

MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL SAC MINUTES

Date: September 10. 2026

Opening: Mrs. Jacobo called to order at 5:05 PM

Present: Joe Aita, Charlie Bobbitt, Laura Jacobo, Rebecca Kenderdine, Edward Mouchette (online), Sharon Simpson-Dogon, Mr. Smith, Cynthe Winebrenner

Absent: Michael Bibbs, Shelley Bibbs, Terrie Blackwell, Valorie Jordan, Cassie Booth, Irene Kornelly, Alyssa Webb

Presenter: Colonel Hinson (AF JROTC)

Agenda Presentation

Approval of Minutes: August minutes were approved by Laura Jacobo, Chairperson

Business from Previous Meeting: Rigor

New Business:

1. Student Spotlight:

Colonel Hinson introduced AFJROTC students Yannitza B. and Nicole D. who presented about the 9/11 ceremony that will occur tomorrow and spoke about the visit from MHS 1990 alumnus General David Piffarerio. Feeder elementary and middle school students will attend the 9/11 ceremony. Colorado Springs dignitaries, the father of Kathryn Yancey LaBorie (1975 alumna who perished among the crew of one of the planes that hit a tower), General Piffarerio, and District 11 personnel will be present. Nicole will graduate early and will enlist in the Air Force. Yannitza will enlist in Space Force once she graduates from Mitchell.

2. Principal's Report:

- AIM Appraisal — August 21, 2026, was MHS's 5th Instructional Empowerment (IE) appraisal based on five pillars — instruction, data monitoring, operations, conditions, communication, distributive leadership. Conditions for learning rigors standards, standard based student evidence, activating student teams to achieve the standard, verifying learning to take action with a lesson, tracking progress toward the standards. Overall pillar average was 4.9/12 possible points. Rigor Appraisals show consistent improvement from year to year. Mr. Smith expects the trend to continue.
- Enrollment stands at 556 with an 86% attendance rate. Increasing enrollment remains a concern. Mitchell's attendance area show the heaviest concentration of school-aged children. All-In Committee — general funds used to purchase orange Future Marauders United in Orange as a step to helping feeders elementary students feel an affinity toward MHS.
- Mr. Gaal (Superintendent) stopped by and spoke briefly about MHS enrollment. He said that he has no appetite to see fewer than four high schools in the district. He mentioned how active MHS is still at 6:00 PM. All of the schools in the cluster are off the state's clock. He congratulates the school admin, the teachers, and the entire community for the support to move MHS off the clock.
- Mitchell's reported overall CDE ratings were 31.2/100 two years ago, 35.7 last year, and 42.6 this year. We need to be in Improvement or in Performance two consecutive years. A 53 is required to reach Performance. Students have continued to show growth academically over the past three years (61.6% last year). We are stuck at 25% academic achievement. The intention is to continue supporting academic growth with the anticipation that academic

achievement will occur eventually as a result. However, we are still searching for the key to close that gap.

3. Other business and questions:

- DAC report: The District Accountability Committee met. Topics shared were AIM and parent academies. SAC members were invited to participate in the survey to assist Lauren Mason in gathering information about proposed parent academies.
- SAC workshop report: Rebecca reported the focus of the first SAC workshop — the role of SACs and how to work effectively. Dates of future workshops are September 22 from 11:30-12:15 online for a “coffee chat.” The next full SAC workshop will be at Stratton Elementary on November 10, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Locations of subsequent meetings have yet to be determined, but the dates will be January 26 and March 9. Members are encouraged to attend those learning opportunities.
- November 18 from 5:00-7:00 PM is the MHS Resource Night for multi-lingual learners.
- Contact Laura Jacobo with future agenda items.

4. Tabled item for October’s meeting

- Safety procedures and expectations — how new staff access information and returning staff review it

5. Next Meeting — Oct. 8 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment: 6:35 PM by Mrs. Jacobo