

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)

McCallum Library
5600 Sunshine Drive
Austin TX 78756
February 2, 2026

MINUTES

Present: Administrative Representatives Andy Baxa, Larry Featherstone; Teacher/Staff Representatives Elaine Bohls-Graham, Andrea Rogers, Margaret Smith, Thea Ramsey; Parent Representatives Lindsey Cook, Lisa Fredine, Alicia Garnes; Community Representative Susan Moffat; Business Representative Bria Cirkiel; Visitors Liana Gonzales, Denis Thompson.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order.** Faculty Co-chair Elaine Bohls-Graham called the meeting of the McCallum CAC to order at 5:35pm. A quorum was present.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes from the January CAC meeting were approved via email prior to the February meeting and posted to the McCallum website.
3. **Citizens Communication.** No one present wished to speak.
4. **CAC Training.** Ms. Bohls-Graham reminded members that required CAC training is available on the AISD website.
5. **Campus Report Card 2024-25.** Principal Andy Baxa reported that McCallum scored well on the TEA required annual campus report card for the past school year and is currently labeled as an A campus. Mr. Baxa is committed to improving Algebra scores and will return to double blocking Algebra I classes next year, now that McCallum has sufficient staff to do this; in the past, double-blocking resulted in significantly higher Algebra test scores on the state-mandated standardized tests. McCallum's scores for "Closing the Gaps" did not rise on last year's report card, but this may be due to the way that TEA codes those scores from one year to the next. McCallum generally earns five out of seven possible TEA Distinctions and Mr. Baxa hopes to see the school earn Distinctions for Science and Closing the Gaps next year.
6. **Student Protest.** Mr. Baxa reported that approximately 700 McCallum students participated in a peaceful walkout on Friday to protest the federal administration's immigrant policies and actions by ICE and CBE officers. He noted that McCallum students are very civic minded and that the walkout was completely student led. Students have the same constitutional protections as adults and, while McCallum does not endorse walkouts, the school will not stop anyone from exercising their constitutional rights. Mr. Baxa has discussed protests with the district's legal department and talked with the faculty and staff about what is allowed. For example, if amplified sound interferes with the classroom environment the school may shut down the protest, but otherwise protests are allowed. Mr. Baxa always tries to meet with the student organizers in advance to understand the purpose of the protest and make sure they understand the rules. Students who are walking out must use the closest exit; they may not march through the halls chanting or trying to enlist others.
7. **AP Honor Roll.** McCallum has been recognized as a Gold recipient for the Advanced Placement Honor Roll for the third year in a row, with 65% of students taking at least one AP test.
8. **Adjourn.** There being no further business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 5:48pm.