# Dr. Ronald E. McNair Middle School Principal's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

**Council Members Present:** - Chasity Scott (Parent); Landra Jeffries (Teacher); Sarah Schoolfield (Parent); Dr. Tuqwan Taylor (Principal); Amber Melendrez (Parent); Lysa Moore (Parent); Shonda Gaston (Teacher)

**Council Members Absent: -** Chris Zellars (Parent); Mark Mann (Parent)

Established Quorum: 5:40 pm

Called to Order: 5:55 pm

**Public Comment**: None

## **Approval & Review of Minutes**

- Reviewed minutes from the December 9, 2024, meeting.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Melendrez that the minutes be accepted as is.
  - Motion carried.

#### **Discussion Items:**

## a. Academic Updates

- Achievements:
  - o Dylan Sims placed in Allstate Band.
  - Cadden Lenis is a district spelling bee finalist.
  - Multiple students placed in district competitions.
  - CCRPI Updates:
    - McNair Middle School is ranked higher than 14 other middle schools in the district.
    - Projected school score has improved to over 70.
  - Standardized Testing & Data Review:
    - Data discussions are ongoing to identify focus students.
    - Teachers are using various platforms for immediate feedback.
    - Weekly professional learning community (PLC) meetings focus on instructional planning and student performance.
- EESOL Student Support:
  - Additional teacher aide was hired to support Spanish-speaking students.
  - Parent concerns addressed regarding language barriers and immigration issues.

#### **b.** Extracurricular Updates

• Soccer:

- School selected as a site for games.
- o Tryouts held, season begins in January.
- Upcoming Events:
  - o Awards Day rescheduled for February 6th.
  - o Milestone testing starts April 23rd.

### c. Tutorial Program

- Officially started, with transportation beginning Thursday.
- Structured sessions with pre- and post-assessments to measure progress.
- Parents of low-performing students are notified of potential retention risks.

### d. PTO & Community Engagement

- PTO is now officially registered with Georgia.
- A website has been created and will go live.
- Fundraising efforts include donor tiers (bronze, silver, gold, platinum).
- Valentine's Day Candy Gram initiative planned.
- Discussed ways to increase parental involvement and support for students transitioning to high school.

### e. High School Transition & Concerns

- Concerns raised about McNair High School's class offerings.
- Need for improved curriculum, AP courses, and career pathways.
- Ongoing discussions on how to support the high school's development.

### f. Teacher Support & Recognition

- Regular teacher appreciation initiatives in place.
- Monthly awards for excellence in teaching and engagement.
- Consideration of additional incentives and morale-boosting activities.

### **Next Steps & Future Agenda Items**

- Continued updates on tutorial program effectiveness.
- PTO progress and community event planning.
- Mock milestone testing preparation.
- Potential discussion on a school prom or student social event.

### Meeting adjourned: 6:44pm