



MPVA – SDMC
Q4 Meeting Minutes

Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School
SDMC Meeting, Q4
Friday, May 29, 2026
4:15 – 5:30 pm

Attendees:

Name	Role	In-person (I) or virtual (V)
Mitchell, Chavis	Chair, Principal	I
Claran Johnson		
Hudson, Amanda		I
Aust, Kristen		I
Santamaria, Leslie	Recorder, PTO 6 th Grade Representative, Parent	
Mitchell, Rebecca	Teacher	V
Rodriguez, Llesnia	Teacher	V
Adams, Courtney	Teacher	V
Doyle Madrid, Naomi	PTO Parent Representative	V

Agenda

- I. Sign-in
- II. Welcome
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - a. Budget Updates
 - b. Staffing Updates
 - c. PTO Considerations
 - d. Floor- Q&A

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- I. **Sign-in**



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I. Sign-in

II. Welcome

- a. The Chair (Mr. Mitchell) welcomed the participants to the second meeting of the school year.
- b. Leslie Santamaria (Recorder, 6th grade parent representative) read the meeting minutes from the Q1 meeting. Ms. Aust moved to approve the meeting minutes. All in favor; none abstained; none against.

III. Old Business

- a. NA

IV. New business

a. Update on budget

- i. MPVA exceeded enrollment projections and gained \$230,000 in additional funding as a result. This was added to the general fund.
 1. An hourly instructor earned certification and was transferred to a full teacher contract, which used some of the money.
 2. \$2,000 was granted to each department to distribute based on need.
 3. Further funding will be used to supplement technology, including Chromebook purchases, projectors, and potentially Smart Boards. Smart boards will be distributed based on grade level and need.
 4. Mr. Mitchell will examine needs in the Spring and determine if further funds will be distributed.
 5. Question: If faculty would like to submit a request for funding, how they do so and by when?
 - a. Answer: Submit the request to the department chair by Monday, December 9th.



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b. Staffing updates

- i. See Budget Update 1 above.
- ii. Mr. Rodriguez, 6th grade social studies teacher, left approximately 1 month ago. A long-term, certified substitute was hired. A certified teacher who had been displaced from their previous school was assigned by the district and started the Friday before Thanksgiving break.
- iii. With the above changes, the school is fully staffed.

c. PTO considerations

- i. None.

d. Open Floor / Q&A

- i. **Question:** Will the school release a final exam schedule? There is concern that finals may overlap with certain assessments and evaluations.
 1. **Answer:** Mr. Mitchell will coordinate with Ms. Johnson and Ms. Majdi to schedule exams, assessments, and evaluations.
 2. **Related question:** Can these be added to an Outlook calendar, so all staff is aware?
 3. **Answer:** Yes, Mr. Mitchell will add them to the calendar.
- ii. **Question:** Several parent questions were received after the cell phone policy announcement. These included:
 1. What if phones go missing?
 - a. **Answer:** Phones will be stored in a locker that is accessible by a key kept by the teacher. All deans will have a back-up key.
 2. What will happen when a teacher is absent?
 - a. **Answer:** The deans will assist the substitute with opening the locker and distributing phones.
 3. What if a student needs to leave early?
 - a. The dean will work with the student and teacher to help retrieve the phone.



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4. What if the student needs the phone for classwork, such as in Algebra and Yearbook?
 - a. These classes have alternative apps that may be accessed through student Chromebooks.
5. It seems this policy places a burden on teachers. Were they consulted?
 - a. Administration worked with teachers to develop this policy and to understand the overall problem that promoted this policy. Staff voiced some concern with the original proposed policy, and this solution was the result.
6. Mr. Mitchell will release a Q&A in the next newsletter to address parent concerns.
- iii. Question: A member who served on previous SDMCs asked if there is a survey sent out to gauge teacher concerns.
 1. **Answer:** Each SDMC member should work with their dean/chair to develop a process. This can help the chair see if the issue is specific to a grade/subject or a school-wide problem. They can then send to Mr. Mitchell so he can formally include them in the agenda.

V. Calendar

- a. The quarterly meetings will be as scheduled:

Q1: ~~October 28, 2024~~

Q2: ~~December 2, 2024~~

Q3: March 3, 2025

Q4: May 19, 2025

VI. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.