

McCallum Campus Advisory Council (CAC)

McCallum Library and via Zoom

5600 Sunshine Drive, Austin TX 78756

September 9, 2024

MINUTES

Present: Administrative Representatives Larry Featherstone, Andrew Baxa; Parent Representatives Alexis Pruitt, Megan Little; Faculty Representatives Elaine Bohls-Graham, Margaret Smith, Carly Kehn, Andrea Rogers; Community Representative Susan Moffat; Business Representative Bria Cirkiel; Visitor Christal Cureington.

1. Welcome and Call to Order. Elaine Bohls-Graham called the meeting of the McCallum CAC to order at 5:40pm.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the last meeting of the 2023-24 school year were adopted via email prior to the September meeting and posted to the McCallum website.

3. CAC Training. Links for the required CAC training presentation were provided in the agenda. All CAC members must complete this training annually.

4. Officer Elections. The following individuals were nominated and unanimously elected to serve as CAC officers for the 2024-25 school year: Susan Moffat, Secretary; Alexis Pruitt, Parent Co-chair; Elaine Bohls-Graham, Faculty Co-chair.

5. Citizens Communication. McCallum parent Christal Cureington addressed the CAC regarding Core Compression, a triage product she developed some years ago that works as an absorbing mechanism and a binder to stop bleeding in trauma victims (<https://core-compression.com/about>). Core Compression is already being used by the U.S. military but, given continued incidents of school shootings, Ms. Cureington believes the product should also be available on school campuses (Ms. Cureington noted that she has a personal interest in this issue as she herself lost friends in a 1997 school shooting when she was a high school senior). She explained that Core Compression requires no training and can be self-administered or applied by another student or staff person, buying critical time until first responders can arrive. It can also be used on parts of the body where a tourniquet is not practical. Ms. Cureington is currently in talks with UT and Round Rock ISD about stocking the product, and asked CAC members for advice about where to begin similar discussions with AISD. Principal Andy Baxa has already put her in touch with AISD's Emergency Management Department, but CAC members also suggested that, if she donated some of the product to McCallum, this might prompt a story in The Shield, McCallum's student newspaper. They also suggested she consider contacting AISD board members. CAC members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Cureington for bringing this difficult issue forward.

6. Principal's Report. Principal Andy Baxa reported that McCallum's Campus Improvement Plan won't be finalized until October, but that the school is doing well overall. Standardized test scores were generally good and showed growth in every category except English 2, which held steady without any regression. Students' individual growth measures also showed growth. The Texas Educational Agency retracted its controversial A-F scoring metric for campuses last year due to an ongoing lawsuit, but Mr. Baxa believes McCallum will likely receive an A if and when these scores are finally released. College, Career, Military Readiness (CCMR) is still an area of focus for McCallum, as is maintaining students through the full Career and Technical Education (CTE) four-course sequence. He is hoping to create some new CTE labs in the school under the current bond project. Families, students, and teachers feel an increased sense of belonging to the school, according to a recent survey. Mr. Baxa will have the year's Professional Development Plan ready for CAC review at the October meeting.

7. Adjourn. There being no other business, the McCallum CAC adjourned its meeting at 6:09pm.