

Minutes
James B. McMillan Elementary School
School Organizational Team Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2022
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



SOT Members Present:

Marissa Grady
Lauren Peters
Danielle Welte

Non-Voting Members Present:

Nikki Longmore, Principal

1.0 Welcome, Roll Call, and Reading of the Minutes

1.1 The minutes from the meeting dated September 8, 2022 were presented and unanimously accepted with some changes. The following changes were made:

- The class size cap for first and second grade was changed from 20 to 16.
- The number of Third Grade teachers was changed from 3 to 4, with being allotted for 3 and paying for 1 position out of the strategic budget.

2.0 New Items

2.1 School Rating

Our total points received this year was 41.5 out of 100, making us a two star school, but a total of 50 points gives a school a rating of three stars, so we are not far off from moving up in our rating. The measures that are used for the school rating include, academic achievement, student growth, English language proficiency, opportunity gaps, and student engagement. One of the areas that we missed a lot of points was due to chronic absenteeism. If a student misses 18 days of school they are considered chronically absent. Last year, 47.1% of our students missed 18 or more days of school. Right now in the school year, we are sitting at 36% chronic absenteeism. This is one of the big reasons we would like to hire a Student Advocate. This position will help with communicating with parents about the attendance of students to help decrease the number of students that are absent. The data obtained from our school rating last year, we have a great starting point and we can use that data to help us move forward.

2.2 New SOT Members

We welcomed the newly elected SOT Members! For Licensed staff we welcomed Christina Bass and Beth Todd, for Support Staff we welcomed Robyn Scheib and our parent members of the SOT, Marissa Grady and Danielle Welte were re-elected to continue on the SOT Team. It was also determined that the SOT Meetings will continue to be on the second Thursday of each month.

General Discussion

3.0 Information - Next Meeting: James B. McMillan ES Multipurpose Room/virtual, October 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

4.0 Public Comment Period (2 minutes maximum, per speaker, allotted)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm