



MINUTES

James B. McMillan Elementary School
School Organizational Team Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2025, 4:00 PM

School Organizational Team Members present:

Cheri Griggs	Debra Kramer
Vanessa Mena	Luis Perez
Sabrina Torres	Robyn Scheib

School Organizational Team Members absent:

Nikki Longmore

School Organizational Team Non-voting Member present:

Christina Bass

Minutes from the meetings held on February 6, 2025 were approved by a majority of the SOT team with no changes and posted to the school website.

OLD BUSINESS

1.0 There are no updates at this time regarding the open parent seat.

2.0 Chronic Absenteeism Update. We are currently at 33.5%. Last year at this time we were 37.2% and 30 days ago we were 33.7%, so we are continuing to reduce the absenteeism rate. Our Attendance Officer continues to make home visits to talk with parents regarding their student's attendance. Our Student Success Advocate is also working with students and parents to reduce absences. A student is considered chronically absent when 10% of registered days are absences. The Atten-Dance incentive is not working for the purpose intended, so a new incentive will be in place next school year. It is not incentivizing the chronically absent to come to school. After 6 days absent, Admin is placing the student on an attendance contract. After 10 days, Admin has a meeting with the parent. After 21 unverified days, educational neglect charges are filed.

NEW BUSINESS

3.0 Student Wellness Policy 5157. While this policy has been on the books for several years, it has not been actively enforced. With the 2025-26 school year, the strict nutrition guidelines set by the state of Nevada must be followed, or the Clark County School District will lose millions of dollars for Free and Reduced Lunches. In short, no outside foods can be brought in unless they meet the nutritional standards. This includes birthday treats, pizza parties, Halloween candy, and snack shack. Nothing can be sold to or distributed to the students that is not on the approved foods list, so treat bags cannot be given and sent home.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mrs. Longmore applied for and received a \$20,000 beautification grant that comes with 75 volunteers to complete the work. March 18th they will paint the wall along Rock Springs, add gravel to all desert landscaping areas, seed the grassy areas in the front of the school and preK playground areas, wash and paint the entrance retaining wall, and build a putting green for PE in the grass field.

PUBLIC COMMENTS NONE

Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 10, 2025. The meeting link will be posted on ClassDojo and on the school website.

