place in Mid-January due to the

shortened semester. WE will set a date at the next Principals Meeting

EC Updates:

Title IX

- Make sure all staff have been trained or are scheduled for an upcoming training.
- A **phone call to Takeda LeGrand's cell should follow all emails** regarding items that may be Title IX to ensure prompt support and Principals should be a part of the reports in the event information collected identifies a reportable offense.
 - Principals and Department Heads will receive a training attestation form on December 4th.

Exceptional Children

- **PACE**-All applications for PACE should be sent to Takeda LeGrand regardless of the student's eligibility for EC Services.
- **Behavior Intervention Plans**-Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) are reserved for students identified as EC or students participating in the Child Find process with Behavioral Specialists. All regular education students are eligible for a Behavior Diagnostic Assessments (BDA)per the MTSS process with Counselors.
- **Special State Funds for Risk Pool**- Apply per student's IEP and must meet the criteria. Applications are approved on the 15th of each month. If you have a student identified as EC with an IEP who may qualify for extra support, please contact Dee Terry by the 5th of each month to submit an application by the 15th .
- **IEP Interruption last Friday 11/17/2023**- Last

night, the ECATS vendor released a fix to an existing issue in the system. This fix inadvertently caused the IEP to clear at inappropriate times. The vendor has confirmed that this fix has been reverted. **Users should no longer experience the issue reported earlier today** (see below for distributed message).

11/16/2023 An issue has been discovered this morning with the IEP Process clearing the workspace. For any IEPs, if the Meeting Purpose link has already been completed and saved, do not go back to the meeting purpose and resave, or update it at all. *If this is done, the entire IEP workspace will clear again. If, for any reason, changes need to be made to the begin/end dates, make those changes on paper copy as this is the authoritative source. This is a top priority for OEC and PCG to resolve. Updates will be shared when possible.*

- **Certified Reading Research to Classroom Practice and Foundations of Math Instructors-** DPI is verifying PSUs lists this week. We will share upon receipt.
- **NCDPI EC PD & Calendar of Events-** <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/ec-events>

Pre-K Updates:

Please make sure you secure and/or bring inside any outside/playground materials that could be damaged or walk off during Thanksgiving break.

PreK will be attending the Grinch show hosted by the Montgomery County Library on December 5, 2023. Make sure you have parent permission forms and have reserved bus transportation for the event. PreK will pay for transportation.

Differentiation Updates:

MTSS

- Students that are receiving intervention should have a matching plan housed in ECATS.
- ECATS will soon have the students Rate of Improvement (ROI) for school MTSS to use to analyze effective.
- As a reminder, the Standard Treatment Protocol for MTSS is a live document and changes are made digitally. Be mindful of this when printing for your staff as this may not reflect current updates. Any updates will be given to Instructional Facilitators and principals.
- We will be getting a curriculum from Social Thinking called *SuperFlex*. This resource will help us provide targeted interventions for social skills. More info will be shared soon.

AIG

- IF's are working to complete CogAT testing and paperwork.
- Fall Headcount in PowerSchool: Due November 30th.

ESL

- Anyone administering screeners or ACCESS for ELLs 2.0, must be certified. School level testing coordinators and assistant coordinators must also be certified. WIDA certifications only last one

				<p>school year and these must be completed prior to the ACCESS testing window and prior to administering a screener. Website to complete training modules: https://portal.wida.us/</p> <p>Elementary levels need to complete the following modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WIDA Screener for Kindergarten: Administration & Scoring ○ WIDA Screener Online: Administration ○ Writing for Grades K-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper & WIDA Screener ○ Speaking for Grades K-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper & WIDA Screener ○ Online ACCESS for ELLs: Administration ○ Paper ACCESS for ELLs: Administration ○ Kindergarten: ACCESS for ELLs ○ Alternate ACCESS for ELLs: Administration (Only if applicable) <p>Middle and High School levels need to complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WIDA Screener Online: Administration ○ Writing for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener ○ Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring WIDA Screener ○ Online ACCESS for ELLs: Administration ○ Paper ACCESS for ELLs: Administration ○ Alternate ACCESS for ELLs: Administration (Only if applicable) 		
<p>Operations Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do principals and CSS admin need to know and do? 	All	Matthew	10 min	<p>Operations Updates:</p> <p>Over extended breaks, please shut down all devices that can be shut down.</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auxiliary Services Update 	21 Sys	Matthew	10 min	Last week, we had another ransom attack, but it did not reach the servers. It did not spread, and the computer is isolated.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources Update 	LGI	Emily	10 min	Please do not click on links from emails that are not from a @montgomery.k12.nc.us email.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability Update 	21CP	Amanda	10 min	<p><i>HR Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make sure part-time employees are not working over 29 hours per week. • Please make sure to look over the employee payroll google sheet and contact Michelle Brady to update your employees and positions. Please make all updates by Tuesday 11/21. Moving forward, please make sure to ALWAYS complete a staff action form for internal moves within your building. Please see the attached staff action form. It is not necessary to check references for existing employees. Staff Action Form • Please refer to the interview process handout and the hiring process handout that was given to you at the Principal's Meeting last week when conducting interviews. If you have any questions, please let the HR department know. Interview Process and Hiring Process. Also, please remember to use the updated reference form. Updated Reference Form • Please let me know if you have any teachers teaching additional blocks. I need to make sure they are on my spreadsheet so they will get paid. • Travel Tracker Invoices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bookkeepers will get an invoice from the 		

				<p>Central Office (Shaina White) for trips from July-October. This invoice needs to be paid ASAP. If there is a trip on there that should not come from your school account. For example, CTE agreed to pay for the trip, you will need to subtract that from the total and write on the invoice who Shaina needs to invoice for that trip.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Moving forward, we will send invoices at the end of the month.• Staff Spreadsheets - I will send those out by the end of the day. Please look over and review. Please make sure that every person that comes into your building is listed, even if it is part-time or they are split with schools. Also, look at the instructions concerning bus drivers.• Homebound Services: If you have a student in need of homebound services – Please utilize the attached handbook. You will email ALL completed applications to Emily Shaw and Jack Cagle. Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance. Homebound Handbook• Make sure the first and second round of UFactor videos, video on The Code of Ethics, and the Concussion PowerPoint are being watched.• Principals, please continue to ensure that HR is in the loop with employees who are not following through on their commitments of driving buses when needed. If we have refusals of emergency bus routes, HR needs to be aware.• Attached is the information from the principals’ meeting concerning PDPs, observations, and super observations. NCEES Information	
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unfilled positions, but upon investigation, the absences are not being entered until after 6:30 AM. I know that there are times when teachers wake up sick, just try to get it entered ASAP. **Also, if you notice sub positions being changed from unfilled to filled by ESS and are not filled, please let me know.**

- K-3 Class size: Even though we are now in compliance, please know that we are still EXTREMELY close to the maximum number of students across the district in K-3. Please be understanding if additional shifts within your building have to be made to stay in compliance.
- National Boards: The state did not provide recurring funds to assist with submission costs. – We would still like to encourage teachers to obtain National Board Certification. We will be hosting an interest meeting soon to offer support to those interested in pursuing the process.
- Homegrown Updates
 - Keep pushing Homegrown teachers – See the information attached [Homegrown](#)
 - Homegrown instructors - If you have a homegrown instructor in your building, please let me know so they can get paid at the end of the semester.
 - Homegrown Apprenticeship - We still have room for one more apprentice! If you know someone who would be interested in this opportunity, please let me know.
- East Carolina University’s Partnership Teach [applications](#) for the 2024 virtual cohorts **are NOW open!!** Please see the attached flyer [ECU Info](#) –

Please share this with all classified employees Are you interested in a **TA to Teacher online** degree completion program that results in a Bachelor's Degree & NC Teaching License? If yes, ECU's Partnership Teach program might be perfect for you!

- The [Master of School Administration](#) program at UNC-Chapel Hill will be hosting information sessions on the following dates: On-Campus with Optional HyFlexClass Visit - Wednesday, November 8th at 4:00PM EST - Register [here](#) (This session will provide a peek into the Hyflex environment.)
 - Online - Tuesday, January 9th at 5:00PM EST - Register [here](#)
 - Online - Tuesday, February 6th at 5:00PM EST - Register [here](#)
- Custody Agreements: Please make sure you are aware of any custody agreements. Please read them, make notes, inform teachers, and let me know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Dates

- Click here for the complete observation timeline: [Observation Timeline](#)
- November 29th- Mentor Logs due to Ms. Wilson
- December 5th - BT2 Meeting Virtual 3:15
- December 6th- BT 1 Meeting Virtual 3:15
- December 7th - BT 3 Meeting Virtual 3:15
- December 7th - Calendar Meeting 3:30 Staff Development Room Central Office
- December 15th- Mid Year PDPs due
- December 15th - Comprehensive #2, Standard #1, Abbreviated #1 Observations due.
- December 20th-Mentor Logs due to Ms. Wilson

Accountability Updates:

Data Managers Updates:

- K-5 Class Size Document
 - Please continue to update the class size document as requested. Thank you for your help in this and your immediate response to requests to fill in the document. Remember this year's class size caps for the school level are as follows: K-21, 1st-19, 2nd-20, 3rd-20.
 - **If you enroll or withdraw a student in K-3, please email Amanda Deaton and let her know.**
- Next Meeting
 - December 12, 2023, at 8:30 in the Staff Development Room at the Central Office
- Please notify Amanda and AJ of any early graduates as soon as possible so that we can ensure that WorkKeys testing gets completed for that student if needed.

Testing Updates:

- WorkKeys for early grads- 11/6-12/8
- Check-Ins for Math I, Math II and English II- 11/27-12/1
- EOC Window opens 12/15

[2023-2024 MCS Testing Calendar](#)

[MCS District Testing Plan](#)

<p>Process Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Minute • Other process issues? 	<p>LGI</p> <p>All</p>	<p>Susanna</p> <p>Dale</p>	<p>5 min</p> <p>5 min</p>	<p><i>Marketing Updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THANK YOU! Our social media presence is out-of-this-world, and it is all thanks to you! Thank you for helping show the community all the positive things that happen in our classrooms every day! • MCS Holiday Card Contest entries are due to Susanna by Friday, December 8th. • Educator Appreciation is back at Bank of America Stadium! Join us in December at our game against the Atlanta Falcons for our annual Educator Appreciation game. Tickets are \$70 and come with a Panthers educator-themed T-shirt. <i>T-shirts are only redeemable when purchased through the link below.</i> <p>PURCHASE HERE: EDUCATOR APPRECIATION TICKETS</p> <p>We appreciate all you do for our community and look forward to seeing you in December! <i>Group tickets are available for groups of 10+ and include additional perks. Please reach out to me directly for more information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you or anyone in your building would like to participate in the Mount Gilead Christmas Parade or the Star Christmas Parade, please meet in the parade line-up location indicated in the email sent out on November 15th. If there are teachers or clubs that want to participate with students, please make sure they will be responsible for the safety of the students. • Coalition4Christ is offering Christmas assistance 		

				<p>for referred families. Christmas assistance referral registration is open now through December 3rd. If you know of a family in need in your school, please refer them to this program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referral Link: http://www.coalition4christ.org/assistance-program.html • School Connections content to Sean Maness • If someone in your building needs a badge made, please have them reach out to Susanna or Sean prior to coming. • We want to celebrate all our employees and schools who have received grants. Please send me any background information on the grant, the notification that you have received the grant, and photos so we are able to publish it. 		
<p>Budget & Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Update 	21 Sys	Mitch	5 min	<p><i>Budget Updates:</i></p> <p>No updates at this time.</p>		

Next Steps:

SP/SG – strategic priority and strategic goal

Distribution: Central support administrators, building administrators, and web page.