

***Mercer County Senior High
SBDM Council
Regular Monthly Meeting***

AUGUST 17, 2026 – Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Floro at 3:18 PM. in the Conference Room. The following members of the council were in attendance:

Present : Mike Floro, Principal Kendra Rowland, Teacher Blair Pittman, Teacher (participated by phone) Brittany Hampton, Teacher Andrew Ashord, Teacher Carrington Yates, Parent Andrea Whitenack, Parent Brian Steele, Parent Brian Rowland, SBDM Secretary	Absent:
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Agenda Approval

Motion to accept: **Kendra Rowland made a motion to accept the agenda. Brittany Hampton seconded the motion.** Motion was approved by consensus.

Minutes Approval

July 13, 2026 minutes were reviewed by the council.

Motion to accept: **Carrington Yates made a motion to accept the July minutes. Brian Steele seconded the motion.** Motion was approved by consensus.

Good News Report

- Congratulations to Kobie Shirley (recently graduated) who won one of the 8 regions in the United States for the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest.
- MCSHS's BETA CLUB was named a school of distinction again for 2025-26 SY.
- Congratulations to the following 18 seniors for being named to the KY Youth Salute program from the 2025-26 SY:
 - Delaney Moore
 - Tyler Abrams
 - Phoenix Yates
 - Abigail Woods
 - Izzie Carlton
 - Charvi Patel
 - Will Dean
 - Alexais Mink
 - Harlee Durbin
 - Jaley Bowman
 - Mijaia Dunn
 - Aurea Dove
 - Landon Steele
 - Henry Lanham
 - Aniston Keller
 - Anne Whitenack
 - Monica Ison
 - Seanna Hodge

Monthly Reports

Staffing Update:

After the minutes of the 7/13/26 SBDM Meeting, MCSHS had the following openings

- None, after recommending to hire Kate Kirzinger for the open English position.

Since the 7/13/26 SBDM Meeting, MCSHS has had the following happen:

- 1 of the two custodians that SBDM recommended to hire from the July special called meeting backed out.
- 1 Behavior Instructional Assistant got a certified teacher job in Lincoln County and notified MCSHS the end of July.

A few other custodial applicants were brought in and interviewed on August 5th. With it being a week before school started and a classified position, Mr. Floro sent a recommendation to hire to Mr. Booher for:

- Emeralda Cruz - 2nd shift custodian

As of the 8/17/26 SBDM Meeting, MCSHS has the following openings:

- Behavior Instructional Assistant

Behavior: No formal data available. There have been SOME (5) Electronic Device violations.

Total Referrals -	9th Grade - referrals
Minor - Minors	10th Grade - referrals
Major - Majors	11th Grade - referrals
	12th Grade - referrals

Academic Progress Check:

- Had to drop CRJ Class - Due to Officer Walton getting a job as the SRO @ MCSHS.
- Looking at AP Gov - 4 kids enrolled (several switched to Physics - same period)
- Schedule Changes are final
- Had drop MUH 171 due to 1 kid enrolled
- Move Learning Lab and Credit Recovery from the Media Center to Emilee Givens - 1st Period since Stephanie Abrams has Yearbook 1st period (16 kids)
- Dual Credit classes start next week.
- SAT vs. ACT ???
- Mastery Prep Purchase? (\$7,000)

Budget:

Section 6 - 26-27 Budgeted Amount (\$131,957.00) - Balance as of August 13, 2026 (\$80,259.50)

Student Activity - Balance as of July 9, 2026 (\$51,991.19) - Balance as of August 13, 2026 (\$39,282.19)

District Activity - Balance as of July 9, 2026 (\$481,347.97) - Balance as of August 13, 2026 (\$398,250.54)

Old Business

- 2026-27 Priority Plan - Accountability has changed for the state of Kentucky, adding Attendance to the accountability model. MCSHS has added a fourth goal that encompasses Attendance, addressing Chronic Absenteeism. The goal added is “To reduce the number of students who are chronically absent (as defined by KDE) by 10% from the 2025-26 SY.”
- Required SBDM Docs to Council
 - 1) Open Records Act Guide
 - 2) Managing Government Records
 - 3) KRS 158.186
 - 4) KRS 158.183
 - 5) KRS 158.195
- Required SBDM Signatures
 - Statement of Ethics (last page of bylaws)
 - Receiving Email Notice
 - Open Records Act Signature

New Business

- School Opening Update - Mr. Floro stated that he thought we have had a fantastic start to the school year. Mr Floro stated that a teacher came to him today, and said they decided to walk the hallway to see what was going on. The teacher stated that every class they looked into, they were engaged and getting after a quality education. Dr. Rudzinski stated that she felt that with the new Elementary School opening and adjustments being made to traffic flow has gone very smoothly over the last couple of days.
- CPR / AED / MED Training / SCM Training for MCSHS
 - Still waiting on med #'s from the school nurse
 - Numbers of people being SCM trained are outlined.
 - CPR, AED and MED training teacher numbers are coming from the nurse.
- Academic Breakfast - is set for 10/1/26. This is for any student that has an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher from their previous school years.
 - Student Breakfast - 8:00AM
 - Ceremony - 9:00AM - We'll have an alumni as the guest speaker at that.
- MTIP Update - This takes the place of the old Kentucky Internship Program (KTIP). It is for first and second year teachers who are in the first or second year of their teaching career. Teachers are paired with “like” content type teachers.
- KSA Scores Update
 - Sign Non Disclosure - It states that as an advisory committee member, you have rights to viewing the materials. Any information being viewed at this time, can not be discussed outside of this meeting.

SBDM Policies Review / Policies

Policy Review

- Alignment with State Standards - Council made no changes to the Alignment with State Standards
- Budget and Spending - Council made no changes to the Budget and Spending Policy
- Committee Policy and Forms - Council made no changes to the Committee Policy and Forms Policy

- Consultation - Council made no changes to the Consultation Policy.
- Enhancing Student Achievement - Council made no changes to the Enhancing Student Achievement Policy.

1st Reading(s)

- None until September

2nd Reading(s)

- None until October

Upcoming dates/events:

August 17	SBDM - 3:15 PM
August 19	Newcomers Group Meeting - 11:00 AM
August 19	MTSS Meetings - 3:00 PM
August 20	BOE Meeting - 5:30 PM
August 24	Leadership Team Meeting - 3:00 PM
August 26	Blood Drive
August 26	Club Day
August 26	Senior Sunrise
August 26	Department Meetings - 3:00 PM
August 27	Jostens to Meet with Juniors and Seniors - 10:30 AM
August 31	SEL Screener - During Titan Time
September 1	KHSAA HYPE Conference
September 2	Staff Meeting - 3:00 PM
September 7	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
September 8	Suicide Screener for Staff and Students
September 9	Picture Day @ MCSHS / High Attendance Day
September 9	MTSS Meetings - 3:00 PM
September 12	SAT - National Test Date @ MCSHS
September 14	KHEAA College Application Day
September 14	SBDM - 3:15 PM
September 17	BOE Meeting - 3:00 PM
September 21	College Fair - 9:00 to 11:00 AM
September 21	Leadership Team Meeting - 3:00 PM
September 23	Department Meetings - 3:00 PM
September 25	Staff Potluck
September 28	GEAR UP Workshop - 12th Graders - 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
September 30	Club Day
October 1	Academic Breakfast - students @ 8:00 AM, Parents @ 9:00 AM
October 1	Staff Meeting - 3:00 PM

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting Scheduled

Our next SBDM will be on September the 14th at 3:15 PM

Adjournment

Andrew Ashford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Whitenack seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM. All were in consensus.

Submitted by Brian Rowland, recording secretary