

MOUNTAINSIDE



Site Council Meeting #1 9/1/26

MountainSide Middle School Room 401 8:30-9:00am

🏆 Integrity 🤝 Community 👤 Respect 😊 Excellence 🌱 Acceptance ❤️ Middle Level
Learner Uniqueness

MountainSide Vision: To offer meaningful opportunities for all learners to explore and develop skills and traits needed to reach their highest potential as contributors to creating a better and more peaceful world

MountainSide Mission: MountainSide Middle School strives to develop principled, caring, and inquisitive learners in order to prepare them to be knowledgeable and respectful global citizens

1. Welcome & Introductions (2 minutes)

- Call to order 8:31 by Amy Hardy
- Introductions of members and guests
 - Amy Hardy
 - Jaime Carbonell
 - Cheryl Graham
 - Deborah Fredrickson
 - Holly Bodinet
 - Brett Warner

2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (3 minutes)

- Review/approve today's agenda

3. Principal's Report (8 minutes)

- Key school updates (enrollment, staffing, instruction)

- Current enrollment **496** students: 6th **171**, 7th **167**, 8th **158**, goal: **523**
- Phase II updates: public hearing was held on September 22 at Desert Mountain High School. Mountainside could be **potentially be affected by boundary changes associated with new campuses**. Additional information is available in the [Board Memo](#)
- Staffing: There are currently no certified teaching positions open. We do have one crosswalk position available, which is funded by the city. It's before school each day from 7:30-8:30.
- Instruction: Goals are below

WIG (Wildly Important Goal #1)

By May 2027 Mountainside will increase AASA Math scores using MTSS-A interventions
 6th grade 47% 2026 to 52% 2027 7th grade 52% 2026 to 57% 2027 8th grade 55% 2026 to 60% 2027

By May 2027 Mountainside will increase AASA ELA Scores using MTSS-A interventions
 6th grade 63% 2026 to 66% 2027 7th grade 62% 2026 to 65% 2027 8th grade 63% 2026 to 65% 2027

By May 2027 Mountainside will increase 8th grade Azsci scores by 5% using MTSS-A interventions (50% to 55%)

WIG (Wildly Important Goal #2)

Mountainside Middle School will maintain a 93% attendance rate (up from 92.95%) for the entire school year by the following:

- Tying attendance to Kona Ice, staying above 93% attendance

Q1: Fall Launch & Baseline Stabilization (Aug – Oct)

- **Target:** Establish daily habits, set expectations, and build early buffer (>94.0% threshold).
- **Key Actions:**
 - **Communication Campaign:** Broadcast "Every Day Counts" messaging during orientation, open houses, and back-to-school night.
 - **Tier 1 Interventions:** Introduce grade-level and homeroom attendance challenges with weekly visual trackers.

- **Data Setup:** Audit daily attendance tracking systems; flag students with <90% attendance in the previous academic year for early check-ins.
- **Parent Outreach:** Send automated, friendly text notifications for any unexcused absence within 30 minutes of the morning bell.

● Upcoming events & highlights

- **Cougar Cash:** The new MTSS-B rewards system has a huge success. Students have been having fun with it while showing creativity and entrepreneurial spirit.
- **IDEAS Center:** Working on a potential tour/viewing on September 18 before the DMHS football game. The space will be presented to community members and Governing Board members.
- **Fright Night:** Scheduled for October 23. This event will replace the former Monster Bash and include food trucks and a movie projected on the large screen on the field. Reinhart is unable to provide the haunted house this year.

4. Committee & Budget Updates Cheryl Graham (7 minutes)

● Academic/activities snapshot

- Homework Club: available Tuesday through Thursday
- Active clubs include: Band Council, Drama Club, Yearbook/STUGO, Orchestra, Science Olympiad, Robotics
- Q1 sports include: volleyball and baseball, along with Super Saturday

● Finance update

- School funding is tied to student attendance. Budget numbers are similar to what they were last year.

5. Open Forum / Next Steps (3 minutes)

● Member/parent comments

- Kona Ice truck has been a successful student motivator.

- Last year's Monster Bash was also well received. Consider allowing students to wear costumes to Fright Night.
 - There are companies that will create haunted houses and escape room experiences that could be explored for future events
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- Site Council #2 scheduled for November 17, 2026 at 2 pm (8th hour)

6. Adjournment 8:50 am